Givalatha T. Balasingam, President

In all the troubling reports that are circulating at this time, I trust that all of you are practicing physical distancing. In an effort to remain safe and maintain physical distancing, we, the Executive Board decided to conduct our 2020 AGM online. A meeting link will be sent to all members on the morning of the AGM.

On October 25th, we will be hosting our Annual General Meeting where we will give a presentation of all activities from October 20, 2019 to the present as well as filling several new positions on the Board of Directors.

I would like to thank our outgoing Board members, Blair and Yenson for their service and contributions to our members for the past two years. I am sure each member will join me in thanking them for their ideas, time, and efforts towards MSBCA.

Due to COVID 19, it is unfortunate that we were only able to organize Christmas and Chinese New Year, the year of the metal rat, some cooking classes and presentation. COVID 19 has made us reinvent the way things are to be carried out in the future.

We are looking for board members young and old, who have fresh exciting ideas to give a facelift to MSBCA. We have re-drafted the By-Laws to accommodate present events and giving a more robust structure to our clubhouse for the benefits of our members.

We have also drafted the Coordinators' role to assist with the organization of the various activities. We hope to conduct activities in person with the practice of social distancing or online.

Collection of fees for all activities and events including donations are to be e-transferred to MSBCA via our website portal in compliance with the government's regulations. We also like to thank James Lee for his continual support and assistance in the maintenance of our clubhouse as we attempt to take care of MSBCA's business and prepare for things to come.

We look forward to all your support in bringing MSBCA to greater heights and creativity.

Charanjeet Kaur, VP of Singapore

This year has been a year without many events, fun or activities but we were lucky to be able to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Unfortunately, Covid 19 has taken toll on our daily lives and made a boring year, so far! However, ideas were brought forth in how we could safely introduce indoor activities in the new year. We hope to resume activities as soon as it is safe to do so. I would love to start Masala Spice cooking class again.

I pray that all of you are in good spirit and health. Hopefully, 2021 will be much delightful and joyful!

Joyce Yit, VP Brunei

It is my pleasure to serve MSBCA again.

I am proud to say that MSBCA has transformed and taken to a higher level showing adverse diversity within the Calgarian Community. Our events and activities initiatives have attracted and impacted many locals from different backgrounds and nationalities to become part of MSBCA's family. Promoting our heritage and culture is everyone's pride, and we will continue to do our best to uphold its name.

I have a fabulous time and experience working with new and existing volunteers. We share and learn from one another which is one of the key ingredients to the success of an event or activity.

As one of the coordinators for the Volunteer Appreciation, Christmas Party, Friday Activities and 2020 Chinese New Year 2020, I want to thank all of you for your time and support.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe, and healthy year ahead. I look forward to working with you soon.

Agnes Hobmaier, Secretary

Why volunteer? People choose to **volunteer** for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge.

For me, I have gained valuable knowledge and insight into the operations of MSBCA. I was glad to have been able to put some of my skillset to work in a variety of settings.

I am also privileged to have developed new relationships and rekindled the old. It was great to see several new initiatives developed and turned into projects that promoted membership growth and kinsmanship.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as secretary for the 2018/2020 term and will continue to offer another term.

Adrine Chong, VP Malaysia

What a year! The last time we gathered was at the 2020 Chinese New Year celebration. New venue, nice ambiance, great performances, entertaining games, volunteers helping organized and making everything run smoothly. Then, Covid-19 hit that forced everyone to be in lockdown. We communicated through social media, stayed close to our family, occupied our time through different means and keeping safe.

Now as we cautiously emerge from lockdown, I realized how we took our freedom, our families, and friends for granted. I am proud of all the people in Canada for coming together and keeping each other safe during this pandemic. Hopefully by next year, we will be able to meet again.

Stay safe and healthy!

Yenson Ong, Committee Member

Recent months have post challenging times both to the society and MSBCA. All sport events were suspended due to the outbreak of COVID-19 as safety and the wellbeing of members and family remain a key consideration in unprecedented times like this.

In early year 2020, weekly badminton events were organized by Jesse Cheah at the Sunridge Badminton Centre, as well as weekly table tennis events was coordinated mainly by Wendy at the clubhouse.

We continue to see growing interests in sports. I am happy to see that members are engaging in more active and healthier lifestyle.

Hope to see things return to normal soon. I wish everyone the best in the upcoming months and years.

Emily Teoh, Membership

It goes without saying that this past year has brought along unique circumstances not only for our club but worldwide, as we continue to navigate the unanticipated challenges of COVID-19. As unfortunate as it was that these circumstances led to shutting down our clubhouse along with cancelling all future events, I hope that everybody was able to find themselves in good health and positive support during this time.

As an expected outcome of temporarily pausing our operations, our membership count significantly dropped this year – resulting in the lowest numbers of both family and individual membership renewals/new registrations compared to previous years. I hope that this upcoming year will present new opportunities for us to reconnect with one another and rebuild our community, even if that requires finding creative ways to join together through innovative means to showcase what MSBCA does best in providing a sense of belonging and community.

Although this year may have been cut short, I would like to extend my greatest appreciation to every volunteer who has contributed their thankless time and energy to allowing MSBCA to continue growing to reach its greatest potential.

In the meantime, take care and stay healthy!