

## INTRODUCING THE CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION OF FOM COUNCIL 2023-2024 REPRESENTATIVES

### **PRESIDENT — LEE HONG LENG**



Hong Leng joined FOM in 2019 and is a docent at the National Museum of Singapore (NMS). She was a Co-Head of training for the 2021/2022 cohort of the NMS docent training programme. She contributed to research for the Changi Chapel and Museum and is now a docent there.

Before joining FOM, Hong Leng was an English Language teacher and was Deputy Director at the Design Branch of the Communications and Engagement Group at the Ministry of Education. She retired from the Civil Service in 2018. She enjoys travelling, reading, good food, and dabbling in pottery.

Hong Leng served on the FOM Council 2023 as Honorary Secretary.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT – KAREN NG**



A graduate from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce as well as from the University of London with a Bachelor of Laws. Karen was previously a Private Banker with various private banks in Singapore. She is currently an Associate Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre.

She joined FOM to train as a docent at the Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (SYSNMH) in 2015. From 2016 to 2022, she served as the SYSNMH Museum Coordinator.

Karen served on the FOM Council 2023 as Vice-President.

### **HONORARY SECRETARY – MICHELLE LIM**



Michelle joined FOM in 2017 and was Co-Head of docent training at NMS in 2018. A former diplomat, she holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) from the National University of Singapore and a Master of Journalism from the University of Hong Kong.

Throughout her career, Michelle has worked in both the public and private sectors. Michelle delights in exploring museums, reading, and travelling, and has a passion for art, culture, and history.

Michelle served on the FOM Council 2023 as the Representative for Communications.

## **HONORARY TREASURER – LINDA LIM**



Linda joined FOM in 2019 and is a docent at NMS and the Kampong Gelam Heritage Trails. She majored in Comparative Sociology and has a Master of 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 the 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 a hospice.

Linda served on the FOM Council 2023 as Honorary Treasurer.

## **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS — LARISSA WIEGELE**



Half Czech and half Scottish, Larissa grew up in Belgium. She studied Marketing and Languages at university in the UK and subsequently worked for the National Health Service.

Following on from her move to Vienna, she trained as a guide for Austria. In 2011, Larissa moved to Singapore with her family and has been here ever since!

She trained with FOM in 2015/16, has been Group Leader on the NMS training team three times, and now for the last year and a half has been Co-Coordinator at NMS. Her hobbies include cooking and mahjong.

## **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MUSEUMS — TABITHA MANRESA**



Tabitha has been living in Singapore since 2013 when she moved from her home in Colorado, USA. She is a former Graphic Designer and Marketing Director who worked in advertising and marketing for 20 years prior to moving overseas.

Since joining FOM, she became a docent of the URA-Chinatown Heritage Trails in 2020, just in time for Covid. She currently serves as the CHT Co-Coordinator, Scheduler and was the 2023 Co-Head of Training. She is a Heritage and History docent for Gillman Barracks as well as their Scheduler and is currently in docent training for STPI.

Tabitha is a serial volunteer having worked for loads of random school, community, and government organisations. When not in a museum or at a heritage site, she can be found still trying to learn how to properly play badminton or torturing her pipa instructor.

#### **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MARKETING — RUPA TAMSITT**



Rupa joined FOM in 2019, after holding global technology roles for over 20 years, whilst living and working in Europe, Asia and the US. Today Rupa guides at NMS and Changi Chapel & Museum (CCM). She's also part of the NMS Docent Ongoing Training team. Rupa was previously Co-Head of NMS docent training, one of the 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 F1 and tennis and volunteering with elders in Singapore.

Rupa served on the FOM Council 2023 as the Representative for Marketing.

#### **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 book group and this year became a Changi Chapel & Museum docent.

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, art and art history, following international politics and exploring this amazing region.

Robyn served on the FOM Council 2023 as the Representative for Member Activities.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION &  
MEMBERSHIP — PAROMA SEN**



Paroma moved to Singapore in 2013. She joined the docent training programme in 2019, graduating in 2020, right in the middle of Covid! Paroma was part of the Speaker Coordinator team and a Group Leader in the 2021-22 Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) Training Team. She is currently part of the ACM Docent Ongoing Training team.

Prior to her move to Singapore, Paroma worked in auction houses like Christie's and Bonhams in London, UK. She holds a BA in History and a Master's diploma in both Journalism and Art History. Paroma loves to travel, cook, and watch TV shows about travel and food.