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Singapore Swimming Association's executive committee ensures clarity and consistency within by-laws ahead of upcoming election

25 May 2016, Singapore – Singapore Swimming Association's (SSA) executive committee today informed affiliates of several additional by-laws that are aimed to ensure parity, consistency and clarity prior to the impending election at the end of June.

The by-laws written by SSA's legal counsel Michael Palmer formalize existing behaviours seen and experienced at previous meetings.

The new notable by-laws include:

1. General Decorum
 - (a) At all General Meetings, the President and in his absence, the Secretary-General and in his absence, a member of the Executive Committee elected by the members of the Executive Committee present shall be the Chairman.
2. Resolutions – Proposing resolutions
 - (a) Any Member desirous of moving any resolution at the General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing together with the name of the Member seconding the resolution to the Association not less than 7 days before the General Meeting. At least one delegate of the Member moving the resolution and one delegate of the Member seconding the resolution must be present at the General Meeting in order to move the resolution.
3. Resolutions – Voting
 - (a) Save as otherwise specified in the Constitution or any applicable law, passing of resolutions at the General Meeting shall be by simple majority in a secret ballot.
4. Election of Exco Members – Nominees
 - (a) A person nominated for any of the positions in the Executive Committee (the "Nominee") may address the General Meeting before the commencement of the balloting for the position for which the Nominee is standing for election (e.g. only nominees for President to address the General Meeting before the vote for the position of President).
 - (b) Each Nominee shall be given up to 3 minutes to speak.
5. Election of Exco Members – Voting
 - (a) The secret ballot for each position in the Executive Committee shall be conducted consecutively and in the following sequence:

- (i) President
- (ii) Secretary General
- (iii) VP (Finance)
- (iv) VP (Swimming)
- (v) VP (Water Polo)
- (vi) VP (Diving)
- (vii) VP (Synchronised Swimming)
- (viii) Treasurer
- (ix) Assistant Secretary General (Swimming)
- (x) Assistant Secretary General (Water Polo)

(b) The results of each ballot for each position in the Executive Committee shall be announced immediately after each ballot is concluded and counted.

“These by-laws were drafted in consultation with our legal advisor, Mr Michael Palmer, Advocate & Solicitor at Quahe Woo & Palmer LLC, after we realized there were missing gaps in the previous constitution. These by-laws will streamline the process to ensure a fair and transparent election that all our affiliates are looking forward to,” said Lee Kok Choy, President, Singapore Swimming Association.

About the Singapore Swimming Association

The Singapore Swimming Association (SSA) is the National Sports Association governing aquatic sports in Singapore. These include five key disciplines – diving, open water swimming, swimming, synchronised swimming and water polo. As the national governing body, SSA spearheads its vision of developing the Republic to become a leader in aquatic sports – regionally as well as globally. Closer to home, SSA collaborates with various affiliate clubs and stakeholders, to proactively nurture a greater depth of local talent through various outreach efforts and programmes

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