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# SINGAPORE PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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## 2014/2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Honorary Secretary, on behalf of the Management Committee, presents herewith the Annual Report on the Association's activities held during its 2014-2015 term of office.

### 1.0 THE COMMITTEE

#### 1.1 The Management Committee

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 13 March 2014 at 8pm at the MERSC Facilities at 21 Evans Road. The following were elected or subsequently co-opted to office:

President	: Dr John Wang
Vice President (Research & Publications)	: Dr Koh Koon Teck
Vice President (Planning & Development)	: Mr Ong Bok Liong
Honorary Secretary	: Ms Chow Mei Peng
Asst. Honorary Secretary	: Mr Randall Lim
Honorary Treasurer	: Mr Yong Tze Woon
Committee Members	: Mr Eugene Chew
	: Ms Ho Yieng Yieng
	: Ms Mariette Ong
	: Dr Steven Tan
	: Dr Zason Chian
Honorary Auditors	: Mr Ng Kian Woon
	: Mr Raymond Ong
Secretariat Support cum Webmaster	: Mr How Yew Meng*

\* Ms Shermaine Lou took over wef 1 Feb 2015

#### 1.2 Management Committee Meetings

The Management Committee met formally on 4 occasions in 2014/2015 in May, July, September and January 2015.

## **2.0 MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.1 Membership**

The number of members registered with the Association is 278 as calculated on 1 March 2015.

The numbers by membership categories are:

Life Membership	– 262
Ordinary Membership	– 9
Student Membership	– 7

### **2.2 Honorary Life Members**

The Honorary Life Members remain as:

- Mr K Kesavadas (deceased)
- Mr Koh N S John
- Dr Lau Teng Chuan (deceased)
- Ms Ho Peng

## **3.0 MAIN EVENTS & INITIATIVES**

### **3.1 Asian Conference for Physical Education & Sports Science 2014**

The Asian Conference for Physical Education & Sports Science (ACPESS), was co-hosted by NIE, SPEA and ITE College East. The Conference was held in Singapore from 7-9 July 2014 with the theme, 'Working towards effective Physical Education through Sports Science'. About 400 local and foreign delegates attended the Conference.

Some prominent speakers included Prof Kathleen Armour AcSS, Prof Susan Capel, Prof Mark Lewis, Prof Alan Smith, A/P Michael Charles McNeil, Prof Stanley Sai-Chuen Hui, and A/P Harry Kwon.

There was close collaboration between SPEA and PESS during the organisation of the conference with members of the SPEA MC playing key roles in the Organising Committee.

### **3.2 Lau Teng Chuan Physical Education and Sports Science Symposium**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> LTC Physical Education and Sports Science Symposium was held in conjunction with ACPESS 2014 on 9 July 2014.

Almost 200 participants attended the LTC Symposium. The topics discussed included important issues such as the development of sports in Singapore as well as challenges faced by sports and PE in ASEAN. The Symposium was well received by the audience.

### 3.3 **SPEA-PESS Family Day**

The SPEA Family cum Games Day was organized by the PESS Student Club and held on morning of 21 March 2015 at NIE/PESS. The event was kindly sponsored by PESS. SPEA members participated in the event with their family. Some of the fun activities included soccer, tchoukball and touch rugby. Also, a new sport Kin-ball was introduced, which helped to keep members up to date with the sports scene.

### 3.4 **SPEA Outstanding PE Teacher Awards 2015**

The SPEA Outstanding PE Teacher Award was first given out in 1996 and aims to inject greater interest in the subject and to encourage and motivate PE teachers to raise their level of professional practice. Award winners will not be eligible for the Award in the next edition of the OPETA.

The 2015 OPETA Selection Committee comprises the following members:

1. Dr Steven Tan, Singapore PE Association (Chair)
2. Mr Mohammed Azhar B Yusof, PESS
3. Mr Clement, VP, Bowen Secondary School
4. Ms Connie Yeo, PESEB
5. Ms Helen Low, PESTA
6. Mr Mohamed TaufEEK Ramlan, Changkat Primary School
7. Mr Brian Lui, Northland Secondary School

Nominations were called in September 2014. The deadline for nomination submission was on 14 November 2014.

The timeline for OPETA 2015 is as follows:

12 Jan 2015	Shortlisted candidates notified to document exemplary video evidence to support their self-portrait statements
27 Feb 2015	Video evidence to reach OPETA 2015 Secretariat
2 - 20 Mar 2015	Interview of Finalists
27 Mar – 2 Apr 2015	Lesson Observations
13 May 2015	Awards Presentation

A total of 12 teachers from the MOE schools were nominated for the OPETA 2015, 2 were rejected because the nominations were incomplete with insufficient information provided. No nominations were received from the ITE Colleges. Ten teachers were shortlisted for Phase 2 of the selection process.

