

**NATIONAL ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION  
Annual Report for Year Ended 31 December 2018**

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** : 100 Lorong 23 Geylang  
#01-01 D'Centennial  
Singapore 388398

**Governing Board Members / Management Committee:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Date of Appointment</b>
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
Yeong Wai Teck	Member	31 May 2018
Neo Chia Reei	Designate Member	31 May 2018
Amee Parikh	Designate Member	31 May 2018

**General Council:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Date of Appointment</b>
Low Beng Tin	President	30 Jun 2018
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
Zulkifli Mohammed	Vice-President	25 July 2016
Lim Khoon Leng	Member	25 July 2016
Lau Tang Ching	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 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 2018**

### **Staffing**

As at 31 December 2018, there are 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
- 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 - 2018**

- 27 June Annual Council Meeting
- 30 June 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
- 31 August Charity Golf and Dinner Event
- 12 October World Arthritis Day

## **Fundraising Event and Activity**

Two Fund-Raising charity events was organised / supported by NAF on 1 May (SICC May Day Golf) and 31 August (Charity Golf Tournament) 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 \$406,214 was raised from these events.

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

The Foundation has a surplus of \$83,786 in FY2018, with a balance of funds of \$1,118,196 as at 31 Dec 2018.

Top 3 donors are ToteBoard (\$100,000), SICC (\$44,000) and Advanced Holdings (\$20,000) respectively whilst top 3 payments to vendors were as follows:

- a) Sentosa Golf Club (\$68,659.04) for Golf and F&B costs
- b) I-Max Design & Build Pte Ltd (\$19,000) for new office renovations
- c) CrossTrade Solutions (\$18,944) for Charity Golf & Dinner logistics and Management

## **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	-	Fang Lee Wei (CFO)

(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