

**Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting** (AGM)

**Venue**: Mpumalanga

**Date**: 09 January 2024

**Time**:

**1. Welcome and opening Remarks**

Chairperson Ms Molimi, welcomed all delegates present and expressed gratitude on seeing the hall being packed. The NEC members introduced themselves as follows:

Chairperson: Ms Geya M.

Deputy Chair: Dr Mathebula M.

Treasurer: Dr Sefolosha A.

Secretary: Ms Maphakela M.

Deputy Secretary: Mr Mtetwa M.

Editor in Chief: Mr Ntshabele T.

2. **Attendance and Apologies**

 In attendance, there were 142 delegates represented by 24 universities.

**\*CPUT,CUT,DUT, MUT, NMU, NWU, RU, SMU, SPU, SU, TUT, UCT, UFH, UJ, UKZN, UL, UNIVEN, UMP, WUP, UP, UFS, WITS, UNIZULU, VUT and WSU\***.

UNISA not in attendance.

UWC are not members of SAACHS.

The conference was duly constituted to can hold an AGM.

A moment of silence was observed.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting and adoption**

University of Mpumalanga approved, and University of Pretoria seconded.

**3. Report on Matters arising from previous minutes**

3.1 SAACHS registration as NPO

The Chairperson announced that we are finally registered as an NPO and this will assist with the challenges we had previously, e.g. Funding or sponsorship.

3.2 Constitutional Amendments

The NEC unanimously approved the constitutional changes in line with the requirements for registration as an NPO. There were variables in the constitution that needed intervention prior registration and the NEC ensured that they are met. Matters that were raised by the KZN region were attended to.

3.3 Terms of reference

Colleagues were urged to visit the constitution as a lot of issues that were raised are better explained in the constitution.

4**. New matters**

4.1 Treasurer has co-signatory, previously the position was held by Sr Klopper and now Dr Mathebula and the nomination was done as a matter of convenience of both members.

4.2 Regions will nominate individuals to be in leadership when the term of the current NEC comes to an end. In principle it is clear that, when new elections are held, everyone in the NEC resigns and if the current members are still available for nomination and are chosen again, the nomination is valid. The term of office does not mention a specific person but a member that is chosen and voted for by a region/s.

4.3 It is clear that not all delegates receive minutes, updates from the NEC when communicated. HODs are urged to share the information provided to all delegates in due course. The AGM is not a platform to share such information but to give feedback and resolutions.

4.4 Regions cannot have their own bank accounts as we are now registered and need to be regulated with SAACHS funds, only a central account will be used.

4.5 Regional updates

* **KZN**: Chairperson: Ms Gugu Zondi; Secretary: Mr Spha Mfuneka; Deputy Chairperson: Ms Hlengiwe Mkhwanazi; Deputy Secretary: Ms Lerato Mndaweni; Treasurer: Mr Zothile Ngwenya; Editor: Ms Mlondi Sithole.
* **EC**: Chairperson: Dr Tandiwe Mangxa; Secretary: Mr Siyanda Sango; Deputy Chairperson: Ms Nosipho Mzinyathi; Deputy Secretary: Ms Nomathamsanqa Fanisi; Treasurer: Mr Nafthali Manyathela; Editor: Ms Emelda Lewis.
* **WC**: Will assemble in due course.
* **GP**: Chairperson: Ms Mmaphuti Kekana; Secretary: Mr Olebogeng Moshwene; Deputy Chairperson: Ms Lerato Ramafalo; Deputy Secretary: Ms Mpho Motsekoa; Deputy Secretary: Ms Selokela Mokono; Editor: Vacant.
* **FS**: Chairperson: Ms Riana Johnson; Secretary: Deputy Chairperson: Thapelo Morapeli; Secretary: Sarien de Necker; Deputy Secretary: Thabiso Mokhehle; Treasurer: Shibashiba Moabelo; Editor: Emmarencia Sibanda.
* **LMP**: Chairperson: Mr Edward Dongola; Secretary: Ms Lungile Silombo; Deputy Chairperson: Ms Mpao Mojapelo; Deputy Secretary: Ms Sizeni Mabunda; Treasurer: Ms Thuli Ndou

5**. Financial Report Dr A. Sefolosha**

-Financial reports from the Four SAACHS accounts (Transactional; Cheque; Investment and Savings) were read and all transactions accounted for.

-Risk benefit report (2023) on the use of an external service provider vs Regions organizing the SAACHS conference.

*Discussions from the report:*

-Delegates voiced out that the funds towards paying an external provider was a bit steep, and suggested that provinces organize their own conferences and buy goodie bags instead.

*Conclusion:*

-Regions can decide how to run the conference and if they choose their own service provider, it is also acceptable.

6**. Editors Report**

 Suspended due to time constrains, the report will be read at the Gala dinner.

7**. Chairperson’s Report**

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**WAY FORWARD**

* It remains the prerogative of the hosting Region, based on their abilities, to choose whether to use a service provider when hosting a conference.
* NEC members will hold office for 3 years, after which they will resign and a new committee will be elected.
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Chairperson Secretary