



Casa de Macau Cultural and Recreational Centre in Ontario

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Dear members,

Lunar New Year. Once again, on Feb. 18, we had the opportunity to celebrate the Lunar New Year at the Grandeur Restaurant with our friends, one of the most popular festivities in the Macao. In total, 111 members registered, which represented the maximum number allowed in that hall. To start off the festivity, the Casa Board was present on the stage to wish everyone “Kung Hei Fat Choi” and good health. Four of our youngest members were present for the opening ceremony by lighting up “firecrackers”. Each of them received a “laisi” as their gift. Also, all members received a lucky “laisi” gift presented to them by the Board of Directors while enjoying delicious Chinese cuisine. As a surprise, cards were distributed to each member at their table, one of which carried a winning symbol. The winner of this card gets to receive their table centrepiece, which was a “lucky dragon (Loong)” plush toy. As usual, before the party ended, we had a very traditional “laisi” lucky draw and 10 members received prizes ranging from \$10 to \$50, depending on the “laisi” that they selected.

2024 AGM. The annual general meeting took place right after the Lunar New Year celebration. Jose welcomed all members that were present followed by the Announcement and Confirmation of Quorum. As of February 17, 2024, our Full (paid up) members were 181. Minimum quorum requirement of 20% or 36 members (present or by proxy) was met. We had 71 attendees and 51 proxies totalling 122 Full members. The Quorum was met at 67.4%. This year, we had to hold an election as we received 2 sets of candidates. Members of the current Board (Fernanda da Rocha, Ivone Carion, Jose Cordeiro, Jose (Zito) Rodrigues and Robert Chan) ran as a Slate and Rita Ashley as Individual. The result was as follows:

(In alphabetical order)

Ashley, Rita – 6 votes
 Carion, Ivone – 125 votes
 Chan, Robert – 125 votes
 Cordeiro, Jose – 124 votes
 Rocha, Fernanda – 125 votes
 Rodrigues, Jose – 123 votes



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2024 Program

A few days ago, the Board held a virtual meeting and approved the following:

Committees

Clubhouse:	Zito Rodrigues and Virginia Sanchez
Social:	Jose Cordeiro and Virginia Sanchez
Tai-chi:	Antonio Almeida and Geraldo Silva
Karaoke:	Johnson Ng and Frank Lam
Encontro-2024:	Jose Cordeiro, Robert Chan and Zito Rodrigues
Constitution review:	Fernanda da Rocha and Ivone Carion

Regular events

1st Social and 2nd social, Tai-chi, Karaoke and Ping-pong continue as before. However, the “wheel of fame” lucky draw during the 1st Thursday Social is replaced by a free dinner for birthday members who attend the function

Special events

April and May – Mahjong tournament (date to be announced)

June 1 – Casa’s 35th Anniversary and 402nd Dia de Macau

September 14 or 15 (tentative) – EGM and Mid-Autumn Festival

November 30 - Encontro in Macau

January 4, 2025 (tentative) – New Year Celebration (Please note that plans for Christmas Celebration are cancelled due to the Encontro as a large number of members would be in Macau, including Board officers).

We welcome new members!

Full members:

Cristina Antunes (Telma Brito’s niece)

Kimberley de Pina (Maria Wong’s granddaughter)

Fernanda Ozorio and Jack Mak (Lydia Ozorio’s daughter and son-in-law)

Associate member:

Maria Rosario (Orieta de Lemos’s cousin living in Edmonton)

The 2024 Board looks forward to your continued support. Please feel free to contact any of the Board members, if you wish to share your suggestions and ideas so that we can continue to work towards building a successful Casa de Macau community.

Regards,

The Board of Directors