

## CASS AGM 2021

The Chinese Australian Services Society Ltd, known commonly in the community as “CASS”, held its 40<sup>th</sup> AGM on 7 November 2021 at its Activity Hall in Campsie. In compliance with the NSW Health Guidelines on Covid-19 prevention measures, members attending the AGM at the hall had to go through temperature checks on arrival and were required to sanitise their hands. Social distancing was also kept at all times during the meeting. Many members attended the meeting via ZOOM to show their enthusiastic support.

The Chairperson, Dr Bo Zhou, chaired the AGM. The Deputy Chairperson/Secretary, Mr Anthony Pang, reported on the work of CASS for the past year. The Society held its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration cum Launch of the CASS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Souvenir Book e-version on 7 March 2021 at the Canterbury League Club. The event was well attended by many distinguished guests including Members of Parliament, local councillors, and representatives from the community services sector, government officials, businesses, project partners, community leaders, volunteers and the media. While the Covid-19 pandemic has affected the delivery of services for many community organisations, CASS managed to continue the delivery of quality services by implementing innovative measures and achieved good operational results. CASS was presented with the 2021 Premier’s Multicultural Community Award, winning the 2021 Not-For-Profit Business Excellence Medal. Our Foundation Chairperson/Honorary Executive Director, Mr Henry Pan, was awarded the internationally acclaimed “Compassion Award” as an acknowledgement of the contributions he had made to community services in the last 40 years.

Mr Pang further highlighted the following achievements in his report:

- CASS Settlement Services continued to receive federal funding to provide services for Chinese new migrants in Sydney.
- Actively expanding the service provision, including the extension of aged care services to the Korean, Indonesian and Vietnamese communities; and establishing new senior activity groups in different areas.
- Continued to promote the services of CASS through different social media platforms, including WeChat, Facebook, Xiaohongshu, etc. to promote the different services and to provide the community with up-to-date information on community services; continued to publish articles under the name of ‘Kending’ in the media.
- During the pandemic, successfully held a variety of information sessions, workshops and exhibitions for the community, with topics including health, personal and road safety, legal issues and welfare information, etc. Also provided free training to the public on how to use online software to enable them to participate in online activities and alleviate their sense of isolation and anxiety brought by the pandemic.

The Treasurer, Mr Sean Zhang, reported on the financial performance and operation of CASS. The total turnover for the year was about \$34 million, with all service units showing good financial performance and increase in revenue. He thanked and acknowledged the hard work of the Honorary Executive Director, the volunteers and staff members for contributing to the continual success of the organisation. The Report of the Board of Directors, and the Financial Reports of CASS for the year 2020/2021 were unanimously passed by the members present at the meeting.

The election of members to the CASS Board of Directors was subsequently carried out. A motion was also passed to thank the retiring Elder, Mr Kui Sang Lim, for his contributions.

The Board of Directors for 2021/22 consists of the following:

### **CASS Group Board of Directors**

Chairperson: Dr Bo Zhou (Overall Coordination & Community Relations)

Foundation Chairperson/Honorary Executive Director: Mr Henry Pan OAM (Daily Operations, Strategic Planning & Development, Risk Management)

Emeritus Chairperson: Dr Leng Tan (Residential Aged Care Services)

Deputy Chairperson/Secretary: Mr Anthony Pang (Corporate Compliance & Child Care Services)

Vice Chairperson/Treasurer: Mr Sean Zhang (Finance, Audit & Cultural Affairs)

Vice Chairperson: Prof Stephen Li (Home Ageing and Disability Services)

Directors:

Mr Tao Bai (Work Health & Safety)

Mr Dong Li (Volunteering Services Development & assisting in Finance)

Dr Bei Lu (New Projects Development and assisting in Aged Care Services)

Alternate Directors:

Mrs Teresa Chu (Volunteers Coordination)

Mrs Winnie Fung (Activity Groups' Affairs)

Ms Tica Lee (Promotions and Projects Development)

Mr Shun Cheng (assisting in Operations and Legal matters)

Ms Haixia Yu (assisting in Projects Development)

Dr Michelle Hui (assisting in Residential Aged Care and Disability Services)

### **Council of Elders:**

Mr Francis Lee OAM; Mr Colin Chen; Mr George Poon and Ms Louise Wu.