

South African Arthroplasty Society
Minutes of the “Annual” General Meeting
Century City Conference Centre

Date: 30th March 2017, 13h00

Items for discussion

1. Opening and welcome
2. Matters of urgency
3. Adoption of minutes
4. Matters arising
5. Financial report
6. Congresses
7. SAAS Constitution
8. Formal Presidential handover
9. Any other matters

Opening and welcome

1.1 Dr. McLennan-Smith welcomed those that were present and declared the meeting open having satisfied himself that there was a quorum.

Matters of urgency

2.1 There were no matters of urgency.

Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Dr. Alan van Zyl proposed the adoption of the minutes of the last biennial general meeting held in 2015. Dr. Jan De Vos seconded the proposal and the minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

4.1 There were no matters arising.

Financial Reports

5.1 Dr. Robert McLennan-Smith reported that the Society continued to enjoy good financial health. Dr. Alan van Zyl suggested that some of the money invested by the Society be used to sponsor the social function at the time of the congress. Dr Jan De Vos was of the opinion that attendance would be poor if the social function was fully sponsored and he proposed that there be no change to the status quo. He suggested using some of the invested funds for buying joint prosthesis for public hospitals. Dr K Joordan proposed that the funds be used for congress sponsorship of registrars, paying for research assistants and data collection in academic units. Professor Goga suggested that the funds be used for sponsoring of fellows in local Arthroplasty Units in academic hospitals. Dr A van Huuysten suggested that the funds be used to pay for member's access to international journals.

Congresses

6.1 Dr. McLennan-Smith proposed that the next biennial congress be a three day meeting and be held in the same venue (Century City)

6.2 He reported that the Knee Society had requested to piggy-back their meeting onto our next Congress.

6.3 The arthroplasty instructional course will be run by the SAAS at the annual SAOA congress every second year.

6.4 Dr Fraser spoke on behalf of the Executive of the SAOA and presented a proposal to do away with the standalone

biennial arthroplasty congress and rather have a yearly combined meeting at the time of the SAOA meeting. He stated that the SAAS would have full autonomy of the arthroplasty aspect of the combined meeting. The main advantage of the combined meeting would be to cut down on the number of meetings one had to attend in a year. Dr van Zyl pointed out that it was difficult to choose events with combined congresses and the change may effectively reduce the number of available orthopaedic CPD points. Dr De Vos proposed that a letter be sent to all members to canvas opinion and help reach a decision.

SAAS Constitution

7.1 Dr McLennan-Smith pointed out that the constitution mandated that the General Meeting be held within 18 months. He proposed that this term be changed to 24 months and the matter was put to a vote by show of hands. The members accepted the change.

7.2 Dr De Vos brought up the issue of emeritus membership as is the case with the SAOA. The members were against emeritus membership.

Formal Presidential Handover

8.1 Dr. McLennan-Smith formally handed over the Presidency of the Society to Dr. De Vos. His term of office will be for a period of four years.

Any Other Matters

9.1 The membership of SAAS remains open only to members of SAOA.

Closure

10.1 Dr. De Vos closed the meeting. The next general meeting will be held in 2019.