

**Podiatry Association (Singapore)  
Executive Committee 2019-2021 Elections**

**NOMINATION ACNNOUNCEMENT**

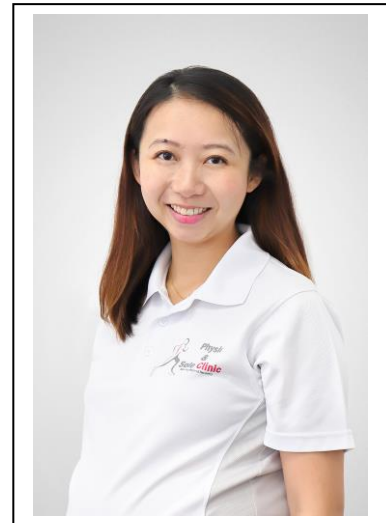
<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominees</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
President	Fiona Hu Wenyan	Walkover
Treasurer	Kwok Siew Keong	Walkover
Public Relations	Kimberley Leow	Walkover
Secretary		Vacant
Continuing Education		Vacant
Vice President		Vacant

## President

**Name: Fiona Hu Wenyan**

*Nominator: Lynn Toh; Secunder: Tay Kai Ming*

Current employer: Physio & Sole Clinic  
 Length of practice in Singapore: 10 years 1 month  
 Length of practice: same as above  
 Membership with PA(S): 2009 - 2019  
 Past PA(S) committees:  
 CE officer 2011-2013, President 2013-2015



## Manifesto

### The Podiatry Setting in Singapore

Unlike in Australia and United Kingdom, Podiatrists in Singapore are not fully recognised for our expertise in specialised skills. There seem to be a general perception that Podiatrists mainly perform routine nail care. There is a lack of awareness of the Podiatry profession in the general population and most Singaporeans do not know Podiatrists are able to treat various foot and ankle conditions, including musculoskeletal and dermatological pathologies. The dearth in understanding of the profession may accentuate many issues faced by Podiatrists in Singapore, such as:

- A decrease in demand for Podiatry services as other healthcare professions or market opportunists undertake similar roles
- Perpetual shortage of experienced Podiatrists to cope with clinic demand and provide training for the next generation of Podiatrists
- Lack of learning opportunities and development for new Podiatrists

Therefore, I believe there is boundless work to be done for us to progress as a profession.

### Vision & Mission

If elected as president, I will strive to ensure Podiatry Association (Singapore) continuously explores ways to gather resources required for the active promotion and development of Podiatry as a recognised foot health profession in Singapore. The Association will endeavour to organise ample learning opportunities for Podiatrists to further develop their clinical skills.

In the long run, I hope my term in the Association can help Podiatrists attain higher professional recognition, aiding us to overcome certain practice barriers and improve the knowledge and standards of our profession.

## Treasurer

**Name: Kwok Siew Keong**

*Nominator: Marabelle Heng; Seconder : Renee Lee*

Current employer: Singapore General Hospital  
 Length of practice in Singapore: 4 years 1 month  
 Length of practice: same as above  
 Membership with PA(S): 2018 to 2019  
 Past PA(S) committee: nil



### Manifesto

Being in the business of feet, we must ensure we personally put our best foot forward towards a better tomorrow not just in clinical care, but also for the wider Podiatry fraternity as we bring about greater awareness and advancement of our profession in Singapore.

As we move forward, there must be purposefulness in our endeavours while building on the strengths our own Podiatrists here in Singapore. We should keep an open mind and embrace changes we can make while we advance with technology creatively in an evolving medical world.

In addition, we should uphold the integrity and image of our Association and pursue for excellence in our professional undertakings. We should continue to build the good faith in each other as professionals for their expertise and also as a professional body to support each other's needs. Notwithstanding, a continuous understanding of the needs of our local community allow us to provide timely support to both the Podiatrists and community.

Having 5yrs of experience in the public hospital and a post-grad in business management, I have an appreciation of how our healthcare system functions. Running for the Treasurer, I hope to bring my skills with both a clinical and business background to assist in managing the finances of PAS, and help to appropriate finances wisely to the benefit of PAS members. In addition, having experience in various Exco Planning Committees in the hospital (Podiatry Day, Allied Health Division Retreat, Learning & Inquiry Committee, etc), I also hope to assist the new PAS President and Vice-President by supporting them in the capacity of Treasurer or Secretary.

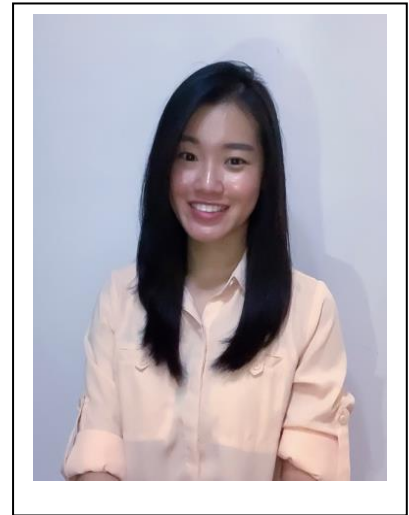
I look forward to being able to serve in the PAS Committee and I hope my contributions in one manner or another can help to build a better Podiatry community for the future.

## Public Relations

**Name: Kimberley Leow**

*Nominator: Marabelle Heng; Seconder: Renee Lee*

Current Employer: Sengkang General Hospital  
Length of practice in Singapore: 1 year 1 month  
Length of practice: same as above  
Membership with PA(S): 2018 to 2019  
Past PA(S) committee: nil



### Manifesto

When I was a podiatry student, I will always have friends and relatives asking about who we are and what we do. It was not until I started work that I realised Podiatry and the idea of foot health in Singapore was also not very prominent. Podiatry may be a small and growing profession, however there are still many people who are unsure who to look for when one has a foot problem. This is the reason why I want greater publicity for podiatry and foot health in Singapore. My ultimate goal in the long run is to spread public awareness and make podiatry a household occupation. If we can start educating people from a younger age about the importance of foot health, just like dental education in primary schools, people will know where to get the help they need when it comes to the foot.

I will like to run for the role of Public Relation Officer in PA(S) because the role gives me the greatest chance to increase the visibility of our profession in Singapore. I feel that when the importance of foot health is publicised, it can help us, podiatrists, to reach out to more people who needs our expertise.

For a start, I am in the midst of working together with a local Polytechnic to give talks to healthcare / science students, educating them about Podiatry and the importance of foot health. Ultimately, the goal is to recruit interested students keen to take part in continuing the education and promotion of foot health in Singapore. The students can brainstorm new blueprint projects, and take this opportunity to increase their exposure and knowledge to the healthcare industry and podiatry. We, as a profession, can assist them by volunteering our knowledge in this field to help promote the change in knowledge and attitudes of people towards their foot health. Through these interactions, we will create a positive image about Podiatry and be recognised by the public. In addition, once people know of our expertise in this field, people will become more receptive of podiatric treatments that we recommend.

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I strongly feel that if we can start educating the public of the importance of foot health, we will be able to increase the recognition of our profession as podiatrists. If elected as PRO, I promise to dedicate my time to forge a closer community with the public through meaningful projects. I hope to create a platform whereby members of PA(S) can engage and build positive relationships amongst ourselves and with the community.

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