

SSA President Caroline Yang re-elected for a third term

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The Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) – the industry voice of Singapore’s maritime community – announced the re-election of Caroline Yang as President for another two-year term. Seven ordinary members of the SSA were first elected during the Association’s 27th AGM on 28th June 2023. The 2023/2025 Council also co-opted four members into their Council. There are two more members that the elected council will need to co-opt into the Council.

Elected Ordinary Members for the 2023/2025 Council are:

Company	Name of Representative
AP Moller Singapore Pte Ltd	Mr. René Piil Pedersen, Managing Director
Hong Lam Marine Pte Ltd	Ms. Caroline Yang, Chief Executive Officer
Iseaco Investment Pte Ltd	Ms. Katie Men, Managing Director
Ocean Network Express Pte Ltd	Mr. Colin de Souza, Regional Head – South Asia
Orient Maritime Agencies Pte Ltd	Mr. Lakhbir Singh, Chief Executive Officer
Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd	Mr. Teo Teng Seng, Advisor
Thenamaris Pte Ltd	Mr. Apostolos Boutos, General Manager

Co-opted Members as of 30 June 2023 are:

Company	Name of Representative
Cyan Renewables Pte. Ltd.	Mr. Lee Keng Lin, Chief Executive Officer
Sinoda Shipping Agency Pte Ltd	Ms. Akanksha Batura Pai, Head of Strategy and Growth

DNV	Ms. Cristina Saenz de Santa Maria, VP, Regional Manager South East Asia, Pacific & India, Maritime
Rajah & Tann	Mr. Leong Kah Wah, Partner

Ms Yang has been at the helm of the Association through some of shipping's most challenging times. Her first two years in office covered the outbreak of COVID-19 during which time she oversaw a number of initiatives that placed Singapore at the forefront of the global response to the plight of seafarers. More recently SSA and maritime as a whole have been grappling with the volatile geopolitical situation which has resulted in the redirection of trade routes and flows, trend of regionalisation where countries are enacting their own regulations like the EU-ETS, the increased pressure to decarbonise shipping at an accelerated rate and the challenge of attracting younger talents into the industry.

Following her successful re-election, Ms Yang said: "I am humbled by the support and trust of the SSA members, and the Council have shown in me and am truly grateful to be re-elected President of an Association whose members are forward-looking and dynamic. I remain committed to help the Association grow stronger and strengthen its already trusted partner credentials. Together with the Council and the SSA secretariat, we will endeavour to represent our members and provide deep thought leadership in the most crucial issues of our time such as digital transformation and cybersecurity, decarbonisation, talent attraction and retention.

"I would like to extend my gratitude to Gerbrand Vroegop of ING Bank, Ng Ee Ping of Kontiki Shipping and Gina Lee-Wan of Allen & Gledhill, who has retired from the Council, for their various contributions to the SSA operational committees. I welcome the new council and co-opted council members, and I look forward to them carrying the torch with me as we navigate the future of shipping for our members," she added.

Ms. Yang will be supported by two Vice Presidents and the SSA Secretariat headed by Mr. Michael Phoon, Executive Director. The two Vice Presidents nominated by the 2023/2025 Council are Mr. René Piil Pedersen, Managing Director, AP Moller Singapore Pte Ltd and Ms. Katie Men, Managing Director, Iseaco Investment.

The make-up of the new Council reflects the diversity of shipping as a whole with females and members from different nationalities in prominent roles. The Council also benefits from representatives of multinationals working alongside those from small to medium-sized enterprises, giving authority to its position as a leading voice in the maritime sector.

About the Singapore Shipping Association

The Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) represents a wide spectrum of shipping companies and other businesses allied to the shipping industry. It is a national trade association formed in 1985 to serve and promote the interests of its members and to enhance the competitiveness of Singapore as an International Maritime Centre.

To achieve its objectives, the SSA engages and collaborates with the shipping industry key stakeholders and is a trusted advisor and partner to related government agencies. SSA is also actively involved in promoting the interests of shipping in Singapore and internationally. The SSA has been appointed to executive seats and co-operates with other regional and international shipping organisations to protect the marine environment and promote freedom and safety at sea. Despite being a not-for-profit organisation, SSA strives to give back generously on behalf of its members, to the community in Corporate Social Responsibilities activities.

Currently, the SSA represents 500 member companies; comprising ship owners and operators, ship managers, ship agents and other ancillary companies such as shipbrokers, classification societies, marine insurers, bunker suppliers, maritime lawyers, shipping bankers and startups amongst others.

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