

# **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

SINGAPORE AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") of the members of SINGAPORE AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ("SABA") will be held at Merlion Restaurant & Wine Bar, 19628 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014, USA, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time), for the following purposes:

1. To elect seven (7) directors to hold office for two-year terms until the 2010 annual meeting;
2. To approve an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to change the Company's name;
3. To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

DATED at California, USA, this 25th day of November 2008.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

PENG HUAT ANG

PRESIDENT

NOTES:

1. The following materials accompany this Notice of Meeting:
  - (a) Rules for Voting; and
  - (b) Proxy Form; and
  - (c) Ballot Form; and
  - (d) A list from the President containing the names and a brief professional biography and mission statement of each person nominated to stand for election as a Director.
2. The Ballot Form must be signed. You may either bring the signed ballot to the AGM on December 15, 2008 to be counted or email/fax it **together with** your written, signed proxy to [sabausa.ed@gmail.com](mailto:sabausa.ed@gmail.com), or fax # (415) 252-1160; OR mail it or send by air courier, **together with** your written, signed proxy, in a sealed envelope to SABA at 3 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 150, Redwood City, CA 94065

## **Rules for Voting**

1. The Chairman of the inspection will be Dr. Peng Ang. The Inspector of Election will be Tom Savage.
2. Each Member may vote in person at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on Monday, December 15, 2008, or in advance (by mail or facsimile). A Member may only vote if, as of the record date (November 13, 2008), such Member is in good standing and has paid all membership fees that are owed prior to or on such date in full. Members who choose to vote by proxy, or by proxy and written ballot in advance of the AGM, must submit such executed documents by email to: [sabausa.ed@gmail.com](mailto:sabausa.ed@gmail.com) or by fax to: (415)-252-1160 or by US mail or air courier to SABA, 3 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 150, Redwood City, CA 94065. We regret that ballots or proxies received by SABA later than 12:00noon Friday, December 12, 2008 will be invalid.
3. Each Member, either individual or representative of a corporate member, shall have one (1) vote per vacant board seat, i.e. each Individual Member may cast votes for up to seven (7) Director nominees. An Individual Member who is also a designated representative of a Corporate Member may not vote twice.
4. Any ballot or proxy with more than seven (7) votes shall be void and none of the votes thereon shall be counted.
5. The seven (7) nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the Board of Directors.
6. A quorum at the AGM shall consist of at least 20% of the membership entitled to vote as of the record date, November 13, 2008, including Members represented by proxy and Members attending the AGM in person.



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A California Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation

**PROXY FORM**

(To be completed only if you are transferring your voting power)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the SINGAPORE AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, a California non-profit corporation, in good standing as of November 13, 2008, revoke any previous proxies and appoint the below named as my proxy to attend the meeting of the corporation on Monday, December 15, 2008, and any adjournment of that meeting, and to vote, execute comments, and otherwise represent my membership in the same manner and with the same effect as if I were personally present:

**Choose one by circling:**

**A) President of SABA, Dr. Peng Huat Ang; OR**

B) Name of Proxy \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

This proxy and the authority represented herein shall be valid until revoked.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

This proxy form must be signed and emailed/faxed to [sabausa.ed@gmail.com](mailto:sabausa.ed@gmail.com) or fax # (415) 252-1160 or mailed to SABA at 3 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 150, Redwood City, CA 94065.

**All proxies must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, December 12, 2008.**



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**BALLOT**

**(A) Election of 2009 & 2010 SABA Board of Directors**

*You may vote up to seven (7) candidates  
Check to cast your vote for the following candidates:*

\_\_\_\_ **Eric Pereira**

\_\_\_\_ **Joon-Woon Chong**

\_\_\_\_ **Keith Toh**

\_\_\_\_ **Sharon Sim-Krause**

\_\_\_\_ **Simone Yew**

\_\_\_\_ **Patrick Yam**

\_\_\_\_ **William Chang**

**(B) Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to Change Name**

*Check to cast your vote for the following amendment:*

Amendment to Section 1.01 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation to read in its entirety as follows (the "Articles Amendment"):

"The Name of this corporation is Singapore America Business Association."

