

THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President....

Dear Members,

Hope you are enjoying the nice summer we are having so far.

The annual picnic was a huge success again this year with close to 160 members in attendance. Thank you all for coming out to support the club. Thank you to all the volunteers and the directors as well. Please visit our website for more photos of the picnic.

There is an increase in the club's strata fee of 18% this year. The strata has also a levy of \$4,500.00 from last year's deficit to be paid by all the owners. Also, most importantly, towing will be enforced soon for parking illegally in the complex. We have only two stalls for parking but there are visitors' parking at the south west corner of the property. So, please park on Shell Road if you have to in order to avoid getting towed.

Director Sophia Chiam reported that there is a sharp increase in new members signing up and renewal as well. The online payment has helped tremendously in the transaction of dues. Welcome and thank you to all the new members and hope that you will take part in some of the activities we have and also you could meet new friends during our monthly potluck dinners.

Lastly, please remember that this year's AGM is on September 27, 2025. Registration opens at 12 noon and closes at 1.00 pm after a light lunch. The AGM is for members in good standing only and no guests permitted.

Until then, on behalf of all the Directors and Assistants, I wish you the best and see you soon.

Richard Liew
President
2024-2025t



S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk with the Dragon, on July 20th. MSBCA members led by Director Stanley Low (center) participated for the event with Yeo Sing Lim, OBC, on his left, raised a donation total of \$700.00. Thank you to all for contributing back to the community. This is another activity on top of the annual collection of used clothing for Outreach work done by some members.

Family Picnic—July 05, 2025



From Richard's desk...

Hello Members and Friends,

I have to apologize for being late with this issue of the newsletter. I was supposed to throw in the towel after last issue but will now continue on until a member or members sign up to carry on with the task.

Despite a great start of the new year, things did not go well for me. In April and May, I was hospitalized for 6 weeks after a positive test showing vasculitis resulting in pulmonary renal syndrome. From RH, I was transferred to VGH in the ICU to receive a higher level of care for two weeks of PLEX therapy while going through multiple dialysis. The medical team of specialists, doctors and nurses were top-class in taking care of me. I have a lot to thank them for getting me through the ordeal.

I have been recuperating at home now and have been off dialysis since. The medication is plentiful along with weekly blood works and follow-up appointments with the specialists to fine-tune the medication. The side effects of medication are not pleasant. Thank you very much to the members and friends for all the well wishes and prayers.

Coupled with my health events, I am sad to say that my brother George passed away on June 08, 2025. He was a Life Member. He is survived by his wife Alice, two sons Andrew (wife Abby) and Alan (wife Janice) and three grandchildren. I would like to thank all his friends and members who attended his funeral service and burial on July 9th, 2025. Also, thank you to his classmates from St. Thomas School in Kuching, Sarawak for sharing their fond memories of the good old days in school as boarders.

Till then, all the best.

Richard Liew, Newsletter-in-Charge
Olivia De Silva, Assistant Editor/Secretary



The MSBCA Ballroom Dance Classes

Instructor: Bruce – 604-316-5807
Assistant: Jenny – 778-836-9388

Bruce teaches on Sunday, from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Address: MSBCA, Unit 238,
2680 Shell Road, Richmond, BC

You must be a Member.

Time:

3-4 pm: Beginner Latin

4-5 pm: Beginner Standard

5-6 pm: Intermediate

If you are interested, please register by calling Bruce or Jenny.

Thank you.

EVENTS TO WATCH.....

- AGM— Sept. 27, 2025.

