

The British Malaysian Society

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Introduction

Voting at the AGM is in person only so please attend to vote for the proposed resolutions, especially for the new Constitution and the candidates of your choice to be on the Executive Committee for the coming 2026/27 year.

AGM date and time

16 July 2026 – 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Venue

Bright Courtyard Club

43 Baker Street

London, W1U 8EW

Nearest stations – Baker St or Bond St

President's Reception

The AGM will be followed by the President's Reception with buffet food and drinks

AGM agenda

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 30 June 2025
3. Matters arising not dealt with on the agenda
4. Chairperson's report
5. Treasurer's report and approval of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025
6. Re-election of independent examiner (Mr Joe Lee of Leftley Rowe), including approval of his fees
7. Reports from the BMS Executive Committee Groups
 - Membership, recruitment, retention and subscription renewals
 - Travel and tourism
 - Education and mentorship programme
 - International trade and investment
 - Marketing, website, PR and communications
 - Culture
8. Approval of proposed updated BMS constitution
9. Election of the Executive Committee for 2026/27

Members proposed for Executive Committee roles (candidates of contested roles to present briefly for 2 minutes at the AGM):

- Chairperson:
 - Professor Kanes K Rajah PhD
 - Steven Perian KC, FCI Arb
- Deputy Chairperson:
 - David Stringer-Lamarre
 - Amita Krishna
- Honorary Secretary
 - John Choi Ching Jack
- Honorary Treasurer
 - Wendy Yap
- International trade and investment group lead
 - JR May
 - Amita Krishna
- Culture group lead
 - Dr Hiu Man Chan
- Education group lead
 - Shamim Abdulkarim Ahmad
- Events group lead
 - Tuan Nguyen
 - Stephanie Cheong
- Membership group lead
 - Nick Dutton
- Marketing and communications group lead
 - Joyce Ong
 - Trudi Ballard
- Travel and Tourism group lead
 - Martin Barrow CBE

Election statements from the above candidates will be sent out separately in advance of the AGM.

Members not standing for re-election:

- Mei Sim Lai OBE DL
- Champa Gurnani
- Robin Stevens
- Gavin Wilkins
- Dr William Wong
- Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL FLSW
- Tom Reynolds
- Andrew Counihan

The BMS President, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart KCMG will also be completing his term at the conclusion of the AGM.

Vote of thanks to outgoing ExCo members and the BMS President.

10. Any other urgent business

Attendance and voting

There is no charge to attend the AGM to vote but registration is essential.

Members and accompanying non-members can please register to attend the AGM on the [BMS website](#) or otherwise email the Hon Secretary Andrew Counihan at info@thebritishmalaysiansociety.com to register.