\_\_\_\_ **Approve**

\_\_\_\_ **Disapprove**

Signature of voting member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of voting member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you choose to submit the ballot by email/fax or mail, it must be received by SABA no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, December 12, 2008.**

**Attention: This ballot must be signed.**

## **NOMINEES FOR SABA BOARD DIRECTORS 2009 – 2010**

### **Eric Elias Pereira**

Founder and Managing Partner, Stamford Group



Eric Pereira, Founder and Managing Partner of the Stamford Group (SG Capital Partners), brings over 35 years of professional experience as a corporate executive and advisor to leaders in government, business and education. Eric was the Chairman and CEO of the Stamford College Group (founded 1950), the largest “for-profit” educational group in SE Asia from 1980-1995 which was listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. He was responsible for building the family educational company from a three campus entity into an educational group that comprised 27,000 students in 9 campus throughout Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

In addition to serving as a director and board member of European and American consulting firms Eric has served actively as a member of the Business Roundtable of the National Home Study Council in Washington D.C. and was a member of the Accreditation Council of the American Hotel and Lodging Association.

Eric chaired BHP Associates Inc., a California-based global strategy advisory firm providing cross-border investment and economic development services throughout the Pacific Rim, Europe and the Americas. In 1993, BHP merged with Stamford Group.

Eric is a trained Chartered Accountant and is active in several Foundations and Trusts.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

“Change” seems to be the operative word these days so I am calling for change in the way this organization can promote itself and foster closer working relationships with entrepreneurs and corporations, both Government and NGOs. Our tenet should be to act as a catalyst between Singapore and the outside world in providing feedback and constructive ideas for Singapore. We can act as a very critical conduit. I want to make and be part of the change.

## **Joon-Woon Chong**

Regional Director, Western Americas  
Singapore Economic Development Board

Joon-Woon Chong is Regional Director, Western Americas, for the Singapore Economic Development Board (SEDB). Based in Redwood City, California, Joon-Woon's geographical responsibility covers the states in the western part of US, west Canada and Central America.

Joon-Woon has been with the SEDB since 1998. Starting with developing manpower training and international recruitment programmes at the Resources Development Division, he was promoted to Assistant Head in 2 years and subsequently transferred to the Semiconductor Group to be responsible for the development of the semiconductor industry cluster in Singapore.

In April 2002, Joon-Woon was posted to SEDB's Chicago Centre as Centre Director, with geographical responsibilities covering the states of Minnesota, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Iowa and parts of Illinois and Ohio.

In May 2006, Joon-Woon returned to SEDB's Singapore office, taking on the role of Head of Electronics Components Group to develop that industry cluster in Singapore. He subsequently took on concurrent appointments as Head of Electronics Systems Group, Head of Industrial Design, Head of Precision Engineering and Head of Americas.

In May 2008, Joon-Woon assumed his current responsibility as Regional Director, Western Americas.

Joon-Woon graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1998 with a Bachelor in Electrical and Electronics Engineering degree, specializing in Microelectronics.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

SABA is an important link for the American and Singaporean community. It is my job in EDB and as board member in SABA to foster and strengthen such linkages between America and Singapore.

## Keith Toh

Principal, Francisco Partners



Keith is a Principal with Francisco Partners, a leading technology focused private equity fund with \$5 billion of capital under management. Keith focuses on Francisco Partners investments in the Enterprise Software, Electronics Manufacturing, Digital Interactive, and Large-Cap Semiconductor industries. Prior to joining Francisco Partners, he was Director of Product Management at Fisix Inc. an enterprise software firm. Previously, Keith served concurrently as a Product Lead for two enterprise software products at Trilogy, Inc., and as Senior Consultant with Trilogy's Telecommunications and Computer industry practices. Prior to Trilogy, Keith was an analyst with the Ministry of Defense in Singapore, where he focused on operations research and artificial intelligence technologies. Earlier in his career, he performed academic research on semiconductor lasers at Stanford University.

Representative investments at Francisco Partners include Aconex, Barracuda Networks, City Index, GXS Corporation, Mincom, Numonyx, and WebTrends.

Keith has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University, where he enrolled at the age of 16 and graduated receiving the combined faculty Deans' Award for Academic Achievement.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Since its founding, Singapore has time and again been challenged with defining its presence and purpose as a nation amidst confusing economic, ethnic and political cross currents. The business community in Singapore has always prevailed against these challenges with its adaptability, innovation, and energy. Indeed, the Singapore business community has always exerted an influence and a presence across the world that is disproportionately large relative to the nation's size.

I believe SABA can and must play a role as an agent and a catalyst for Singapore's "disproportionate" presence in the Bay Area business community. As a SABA board member I am interested in strengthening relations between the Bay Area and Singapore in the technology industry and in venture and private equity investments.



