



## EMAS Bulletin October

This October, an all important decision lies before all EMAS members. The fate of the association needs to be decided upon by EMAS members. The upcoming Annual General Meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011, and at this meeting, the EXCO is putting forth a Resolution pertaining to the future of EMAS that must be passed.

There are three options available for the resolution. The options are as given below, and the rationale behind each option extended will be discussed in detail at the AGM.

The EXCO exhorts each and every member to take note of this critical point in EMAS' history and growth as an association. Now is the time to take a stand as an EMAS member, and a part of our industry. Be sure to turn up to make YOUR voice heard, and to do your part for our industry.

## Proposed Resolution to be passed at the 25<sup>th</sup> EMAS AGM

### 1. Leadership takeover

- Current EXCO have been carrying through various initiatives through the last few years
- Need for fresh batch of leaders to take over, as the current EXCO need to also balance the association work with their business interests
- Fair to all for the leadership to be on a rotational basis
- There needs to be more members stepping forward to lead, and to help shape the association, and takeover from the current EXCO
- Lack of leadership will lead to the association failing to achieve its objectives

### 2. Retain EXCO but permanent staff running the association (creating special category)

- If suitable leadership takeover cannot be done, there is a need to take on a permanent manager to handle association related material, and take some of the workload off the EXCO
  - A capable manager is needed to handle association agenda including recruitment, events management and other secretariat
  - This would allow current EXCO to remain in leadership, whilst still being able to manage their own business commitments
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### 3. Closing association

- In the event that the above two resolutions cannot go through, EMAS will have to consider closing the association
  - Lack of consensus on the above two options indicates that there is a lack of drive to keep the association going
  - The association cannot be kept afloat by the efforts of the EXCO alone, as all EXCO members are not dedicated staff and have their own business interests to manage as well
  - Without adequate support, the only option left is for the association to close down, and for members to then go back to engaging government on a piecemeal basis
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