



EMAS Bulletin March 2012

It has been an eventful February, and before you know it, we have reached the start of yet another month. EMAS has a few updates from the events of February, for the members who regrettably missed out on the events.

Lou Hei

The Lou Hei was held on 6th February with a total of 58 participants from EMAS member companies, as well as representatives from the National Environment Agency (NEA) as well as Restroom Association of Singapore (RAS). The event was a good opportunity for EMAS members to network with related associations. EMAS hopes that this will be a positive start for EMAS members for 2012. The President shared on upcoming activities for EMAS members, and announced the appointment of Senior Minister of State Grace Fu, as EMAS Advisor for 2012.



EMAS Bowling Tournament

Held on 19th February, the event was a rousing success, with a total of 14 companies, with 26 teams who participated in the event. Most teams were fielded by EMAS members, although NEA did field one team, which came in 4th overall for the day.

Winners for the day were:

- Overall Winner – CBM Pte Ltd
- 1st Runner Up – ISS Red Devils team
- 2nd Runner Up – Karcher Pte Ltd

Individual Male Winner & Female Winner were also from CBM Pte Ltd
NEA came in a close 4th by just 60 points from the 2nd runner up

EMAS would also like to thank the sponsors for the event:

- EMAS Bowling trophies sponsored by Karcher Pte Ltd
- Banner and water sponsored by Qool Enviro Pte Ltd

It was an enjoyable day out for most of the participants, and staff of companies had a chance to interact, with many asking for more activities to encourage bonding and friendships within the industry. With the success of this event, there has been talk of a Futsal and Bowling League of the industry, and EMAS is keen to explore this if there are enough indications of interest.



EXCO Meeting with SMS Grace Fu

Held on 20th of February, the EXCO took the opportunity to share with SMS Fu, the objectives of the association, and the direction it felt that the association should pursue to address long term sustainability and heightened professionalism for the industry. The EXCO focused on the following issues in particular:

1. Improved education for service buyers to manage contracts and go beyond price alone as the pivotal decision factor
2. Dealing with one-sided contracts to ensure that service providers are treated fairly
3. The need to establish an independent arbitration for contract mediation
4. The challenges and limitations with LDs in contracts
5. The challenge with adopting new practices and methods because of existing market norms and needing to "compare apples with apples"
6. To consider making it a mandatory joint responsibility of all stakeholders to alleviate the plight of the low wage worker.

With these issues in mind, the EMAS EXCO will work closely with SMS Fu in coming months, to address some of the issues. With SMS Fu's advice and help, we believe that more can now be achieved by the association.

Next, EMAS would like to update members on upcoming activities in the coming months.

March

Date	Event	Details
8 th March	EMAS EXCO Meeting	The EXCO will be meeting to discuss arrangements for upcoming initiatives it hopes for the association to push out. Updates from this meeting will be extended to all members.
29 th March	EMAS Networking Event	

April

Date	Event	Details
23 rd – 27 th April	Trade Mission to Hong Kong	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some details are listed in the attachment and those interested should have their interest conveyed to Foo Meng at foomeng@epc.com.sg, as EMAS is firming up the numbers and the budgetary costs. Your commitment at this stage would be important, so that we are able to have you updated on upcoming meetings with regards to any of these mission trips.

May

Date	Event	Details
4 th May	EMAS Golf Tournament	This would be a good opportunity for members to meet up and socialize over a good round of friendly golf. More details about this event will be extended at a later date
8 th – 11 th May	ISSA Interclean in Amsterdam	1. Some details are listed in the attachment and those interested should have their interest conveyed to Foo Meng at foomeng@epc.com.sg , as EMAS is firming up the numbers and the budgetary costs. Your commitment at this stage would be important, so that we are able to have you updated on upcoming meetings with regards to any of these mission trips.

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