

Introducing the Candidates for the Election of FOM Council 2022-2023 Representatives

PRESIDENT – MILLIE PHUAH



Millie took on the role of President of FOM in Dec 2021.

She is a Singaporean and joined FOM in 2015. She is a docent at IHC, MHC, NMS and SYSNMH. Between 2018 and 2020, she was Co-Overall Head of Docent Training and a co-opted member of the Council. This follows her earlier roles as IHC Coordinator, Co-Head of Docent Training at MHC and SYSNMH. She also enjoys helping out with training presentations.

Prior to FOM, Millie was in the broadcast and video industry for over three decades, with credits for work both behind and in front of the camera, including directing, presenting, writing and leading editorial teams. She went on to start her own media companies, joined the start-up world and was a pioneer in Singapore's streaming media and webcast technology industry.

Millie majored in History and Political Science at the National University of Singapore, and as a European Union scholar, completed a MSc in Conservation at University College London. She loves museums, travelling the port cities and the sea.

VICE PRESIDENT – KAREN NG



A graduate from the University of London, Karen has a Bachelor of Laws, as well as a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Western Australia.

Karen has a wealth of experience in the banking sector across various banks for 16 years. She is currently an Associate Mediator with Singapore Mediation Centre.

She joined FOM to train as a docent at Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall in 2015. From 2016 to present, she has been serving as the SYSNMH Museum Coordinator. She is a certified personal trainer and is also a Taekwondo black belt 1st Dan holder.

HONORARY SECRETARY – LEE HONG LENG



Hong Leng took on the role of Secretary in September 2022. She joined FOM in 2019 and is a docent at the National Museum of Singapore.

She was a co-head of training for the 2021/2022 cohort of the NMS Docent Training Programme. She also contributed to research for the Changi Chapel and Museum.

Before joining FOM, Hong Leng was an English Language teacher and was Deputy Director, Design Branch of the Communications and Engagement Group at the Ministry of Education. She retired from civil service in 2018.

She enjoys travelling, reading, good food and dabbling in pottery.

HONORARY TREASURER – LINDA LIM



Linda joined FOM in 2019 and is a docent with National Museum of Singapore and the Kampong Gelam Heritage Trails. She currently serves as NMS coordinator. She majored in Comparative Sociology as well as a Masters in Business Administration from Monash University, Australia.

Prior to FOM, Linda spent 22 years in the banking industry and held various roles across Asia Pacific business segments with the last 14 years in learning and talent management space, both in Singapore and Hong Kong.

Since retiring in 2016, Linda managed to accomplish her two passions; a culinary chef program and a museum docent training program. Now she spends time cooking for leisure, travel, learning about history & culture and volunteering at hospice.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MUSEUMS – CHARLOTTE DAWSON



After working as an architect in New Orleans, Charlotte’s family began a life overseas in 2007.

Joining FOM in 2017, Charlotte immediately took part in the URA Chinatown Heritage Trails docent training. A love for history, research and guiding was born! She then participated in NMS docent training, and subsequently the pilot programmes for MHF Kampong Gelam Trail, Fort Siloso Trail, and Changi Chapel and Museum. She was Cohead for NMS docent training, and later served on the NMS Committee as Docent Activity Coordinator. Through the covid period, she took on the roles of Overall Co-Head of Training, co-opted member of Council, and NMS co-Coordinator. For the past year she has served as the FOM Council Representative for Museums.

In her spare time, Charlotte enjoys decorating cookies, much to her teenagers’ delight!

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS – MICHELLE LIM



Michelle joined FOM in 2017 and was co-head of docent training at NMS in 2018. A former diplomat with the Singapore Foreign Service, she holds a BBA from NUS and a Master of Journalism from the University of Hong Kong.

Throughout her career, Michelle has worked in the public and private sectors, including flag carrier Singapore Airlines in the product & services as well as marketing divisions, international media company CNN, and was Head Content, Strategic Communications, at HTX (Home Team Science and Technology Agency). She is an experienced communications specialist and has held roles in Singapore and overseas.

Michelle delights in exploring museums, reading, and travelling, and has a passion for art, culture, and history.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION – OKSANA KOKHNO



Oksana moved to Singapore with her husband and 4 children. Fancying new exotic destinations, the entire family embraced travelling Asia.

Oksana joined FOM's 2016 ACM Docent training, and served in the 2017-18 ACM training team as Speaker Coordinator. She took on the role of Monday Morning Lecture coordinator in 2018-20. She was also one of the ACM 2020-22 Coordinators, and concurrently pursued a SOAS Post-graduate diploma in Asian Art, which she received in September 2021.

Guiding was integral to Oksana's life since she was very young.

Her mother and personal guide, passionately introduced Oksana to many expressions of human creativity: be it baroque music, rococo architecture, orthodox Christianity icons, Modigliani paintings, Tchekov's plays or Pushkin's poems. As such, in Oksana's heart longing for art shares its place with love for ballet and learning of the Chinese language.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MEMBER ACTIVITIES – ROBYN LLOYD



Robyn hails from Melbourne and arrived in Singapore at the start of 2020.

Discovering FOM later that year she immersed herself - joined a book group, participated in study group and in 2021, undertook the Kampong Gelam Heritage Trail training.

In 2022, she took on co-coordinator roles for KGHT and the Friday non-fiction bookgroup. Robyn's undergraduate studies were in science, her post-grad in technology and she worked in IT for 30+ years.

Having left the paid workforce behind, she now spends her time following her true passions, career coaching, art and art history, following international politics and exploring this amazing region.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MARKETING – RUPA TAMSITT



After holding Global Technology Sales roles for over 20 years, whilst living and working in Europe, Asia and the US, Rupa joined FOM in 2019.

Today Rupa guides at the National Museum of Singapore and Changi Chapel & Museum. She's also part of the PASSAGE Magazine Editorial team, and NMS DOT team. Rupa was previously CoHead of NMS Docent Training, one of the NMS leads on the Museum Enthusiasts programme, and part of the Fort Siloso and CCM research groups.

Rupa is a foodie who enjoys travel, cake decorating, watching live formula 1 and tennis, and volunteering with elders in Singapore.