



PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**General Meeting to seek Members' approval
to renovate the Della & Seng Gee Guild Hall**

Monday 25th January 2021, 7pm

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The Honorary Secretary
The National University of Singapore Society (NUSS)
9 Kent Ridge Drive
Singapore 119241

Dear Sir

RE: Proposed Resolution to Seek Members' Approval to Renovate the Della & Seng Gee Guild Hall (DSGH)

With the support from the Management Committee (the Committee), we write to request that a General Meeting be convened for members to consider and vote on the following Resolution:

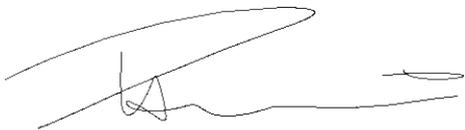
Resolution

"That the Committee be empowered to: -

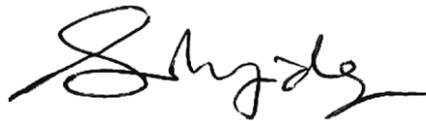
Incur relevant expenditure not exceeding Singapore Dollars Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand (SGD 950,000.00) for the purpose of renovating the DSGH."

This is in accordance with Articles 28(1), 42(1) and 43(1) of the Constitution of the NUSS.

Dated this 7th of January 2021.



Name: Tong Hsien-Hui
Membership No: TB127V
Proposer



Name: Soh Yi Da
Membership No: SA940R
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4. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4.1 Background

- 4.1.1 The Kent Ridge Guild Hall was completed in September 2008 under Phase 1 of the Kent Ridge Guild House Re-Development Programme. It was subsequently renamed the Della & Seng Gee Guild Hall (DSGH) in July 2011.
- 4.1.2 Since its opening in December 2008, the Guild Hall has hosted many of the Society's major events such as the NUSS Lectures, NUSS Professorship Lectures, Ministerial Dialogues, AGMs, Year-End Countdowns and other social and members' events. It has also been the preferred venue for numerous NUS functions as well as other alumni group and corporate gatherings.
- 4.1.3 Prior to the social distancing measures introduced by the Government to control the spread of COVID-19 infections in the community in April 2020, the DSGH has been the Society's main F&B revenue contributor. Despite the unprecedented disruptions to the Society's F&B activities the DSGH is expected to remain the major source of F&B banquet revenue post COVID-19.
- 4.1.4 After more than 12 years of operations, the hall's interior design looks dated - the audio-visual system needs upgrading and the furnishings and lighting are in need of a makeover.

In early 2020 the Management Committee, on the advice of the Secretariat, took steps to evaluate and consider several renovation options for DSGH for work to be undertaken sometime in the 3rd quarter of 2020. However, the imposition of the Circuit Breaker by the Government in April 2020 following the severe outbreak of COVID-19 infections in the foreign workers dormitories led to many cancellations and postponement of event bookings. With the prospects of an early resumption of F&B banquet activities in doubt the Management Committee thought it prudent to temporarily defer the renovation plans.

- 4.1.5 Currently the number of COVID-19 community infections in Singapore appears to have stabilised and with the rapid and successful development and approval of vaccines for mass population immunisation there is growing optimism of a gradual global economic recovery in the months ahead. It is quite conceivable that a further easing of the Circuit Breaker restrictions on social gatherings could follow in the near future. Indeed Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, in a televised speech to the nation on 14 December announced that Singapore will transition to Phase 3 of the Circuit Breaker on 28 December 2020. The Management Committee is therefore of the view that now would be an opportune time to take advantage of the current lull in banquet bookings to seek members' approval of the requisite capital budget to proceed with the renovation of the Guild Hall well ahead of the return to normalcy once the global pandemic is brought under control.
- 4.1.6 On completion, the renovated DSGH, with its refreshed interior ambience and latest audio/visual equipment, will continue to be the preferred banquet venue of choice for our members and the wider university community in the years ahead.

4.2 Project Timeline

4.2.1 The renovation works are expected to take 10 weeks to complete.

4.2.2 If approved, we hope to have the DSGH resume business by the second quarter of 2021.

5. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS

S/No	Description	Amount
1	Preliminaries	\$40,000
2	Builder's works	\$320,000
3	Mechanical & Electrical Works	\$240,000
4	Audio & Visual system	\$200,000
5	Contingency	\$150,000
	Total	\$950,000