



Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association Limited

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Annex F

Annual General Meeting

Revision of Membership Fee

Background

1. In accordance with Article 5 of the Articles of Association of Ying Wa Girl's School Alumnae Association Limited (YWGSAA), persons listed under Article 4 shall be eligible for YWGSAA membership upon payment of a fee as prescribed from time to time by the Association in the General Meeting.
2. The membership fee has been prescribed at \$400 since YWGSAA registered as a limited company in 2006. The income so generated would mainly be spent in the printing of YWGSAA Newsletters, postage and other administrative expenses.
3. To encourage graduates joining the YWGSAA, the Council, at its Seventh Meeting held on 9 June 2007, decided that a special promotional offer of \$100 membership fee would be offered for S5 students who would join the YWGSAA during the S5 Welcoming Party. The same offer would also be given to S7 students who are invited to share during the party.
4. To cater for the change to a 6-year secondary school education and to encourage more young graduates joining the YWGSAA membership, the Council at its 62nd Meeting held on 18 January 2019, decided that alumnae within a year since graduation would be eligible for a 75% concession on the membership fee.

Recent Review

5. A Task Group (TG) was set up during the 68th Council Meeting held on 9 October 2020 to address the membership issue of the YWGSAA.
6. The TG noticed that the average annual income from membership fee in recent years was around \$10,000 only. The amount was far from sufficient to meet the printing cost of the AA Newsletters and postage which summed up to \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually. It was noted that income from membership fee can only cover around 17 % of the YWGSAA expenditure on an annual basis. To meet the deficit, the Association has to rely on *ad hoc* donation and fund raising activities such as the sale of souvenirs.



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7. A broader membership will certainly help YWGSAA to generate more income. A high membership fee will have a deterring effect on fresh graduates to join the Alumnae Association.

8. As such the TG recommends the following to the YWGSAA Council:
 - 8.1. Prescribe a new membership fee of \$zero in the coming General Meeting so that in future, eligible persons may join YWGSAA as Ordinary Member/Associate Member for free.

 - 8.2. Ying Wa Girls' School alumnae/other eligible persons will still need to fill in a membership application form in order to become a member.

 - 8.3. Students in their final year of study need only to fill in a simple Google form (or other simple mean) to indicate their wishes to join YWGSAAAL and allow the school to pass their relevant personal data to YWGSAAAL to fulfil the application requirement.

Council Decision

9. At the 69th Council meeting held on 8 January, 2021, members decided to adopt all the recommendations suggested by the TG and that a new membership fee of \$zero will be prescribed in the coming General Meeting to be held on 27 March 2021.

By order of the Council
Anita Chui
President, YWGSAAAL
25 February, 2021