



**NATIONAL ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION**  
**Annual Report for Year Ended 31 December 2016**

The Foundation was set up on 27 June 1984 as a society. It was registered under the Charities Act and conferred IPC status on 15 April 1985.

**Unique Entity Number (UEN)** : S84SS0010J

**Registered Address** : 627A Aljunied Road  
#08-02 Biztech Centre  
Singapore 389842

**Governing Board Members/Management Committee:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Date of First Appointment to the Board</b>
Low Beng Tin	Chairman	28 July 2012
Lau Tang Ching	Vice-Chairman	28 July 2012
Benjamin Gaw	Secretary	28 July 2012
Fang Lee Wei	Treasurer	25 July 2016
Wilson Chew	Member	28 July 2012
Alex Chua	Member	25 July 2015
Katy Leung	Member	28 July 2012
Elizabeth Ang	Member	16 Aug 2014
John Lim	Member	25 July 2015

**General Council:**

Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
S Vasoo	President	25 Nov 2013
Sin Boon Ann	Vice-President	25 Nov 2013
Michael Wong	Vice-President	25 Nov 2013
Kelvin Lim	Vice-President	25 Nov 2013
Wong Kar King	Vice-President	16 Aug 2014
Steven Tham	Vice-President	19 Jan 2017
Low Beng Tin	Member	28 July 2012
Benjamin Gaw	Member	28 July 2012
Fang Lee Wei	Member	25 July 2016

Internal Auditor : (Not Applicable)

Banker : United Overseas Bank

Auditor : Kreston David Yeung PAC

Investment Adviser(s) : (Not Applicable)

Other Adviser(s) : None

**OBJECTIVE**

The objects of the Charity are as follows:

- **Patient Welfare:** To provide financial subsidy for needy Singaporeans suffering from arthritis
- **Public and Patient Education:** Initiatives include the dissemination of patient education literature and conducting of public forums/talks
- Encouraging **research on Arthritis**

## **POLICIES**

### **Funding Sources**

The Charity is financially supported by donations from members, companies/corporations, well-wishers and the general public.

### **Memberships**

Current membership strength: 333 (comprising 324 Life & Annual Members and 9 Corporate Members).

### **Primary Function**

The Foundation is open to the public for participation in its charitable activities geared towards helping needy arthritis patients and patient education.

Besides providing financial subsidy to patients to defray their expensive medical treatment, NAF also provides financial assistance for medical aids and transportation for needy Arthritis Patients.

## **REVIEW OF YEAR 2016**

### **Staffing**

As at 31 December 2016, there were 3 full-time staff employed by the Charity. Plans are afoot to recruit 1 to 2 more headcounts in the near future.

### **Activities**

- Processing applications for Medical Subsidy from the MSWs of restructured hospitals for their needy arthritis patients
- Publication of 6-monthly newsletter, i.e. once/twice a year
- Printing and dissemination of Patient Education Pamphlets
- Weekly physiotherapy sessions for Ankylosing Spondylitis patients
- Weekly Tai-Chi sessions
- Weekly Yoga for Arthritis sessions
- Organising Patient Support events
- Organising Fund-Raising events

### **Calendar of Key Events**

- 18 June: Annual General Meeting (32<sup>nd</sup>)
- 14 July: Charity Gala Dinner
- 17 Nov: Charity Golf Tournament
- 26 Nov: JIA Day

### **Fundraising Event and Activity**

Two Fund-Raising charity events were organised by NAF on 14 Jul 2016 (Gala Dinner) and on 17 Nov 2016 (Golf Tournament) to raise money for NAF's general fund to help meet its objectives in patient treatment subsidy, patient education and general operations. A total amount of \$620,750 was raised from these two events.

### **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATE AND EXPLANATION OF MAJOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

The Foundation has a surplus of \$281,195 in FY2016, with a balance of Funds of \$825,355 as at 31 Dec 2016.

Top 3 donors are SICC (\$85,000), Tote Board (\$83,625), Triangle Auto (\$35,000) respectively whilst top 3 payments to vendors were as follows:

- a) SICC (\$39,060.88) for Charity Golf event and co-payment for May Day event
- b) Crosstrade Solutions (\$37,571) for Gala Dinner & Golf event management
- c) Shangri-la (\$36,157.44) for Gala Dinner event

### **REVIEW AND CHANGES IN THE POLICY**

Nil

### **EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE CHARITY'S ASSETS ARE HELD**

Not applicable



## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

The Foundation has in place a Conflict of Interest Policy which is given to all Executive Committee (Exco) Members for notation. All Exco Members are required to sign the Conflict of Interest Policy Form when elected into office.

## **FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS**

In the coming years, the Foundation will continue to play its role in rendering financial subsidy/ topping up the co-payment portion of needy arthritis patients bearing in mind the various government schemes (e.g. MAF, MAF Plus, etc) will not be sufficient to overcome all co-payment shortfalls.

New initiatives will be explored to raise more funds, such as collaborating with business organisations and through institutional pledging.

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Additional disclosure requirement for Institutions of a Public Character

**Policy relating to the management and avoidance of conflicts of interest:**

All Management Committee Members are required to sign the Conflict of Policy Form when elected into office. A fresh declaration is required if there is a significant change in information originally declared.

**Section 8 of Charities (Accounts and Annual Report) Regulations:**

**(a) Chief Executive Officer:**

Name: Joseph Lloyd D'Cunha  
Designation: Executive Director  
Date of Appointment: 1 January 2017

Former Executive Director, Mr Zulkifli Bin Mohammed, who was appointed on 8 April 2012, has retired on 31 December 2016.

**(b) Occupation of current office-holders:**

Chairman	-	Low Beng Tin (Entrepreneur)
Vice-Chairman	-	Lau Tang Ching (Doctor)
Secretary	-	Benjamin Gaw (Lawyer)
Treasurer	-	Fang Lee Wei (Chief Financial Officer)

(c), (d), (e) & (f) - Not Applicable

**(g) Principal Funding sources of the Charity:**

- Fund Raising events (e.g Charity Golf, Charity Gala Dinner)
- Donations from corporations, companies and well-wishers