

**NATIONAL ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION
Annual Report for Year Ended 31 December 2017**

The Foundation was set up on 27 June 1984 as a society. It was registered under the Charities Act 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:

Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
Lau Tang Ching	Chairman	28 July 2012
Wilson Chew	Vice-Chairman	28 July 2012
Benjamin Gaw	Secretary	28 July 2012
Alex Chua	Treasurer	25 July 2015
Fang Lee Wei	Member	25 July 2016
Elizabeth Ang	Member	16 Aug 2014
Anindita Santosa	Member	22 July 2017
John Steven Manning	Member	22 July 2017

General Council:

Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
Michael Wong	President	25 Nov 2013
Sin Boon Ann	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	Vice-President	28 July 2012
Zulkifli Mohammed	Member	25 July 2016
Lim Khoon Leng	Member	25 July 2016
Chan Soo Sen	Member	25 July 2016
Lau Tang Ching	Member	28 July 2012
Benjamin Gaw	Member	28 July 2012
Alex Chua	Member	25 July 2015

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 and Permanent Residents 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: 350 - Life & Annual Members.

Primary Function

The Foundation is open to the public for participation in its charitable activities geared towards helping needy Arthritis patients, families and caregivers' education.

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

REVIEW OF YEAR 2017

Staffing

As at 31 December 2017, there are 2 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
- 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 Events - 2017

- 10 June 33rd Annual General Meeting
- 20 June Annual Council Meeting
- 31 August Charity Golf Tournament
- 3 November World Arthritis Day
- 10 November Charity Gala Dinner
- 8 December JIA Day

Fundraising Event and Activity

Three Fund-Raising charity events was organised / supported by NAF on 1 May (SICC May Day Golf), 1 August (Charity Golf Tournament) and on 10 November (Charity Gala Dinner) to raise money for NAF's general fund to help meets its objectives in patient treatment subsidy, patient education and general operations. A total amount of \$413,282 was raised from these events.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATE AND EXPLANATION OF MAJOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The Foundation has a surplus of \$209,055 in FY2017, with a balance of funds of \$1,034,410 as at 31 Dec 2017.

Top 3 donors are SICC (\$95,400), ToteBoard (\$52,980), Triangle Auto (\$27,000) respectively whilst top 3 payments to vendors were as follows:

- a) SICC (\$27,541.98) for co-payment for SICC May Day event
- b) CrossTrade Solutions (\$35,580 for Gala Dinner and Charity Golf event management
- c) Four Seasons Hotel (\$26,503.70) 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

(b) Occupation of current office-holders:

Chairman	-	Lau Tang Ching (Doctor)
Vice-Chairman	-	Wilson Chew (Economist)
Secretary	-	Benjamin Gaw (Lawyer)
Treasurer	-	Alex Chua (Director)

(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