## Sharon Sim-Krause

Executive Vice President, GolinHarris  
Director, Panache



Sharon Sim-Krause is executive vice president at GolinHarris San Francisco, and director of Panache, GolinHarris' Asian practice. She currently oversees the San Francisco office, driving new business, marketing, public relations and servicing Asian-related, technology, corporate and consumer clients with a team of talented PR professionals.

Prior to GolinHarris, Sharon Sim-Krause was founder and president of Panache Communications for six years. Panache, an award-winning boutique agency, joined the GolinHarris network in 2006. Previously she was with WeberShandwick, the world's largest public relations firm.

Born in Singapore, and having worked and lived in both Asia and the US, Sharon straddles both sides of the Pacific comfortably. She provides strategic and balanced perspectives to clients looking to bolster their business operations internationally. Her client work includes: Nokia, AOL, HP, Digital, Wipro, GE, Northwest Airlines, 3i, and many Silicon Valley startups. She also led public relations initiatives in Silicon Valley for the Governments of Hong Kong and Singapore.

Prior to WeberShandwick, Sharon worked for Shipley & Associates, a political consulting firm whose client portfolio included Al Gore and Texas Governor Anne Richards. Sharon was a former Executive TV producer at Asian American Austin, a public television program where she supervised a 30-member production crew and produced documentaries, political forums and talk shows. She also worked at software company, National Instruments, the Texas Department of Commerce and Edelman Public Relations Worldwide.

Sharon graduated with a Bachelor of Journalism, Public Relations (Honors) from the University of Texas at Austin. She was a recipient of the Thomas Thompson Journalism Scholarship and the Weinberg Award for Excellence in Writing. She has a wide circle of networks and is fluent in various Chinese languages such as Mandarin, Hokkien and Teochew.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

It is my deep honor and privilege to have served for several years as a SABA board of director. While many organizations have proliferated in the San Francisco Bay Area this past decade, I strongly believe that SABA still has a unique proposition and relevance to the business and cultural community here, especially for those seeking to grow their organizations in this region and those seeking to build ties between the Bay Area, Singapore and larger Asia Pacific.

As a SABA board of director, I'll work closely with fellow board members to realize our mission statement through the strategic planning and the execution of meaningful and impactful member activities. Thank you for being part of SABA. Thank you for your vote.

## Simone Yew

Partner, WilmerHale LLP



Simone is a partner at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (“WilmerHale”). Based in the Palo Alto office of WilmerHale, Simone practices in the Asia Corporate and Technology Transactions and Licensing Practice Groups. Her practice centers on acting for US, European and Asian multinational clients in mergers & acquisitions and technology transactions in China. Simone represents private equity funds and sovereign wealth funds as well as multinational companies in life sciences, information technology, manufacturing and other industries. She counsels clients on acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures and technology transfers related to China. Before joining WilmerHale in July 2008, Simone was a partner in the China offices of Baker & McKenzie, LLP, where she was a member of the mergers and acquisitions, private equity and technology media and telecommunications practices. Ms. Yew has extensive international transactional experience. She has practiced in Hong Kong (from 1997 to 2000 and again from 2004 to 2005), in Palo Alto (from 2000 to 2004 and at present) and in Beijing (from 2006 to 2008). She was born and raised in Singapore and obtained her Bachelor of Laws from the National University of Singapore. She is admitted to practice law in California, Singapore and England & Wales. Simone is fluent in English and Chinese (Mandarin).

## MISSION STATEMENT

As a Singapore focused business association in the Bay Area, SABA has a vital role to play in building and strengthening ties between Singapore and the Bay Area, and between Asia and the Bay Area. Singapore is one of the best places to do business in Asia, not least because of its highly regarded legal system. My practice allows me to promote Singapore’s law as a governing law for US-Asia business transactions and to promote Singapore’s courts and arbitration center as dispute resolution forums in cross-border transactions. If I were to serve on the SABA Board, I would strive to strengthen the business ties between Singapore and the Bay Area communities and to further promote Singapore as a regional center for US companies doing business in Asia. I would also seek to raise the profile of Singaporeans living and doing business in the Bay Area.

## Patrick J. Yam

CEO & Founder, Sensei Partners LLC



Patrick is the CEO & Founder of Sensei Partners LLC, a Menlo Park, CA venture capital firm. He spent his earlier career as an economic analyst, investment banker and hedge-fund manager with among others the Federal Reserve, Lehman Brothers, Citicorp Investment Bank and Matthews International Management. He is an internationally published author on investments, 'Company Building', and corporate governance and, has been a guest speaker at numerous global investment management forums.

