

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is an advanced notice for our 14th Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on June 30 at Jurong Country Club. Members will soon be receiving official notification of this very important meeting. The agenda will include the usual items on the President's Annual Report, the financial report of SLP, election of office bearers and a catch-all item called Any Other Business.

As mentioned elsewhere, we will only be electing a new Honorary Treasurer this year. This office bearer needs to be changed each year. All other office bearers serve two-year terms and are eligible for re-election. Members should step forward and stand for the Hon. Treasurer position.

Membership on our subcommittees is not determined by election. Sub-committees are for specific purposes. For example, a conference sub-committee is formed whenever a conference is being held. Thus, we have an active conference sub-committee this year because we have scheduled a conference on September 21 and 22, 2005. Nowadays much of the business of a sub-committee

can be done via e-mail. Thus members need not meet as often. They only meet when it is necessary to do so. A member's time commitment is less. **Members are encouraged to offer themselves for our sub-committees.**

The AGM is an occasion for members to meet each other and to review the "health" of the society. For example, members were informed about the recognition program. Similarly, members were informed about the decision of Exco. to invest some of our funds in investments other than a bank's fixed deposits. 2004/5 is the first full year since this decision was taken. How have our investments performed? Members who are also Registered Safety Officers may want to know about our status with regard to recognition by the Occupational Health and Safety Department of the Ministry of Manpower. Questions about these subjects are legitimate ones to be discussed at our AGM.

Members should therefore think about what issues they would like to be discussed at the AGM and make it a point to attend. SLP would be the better for your attendance.