

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETIES OF PATHOLOGY (FSASP) HELD AT THE LORD CHARLES HOTEL, SOMERSET WEST ON SUNDAY 05 SEPTEMBER AT 08:00

1. **APOLOGIES**

S Nayler, M Hale, W van Heerden, D Govender, L Pretorius

2. **PRESENT**

V. Steenkamp, NM Oosthuizen, J George, J Naicker, VL Naicker, N Rapiti, R Thejpal, ROC Kaschula, M Duffield, B Dietrich, K Taylor, TW Schneider, A Stephen, J Kock, S Olivier, L Burger, Y Perner, T Erasmus, A von Gottberg, KSS Han, S Vasaikar, Y Coovadia, M Nasser, R Bavakistan, M Pillay, C Ray, T Dauth, M Münster, RT Erasmus, MJ Coetzee, L Pretorius, ES Lange, VB Jogessar, EJ Raubenheimer

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2009 AGM**

The Minutes were read and signed (Proposed: K Taylor, Seconded: B Dietrich)

4. **EXTENSION TO THE AGENDA**

To be discussed under **New Matters – 6.**

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 **Future FSASP Meetings**

2011: Labmedicine 2011: Sandton Convention Center, 31 August – 4 September: www.labmedicine.co.za

Society representative on the Organizing Committee:

SAACB: tracy.snyman@nhls.ac.za

SASH: Johnny.mahlangu@nhls.ac.za

IAP: Shabnum.Meer@nhls.ac.za

SASCM: olgap@nicd.ac.za

2012: 30 September – 5 October, Cape Town ICC (The IAP hosts the International Meetings and SAACB, SASH and SASCM are requested to establish an organizing committee for this event and arrange a FSASP Congress concomitant with this meeting). The Secretary agreed to setup the 2012 FSASP Organizing Committee. Contact: martin.hale@nhls.ac.za

2013: Joint meeting. The venue will be announced later.

It was noted that the traditional pattern of rotation between academic centers can no longer be applied due to logistics linked to the magnitude of joint meetings. Council is requested to investigate the principle of appointment of successive organizing committees.

5.2 **FSASP Website**

Members agreed with the establishment of a website for the FSASP. The opinions of the Societies will be obtained on the establishment of an electronic journal of Pathology. Dr Tjaart Erasmus recommended that SAMA should be approached for assistance in this regard.

5.3 **Changes to the Constitution**

The amendments to be Constitution were accepted (Proposed: Dr T Erasmus, Seconded: Prof R Erasmus).

5.4 **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer tabled the 2009/10 audited financial report which was accepted (Proposed: M Coetzee, Seconded: ROC Kaschula).

5.5 **PathTech 2009 Durban**

An extremely favorable financial report was tabled by the Secretary. Note has been taken that a R150 000.00 advance was paid to the 2011 Organizing Committee. The Bloemfontein Organizing Committee was thanked for their role in the success of this historic event.

5.6 **PathVine 2010**

Dr CM Meyer reported that 439 Registrants were recorded of which 220 were full time. It is the first time abstracts were in electronic format only (memory stick) and it seemed to work well. Dr Meyer and his Organizing Committee were thanked for their dedication.

5.7 **Tax Exemption**

The application for tax exemption is still pending with SARS.

6. **NEW MATTERS**

6.1 **SASCM Membership of the FSASP**

SASCM was welcomed as the fourth Society of the FSASP. Their representation on the Council of FSASP is through their President who is a permanent member of Council and will serve as President of the FSASP on a rotational basis with the other three Societies.

6.2 **Election of Councilors**

The two Councilors elected by the AGM with open ballot papers were:

Dr B Dietrich
Prof TS Pillay

- 6.3 Prof Jogessar thanked the Federation for the opportunity to serve as President from 2008 – 2010. He looked forward to serving the Federation on Council as outgoing President and thanked Profs Steenkamp and Raubenheimer for support during his term of office.

The Meeting was closed at 08:45 and members were thanked for attending.
The Minutes were taken by the Secretary, Prof E Raubenheimer

SIGNED

DATE