In 2006, he co-authored "Raising Capital for Technology Companies", which chronicles the recent evolution of the capital markets and, its impact on today's entrepreneurs and investors. Aside from his responsibilities at Sensei Partners he has been integral with the founding of several firms in the technology and financial sectors. He has served as a director of various professional and non-profit Boards. His current directorships include the Alberta California Venture Channel, Santa Clara University and Sensei Partners; he previously was the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees – Woodside Priory, a private secondary school. He has taught and currently lectures on entrepreneurship at Santa Clara University's Leavey School of Business where he carries the distinction as the Dean's Executive Professor of Entrepreneurism and is a former faculty member of the Venture Capital Institute in Atlanta, GA. Mr. Yam earned his BA from San Jose State University where he received an athletic scholarship and, an academic scholarship to attend Santa Clara University where he received his MBA with distinction in marketing and finance.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Often as an investor, academician, government advisor and, author I address the dynamics of an ever transitioning world whereby no longer is it satisfactory to consider main street as being the only sphere of competition, but the need to be ever cognizant of how to build sustainable global enterprises. As a SABA director it is my mission to further assist SABA members in better understanding and implementing this 'Company Building' principle; as I have shared with groups throughout the world.

## William Chang

Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Stryker Endoscopy

President & CEO, Great Mall Mayflower Restaurant

President & CEO, Prima Taste USA Restaurant

President & CEO, Merlion Restaurant



William Chang is currently the Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of the Research & Development of Stryker Corporation, one of the top 500 US public companies with an annual sales growth of 20% consecutively for 21 years. In 1996, his leadership quality was recognized at the Gallup Organization, the world's largest management consultant, which said, "Mr. Chang possesses and which aids him in his research and development endeavors is his focus. This manifests itself in his ability to foresee "what can be" ahead of others, and this provides him a tremendous advantage in this marketplace. He is prone to plan ten years into the future and does not appear uncomfortable doing so." He was also invited by Talent Plus, the premier global human resources consulting firm, to be one of the keynote speakers at the workshop. They commented William as the person with strong persuasive abilities to successfully move ideas forward.

William never fails to set the bar higher, for he basically feels that people are capable of doing more; and while he appreciates good performance and top productivity, he will simply challenge people to be better. Back in 1982 his aptitude toward breakthrough technology made him the inventor of the first 1-chip medical camera and succeeded with the first 3-chip camera in 1992. The invention of these medical devices brought new dimension in the minimal invasive surgery thus benefited the patients. In 2001, William was honored by the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) with the "Pioneer in Endoscopy Award" to recognize his tremendous contribution to the industry. This award is equivalent to the Oscar Award presented to the movie-makers. In 2006, William was honored by Toshiba Corporation for being the Master Contributor to the high definition video system development in medical devices arena. In the latest Millennium Research Group Report 2006 on US Markets, Stryker's cameras, digital capture systems, lightsource, and monitors are all dominating the video and high tech hardware medical devices market.

However, William's lifelong quest for the "perfect" Chinese food has led him to many "restaurant-expeditions" all over the world and his vast database of Silicon Valley Chinese restaurants is often consulted by locals and visitors alike. Within three years, William has become the President of two restaurants in Silicon Valley, namely Great Mall Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, and Prima Taste True Singapore Cuisine. His latest accomplishment was the opening of Merlion Restaurant on the lucky date of 7/7/07. Using the Singaporean symbol of the Merlion was important to William's heritage so he had to get special permission from the government to so name the restaurant. With this upscale restaurant, he wanted to bring some of Singaporean history and culture to Silicon Valley through the restaurant's décor, as well as introduce dishes significant to Singapore.

William graduated with Honors a BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Oregon State University in 1981. He holds twelve US patents for his endoscopic related innovations, and fifteen awards and inventions. In 1971 at age fourteen, he won the Most Ingenious Creation of Technology Award in Singapore, competing among college students.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

I realize that one cannot do it all and must search for talents to join the team. To introduce Singapore culture and lifestyle to the Bay Area. To help Third World countries improve the health care services to the standards we enjoy in America as well as in Singapore. I am focusing on working with non-profit organizations and missionary surgeons including Dr Dave Thompson of Bongolo Hospital in Gabon, Africa; Dr Stephen Kelley of Memorial Christian Hospital in Bangladesh, Asia; and Dr Aleck Lee of Christian Missions Overseas in Burma, Asia. Hopefully, I can elevate their level of operating room successes and patient care. Always pursue what you love doing and hopefully you will achieve something that will improve the world. As for me, I love technology and food. Everyone has a skill so concentrate and search for your own strength and find your own skill.