**Clubhouse Activities: Monthly Potluck,
Weekly Ballroom Classes and Zumba
Classes.**

MSBCA Website:

<http://msbca.com>

<https://www.facebook.com>

NEW MEMBERS:

MSBCA welcomes the following new members:

Life Member:

Steven Wong

Sim Shou

Members:

Harison/Madhavan, Bernard/
Latha

Luu/Ng, Huong/Ming

Lim, Rena/Tian Foo

Teo, Travis/Emily

Chong, Aida

Ang, Cecilia

Malm, Jin Fong/Jesse

Teo, Rina

Sunny, Marianna
Chow, Harris
Vendargon, Angela
Dong, Felicity/Wally
Fong, Cerlin/Allan
Poh, Chang Y/Winnie
Ling, Peter/Bianca
Yeo, Chiew Oon/Helen
Mottahedeh, Soheyl
Juran, Michael
Adnan, Sarwar

Note from Membership Director: Please "renew" your membership if you have not done so. The Application Form is available on the website.

Quarterly Review of Board Meetings

Meetings are always scheduled on the first Thursday of the month. Light dinner cooked by Michael Mok precedes the meeting at 7.00 pm. Generally, Treasurer presents the monthly financial statements from Vancity. Accounts are Community Service, Jumpstart, Building Fund, Shares and Term Deposits.

Henry Mo reports on rental income as part of treasurer's report. Fluctuation of income particularly on the downside requires more attention to ensure it is controlled overall.

MSBCAHQ, our main broadcast channel to members, gets an update from SK Chin. Usually, undelivered emails are looked after with priority. FaceBook also gets an update from SK Chin. He reports the traffic volume as well. This FB was originally managed by Wen Wong, our past director.

MSBCA.COM is our website managed by Varghese Thomas, who continually updates the site to make it current. Messages and comments are discussed prior to providing responses as required. The site is currently on top. Traffic has increased with people logging in from Malaysia and Australia.

Preparation of the forthcoming AGM has started with the Financial Report by Treasurer. Secretary is assisted by SK Chin to prepare the Notice of AGM to be emailed out 14 days prior.

Above are items being discussed during the meeting. More details will emerge come next meeting.

The meeting usually lasts 1 and a half hours and adjourns at around 8.30 pm to 9 pm.



Snapshots from June 28th Potluck



Family Picnic—July 05, 2025

160 family members came to the annual picnic and had a wonderful time chowing down the BBQ chicken, char kuh teow and curry vegetables at South Arm Park in Richmond, B.C.



Above photo is Fred Shim on the wok. Right photo is Kee Kee Kuang helping out with the wok. Photo below is Say See Tan barbequing 120 lbs of chicken with Richard Liew helping out. Francis Yong with the guitar entertained the crowd for the day. John Yong singing away as well.



Left photo: Volunteers preparing the noodles for frying. Photo below: Members waiting for the prize draws donated by William Chong, Aster Liew, Lucy Quinn and Lynette Liang. Wen Wong was the emcee for draws.



Clubhouse Rental Rates

Members —\$25 per hour

Definition: Private use by members for family parties and gatherings; not to be rented for second party use. Renter must be present for that period of time.

Non-Members/Community/Business—\$30 per hour, min.2hrs;

Definition: Non-business type Social Group Meetings, Church Groups, Community Groups. *Members and non-members.*

Definition: Business being conducted such as for dancing lessons, seminars, marketing and sales. *Members and non-members.*

Rates are subject to change without notice.

Audio/Visual Equipment not available.

Capacity: 70 people seated, 90 standing.

Please contact Director Henry Mo for rental.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE and RATES

Annual—Single/General/Seniors (60+ & over) \$30.00 CAD

Fees due annually

Annual—Family Plan (including children under 18 years) \$40.00 CAD

Fees due annually

Lifetime—Single/General/Seniors (60+ & above) \$300.00 CAD

One time fee

Lifetime—Family Plan (including children under 18 years) \$400.00 CAD

One time fee

- The Membership Rules and the Definition of Membership Types are published on the website.
- Membership Form is available on our website.
- Payment by e-transfer.
- Annual Membership Fee is effective from date of application for 12 months.
- Payment can be made payable to:

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Unit 238-2680 Shell Road,
Richmond, B.C.
V6X 4C9.

Please inform us by email at
msbcahq@gmail.com
if you are moving or have moved or
have changed your email address.
Also, inform us if you would like your email
address removed from our list.