In Phase 2, candidates were required to submit video evidence to support their self-portrait statements. Shortlisted candidates will proceed to Phase 3, where they will conduct a PE lesson and undergo an interview with the selectors.

The Outstanding Physical Education Teacher Awards presentation ceremony will be held in conjunction with the LTC Physical Education and Sports Science Symposium 2015 which will be held on 13 May 2015. The Guest of Honour will be Ms Liew Wei Li, Curriculum Director of MOE.

#### Shortlisted Nominees for OPETA 2015

1	Kenneth Wong	Bedok Green Primary School
2	Satiish Sathasilvam	Changkat Primary School
3	Vanessa Liu	Corporation Primary School
4	Suresh Govindasamy	Huamin Primary School
5	Mohammad Nizam	Montfort Junior School
6	Morna Tan	Fairfield Methodist Primary School
7	Geralin Tan	Queenstown Primary School
8	Muhamad Hamin	Boon Lay Secondary School
9	Edna Tay	Naval Base Secondary School
10	Irene Heng	Yio Chu Kang Secondary School

### 3.5 **SPEA Newsletter**

SPEA published one issue of SPEA Newsletter in 2014. Events covered included, (i) the formation of the ASEAN Council of Physical Education and Sport (ACPES) on 9 July 2014 with more than 20 members from 5 ASEAN countries, (ii) the ASEAN Conference for Physical Education and Sport Science (7-9 July 2014) held in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lau Teng Chuan (LTC) Physical Education and Sports Science Symposium (9 July 2014).

Other articles are, “*Is The National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Still Relevant?*” by Professor John Wang, and “*Strategies for Values-Driven Education through Physical Education & Sport*” by Dr Koh Koon Teck and Dr Martin Camiré.

The Management Committee thanks Assistant Editor, Ms Ho Yieng Yieng, and Mr How Yew Meng who provided secretariat support. Appreciation also goes to committee members who have contributed to the reports and articles.

### 3.6 **SPEA Teambuilding Workshop**

A workshop on team building games and activities was held on 13 Mar 2015 at Club ITE. The workshop aimed to help team leaders transform a loosely connected group into a dynamic and productive team. The workshop introduced various team building activities, characteristics of these activities, and provided tips on how and when to use them. The Workshop trainer was Mr Kang Jaw Yeu from ITE College East.

#### **4.0 LTC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

- 4.1 The LTC-SPEA Professional Development Fund was set up in 2008 to honour Dr Lau Teng Chuan, a founding member of the SPEA who had contributed much to promote the teaching of Physical Education as a profession in schools. The Professional Development Fund provides some financial support to suitably qualified teachers who wish to upgrade themselves professionally in the field of physical education.
- 4.2 Since the passing on of Dr Lau, the SPEA Management Committee has put in much time and effort to raise funds for the LTC Scholarship Fund. The SPEA MC proposed to combine the LTC-SPEA Development Fund and the LTC Scholarship Fund and title the new entity, "***LTC Professional Development Fund***" and to widen the scope of the Fund's uses, with increased flexibility to support PE teachers' upgrading endeavors.
- 4.3 The new LTC Professional Development Fund's Terms of Reference (TOR) is currently being drafted. Factors that was considered in the TOR included the following:
- PE teacher professional development such as attending courses, postgraduate studies, conferences, workshops and seminars
  - Top-up fund for OPETA and SPEA book prizes

#### **5.0 SPEA BOOK PRIZE FOR NIE'S POSTGRADUATE DIP IN EDN (PE) AND DIP IN EDN COURSES**

- 5.1 After an in-depth discussion, the Management Committee decided to temporarily discontinue awarding the book prizes to allow for a review on the returns on investment and funding mechanism taking into consideration SPEA's limited resources.
- 5.2 In the meantime, PESS will present the C Kunalan Book Prize to deserving top students in the PE programmes. The details of the book prize will be provided when confirmed.

#### **6.0 SPEA APPRECIATES ...**

- 6.1 The Management Committee is grateful to all members, organisations and sponsors for their unstinting support and co-operation.
- 6.2 The Management Committee invites members to come forward and assist in organizing SPEA's activities. Through the shared vision of fostering the development of PE and sports, and the professional development of our members, we can make SPEA a more vibrant and exciting organisation.

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