

SEAS' 7th Annual General Meeting, Furama Riverfront Singapore

As an association, the Annual General Meeting is the highlight of our calendar and also an occasion for members to meet and interact with each other, the SEAS council, as well as the secretariat. The AGM is also the forum for the secretariat and council to give an update to the entire member body on activities and programs of the past year and a sneak preview of the plans for the year ahead.



There were a couple of parts to this year's AGM as the programme items went beyond the usual AGM proceedings.

Part A: Renewable Energy Panel Discussion

After the formal AGM proceedings were over, a special panel discussion based on our recently released White Paper on Accelerating Renewable Energy in Singapore was organised for the members. It was moderated by Mr Rahul Kar, Director for Climate Change and Sustainability at KPMG one of SEAS member companies. Four co-authors of the White Paper, Mr Edwin Khew, Mr Low Kian Beng, Dr. Sanjay Kuttan, and Mr Christophe Inglin served as panellists. The panel discussion topic was "Unlocking a \$3billion in private investment in renewable energy".



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We had a very vibrant and interactive discussion, and a wide range of issues were discussed. One issue was the total quantity of waste available for bioenergy in Singapore – banks were concerned that if there are so many companies in bioenergy, would there be enough waste in Singapore for all the different competitors? Another issue was the low appetite of banks & financial institutions in investing in renewable energy. One way this can be addressed is to review the regulatory framework for intermittent sources of energy which were one of the recommendations in the SEAS white paper, and which the Energy Market Authority of Singapore is already working on. It was a very insightful discussion on some very critical issues pertaining to the growth of the sector and was very useful to most members attending and participating in the discussion.





Part 2: SEAS Council Elections



SEAS also elected a new council for the term 2014-2016. The SEAS council serves to advise the secretariat and SEAS members, also providing support when needed. We are proud to have many key senior industry experts on our council, with whom we have developed a close working relationship, through their membership with SEAS.

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SEAS welcomed many new members at the AGM this year and SEAS was proud to showcase the latest industry projects they can get involved in – like the SME Energy Efficiency Initiative, Incubator, and JTC Energy Efficient Buildings project. As the representative association for sustainable energy companies, SEAS will continue to listen and work together with our members to help develop the industry further.

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