Advertisement Rates

The board has been requested to revive the rates for advertisements. Tentatively, the following information will be tabled at the next board meeting for review and approval.

1. Business card regular size \$50
 2. Business card double size \$75
 3. 1/ 2 pages \$125
 4. Full page \$150
- Above would be per year charges.

Members get 25% discount rates for advertisement.

48th Annual General Meeting

The excerpt of the By-laws regarding Qualifications to be a Director are as follows:

- 6.2 1) There must be ten directors.
- 2) A director has a normal term of office of two years, beginning at the adjournment of the AGM at which the director is elected, and ending at the adjournment of the AGM two years later.
- 3) Five directors must be elected at the AGM each year, so that at its adjournment:
- a) five directors have remaining terms of office of one year, and
 - b) five directors have remaining terms of office of two years. A director may be elected to a term of one year so as to comply with this bylaw.
- 4) At the AGM, all directors then in office cease to be directors, and five directors must be elected for terms of one year, and five directors elected for terms of two years.
- 5) A director, and a candidate for election as a director,
- a) be ordinarily resident in British Columbia, and
 - b) be qualified to be a director of a company under Section 124 of the Business Corporations Act.

6) An election must be by secret ballot, unless the members present unanimously agree that the election be by show of hands, or there is only one candidate for a position, in which case the candidate must be declared to be elected.

7) Where the number of candidates is greater than the number of vacancies, each member present has a number of votes equal to the number of vacancies, and those candidates with the greater number of votes are elected.

8) A director may be re-elected.

The excerpt of the By-laws regarding Proceedings at General Meetings are as follows

- 5.7 1) Questions arising at general meetings must be decided by a majority of votes, except when otherwise required.
- 2) Each member in good standing who is present at a general meeting has the right to vote.
- 3) Voting is by show of hands, except when otherwise required, or when a secret ballot is requested by a majority of members present, by a show of hands.
- 4) Proxy voting is prohibited.
- 5.8 Subject to the Act and these bylaws, a general meeting may adopt rules of order, but if it does not do so, then the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order must be used.

TRIP TO OKANAGAN—by Olivia De Silva

It was a lovely sunny day on Tuesday, July 8th when we set off by coach from Richmond to the Okanagan area. There were 29 members on the 2-day mini-bus tour. Our first stop was a rest-stop at Manning Park where we “freshened up” before the long drive. Next, we proceeded to Spotted Lake, located northwest of Osoyoos and a First Nations Protected Area & sacred site. Our journey continued past mountains to Osoyoos, the southernmost town in the Okanagan Valley and Canada's desert. It was very hot that day at 36 degrees C! We had lunch there, then continued on to a fruit & wine store where some passengers bought apricots and peaches, some picked cherries from the orchard outside, while others tasted wine. From Osoyoos, we drove through the town of Oliver, then along Okanagan Lake past Okanagan Falls, Penticton, Summerland, Peachland & Kelowna. The tour guide mentioned that the Canadian Govern-

ment has offered a \$2million reward to anyone who photographs the legendary lake monster Ogoogo! From Kelowna, which is B.C.'s third-largest metropolitan area & has the third most expensive real estate in Canada, we drove on to Vernon, where we had dinner at Denny's & spent the night at the Day's Inn hotel. The next morning, we set off for Planet Bee honey farm where we tasted honey samples, learned about honey manufacturing by bees & bought souvenirs. Next, we visited the impressive Grizzli Winery in Kelowna where we were shown the vineyard & wine production centre including wine-tasting. We spent our time there buying wine & souvenirs. From Kelowna, we resumed our journey until we reached Hope, where we had lunch in a Korean/Japanese restaurant. After lunch, we headed back to Vancouver. The coach arrived back in Richmond at about 6:30pm. Everyone enjoyed the trip & fellowship, wishing that it had been longer & looking forward to the next MSBCA excursion!!!



Snapshots of the Okanagan Trip. Above photo is Steven Ng, foreground of the photo taking a selfie with Spotted Lake in the background.

