

SOUTH AFRICAN GLAUCOMA SOCIETY

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 20TH JUNE 2009, 12H00
AT SPIER WINE ESTATE**

Present:

Dr Bill Nortje	Dr Colin Cohen
Dr Jonathan Levine	Dr Musi Mokete
Dr Ellen Ancker	Dr Vojin Djordjevic
Dr Japie Vos	Prof Andries Stulting
Dr Susan Williams	Dr Chris Daras
Prof Grant M ^c Laren	Dr Raymond Way
Prof Polla Roux	Dr Danie Louw
Dr Linda Visser	Prof Colin Cook
Dr Frik Potgieter	Dr Anton van Biljon
Dr Petrus Gous	Dr Peter Steven
Dr Shashi Kassen	

1. Welcome: Dr Vos; President, welcomed members attending meeting.
2. Apologies: Nil
3. Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 16 August 2008 were tabled. These were approved and adopted. Proposed: Dr B. Nortje. Seconded: Dr S. Williams.
4. Matters arising from minutes. Nil

5. **President's Report**

I started off as president of SAGS on the 16th August 2008 after the annual SAGS meeting in the Drakensberg. The previous committee was re-elected, with the only new member being Dr Sue Williams. Prof Polla Roux moved on to be the immediate past president.

During the year the EXCO held two face to face meetings in Johannesburg and two teleconferences from the comfort of our own homes, with much less expense. During the first face to face meeting Prof Andries Stulting was elected as vice president of EXCO. Prof Grant McLaren was chosen to take our minutes on a temporary basis.

Dr Sue Williams undertook the task of giving structure to the registrars who want to present at our meetings. We decided to choose only six registrars to present papers and as many as possible to present posters. Dr Williams did a fine job providing guidelines to the registrars as well as to the judges. This year the six registrars were elected according to Dr Williams' criteria by Dr Petrus Gous, Dr Ellen Ancker and myself. It was also the responsibility of the EXCO to invite our speaker for this year, Dr Hans Lemij. The speaker and date for 2010 was also set.

Dr Ellen Ancker did the coordination for World Glaucoma Day 6 March 2009. Out of her busy practice, she held numerous meetings with the trade. We applaud her for the great effort she has put into this event. Dr Ancker also worked as congress convener for our 2009 meeting. Working with Smoothevents and the trade, I can assure you that, she has dedicated many hours to making this meeting the success that you can see.

My EXCO for 2009-2010 were always willing, available, respectful and loyal to me and our society. To them a great thank you.

Smoothevents did a great job with our EXCO meetings and with this meeting. Thank you also to Charmaine and to your team for keeping the wheels from coming off, we appreciate all that you did.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Questions were asked regarding profits of congress. Dr Norjte said the finances were managed separately by Smoothevents and nett profit transferred to SAGS Account.

SAGS FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2009 : DR B. NORTJE

Balance sheet figures @ 28 February 2009

Total Capital in SAGS	R368 323.40
Bank Balance's @ 17 June 2009	
FNB Current Account	R 72 194.19
FNB Money Market	R363 464.98
Investec Income Distribution	<u>R 38 953.03</u>
TOTAL	R474 612.20

Liabilities

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| 1. Smoothevents / ? secretarial services | R? |
| 2. Accounting fees | R5 000.00 |

Financial history

YEAR	2006	2007	2008	2009
NETT PROFIT	24, 202.95	(25,250.28)	55,157.74	198,567.95
TOTAL ASSETS	140,408.02	115,157.74	170,354.49	368,323.04

Overview of SAGS Finances

SAGS obtains income from 3 sources

1. Membership fees
2. Corporate membership fees MSD, Pfizer, Alcon, Allergan
3. Profits from congress

The congress finances are run entirely by Smoothevents. They manage all registration & accommodation fees and receive all corporate sponsorship. SAGS is not VAT registered and so by financing the congress through Smoothevents we make a larger profit. They pay all congress expenses and after their own costs any profits are then moved across to SAGS account.

SARS: Further information was requested by SARS before allocating our SARS status. This has been supplied and we are waiting for their response.

INTERNET BANKING: Unfortunately not as successful as hoped. Plan to change from business account or change banks.

Treasurer: Dr B. Nortje.

7. Report on World Glaucoma Day 6 March, 2009. Dr E. Ancker

World Glaucoma Day started from the will of a handful of people – George Lambrou, Robert Ritch, Ivan Goldberg, Scott Christensen – at the WGPS and sparked all over the world.

2nd World Glaucoma Day involved worldwide hundreds of volunteers at over 300 locations, in more than 60 countries, over 800 events took place worldwide.

In South Africa we started to organize 2nd WGD in November 2008. The Platinum Sponsors were enquiring what we are doing and how they could get involved and help.

First our SA WGD Poster was designed. We will use it yearly, just changing dates and make the risk factors more prominent.

Alcon was amazing organizing TV, newspaper articles all over South Africa and published photo shots of us examining glaucoma patients.

As director of WGPA I organized the SA events. Local SAGS representatives were organizing their events very successfully in East London – Steve Cook, Bloemfontein – Japie Vos, Johannesburg – Sue Williams and Polla Roux in Pretoria.

We are aiming to get more ophthalmologists all over SA on board next year. We will try to get interested GPs involved to raise family awareness of glaucoma patients.

I would like to thank all colleagues who participated in this year's WGD and also our valuable Platinum Sponsors, esp. Tim Borland of Alcon.

To achieve the 5 strategic goals for WGD suggested by the WGPA, we need to start soon to prepare for WGS 2010. Probably in October or November 2009.

8. Election of Trustees for SAGS.

Dr S. Kassen proposed the idea of trustees to ensure continuity of the society. He thought that trustees should be ex – EXCO members. Some members thought the idea superfluous. Dr Kassen thought that ethical and moral dilemmas should be handled by trustees. The meeting agreed that more discussion was needed on the issue and that it should be taken to EXCO for further discussion.

9. SAGS meeting 2010

Date was set for 28 – 30 May, 2010. This was on account of the mandate to avoid conflict with World Cup in June and July 2010. Dr Ancker reported that the relationship with our platinum sponsors was good and that she would ask for the same contribution or a 5- 10% increase of the amount of R137 500.00. She reported that they were happy with their return from the meeting and with the fact that they could mingle and network with the doctors. They also accepted the corporate fees that they paid in addition to attend the meeting. They, the sponsors, requested information on the location and date of the next meeting. Dr Nortje felt from feedback to him that the Cape venue for the current meeting was good and it was a success. He thought that the meeting should be taken back to the Drakensburg and so more delegates from up country would attend. The speaker for next year Professor Peng Khaw has confirmed his attendance. Dr E. Ancker thought that the future venue format should be that we should hold the meeting in the Drakensburg for 2 years and return to Spier every third year.

The proposal of more than one invited speaker was discussed. Dr P. Gous thought that two speakers created logistical problems and the contribution from each speaker was diminished. Also, the local content of the meeting would be reduced. Dr Gous thought we should stay with the single speaker format.

Statistics for the Spier meeting:

128 Doctors attended

89 stayed at Estate

40 day delegates

28 trade delegates

Total : 171

10. General

Prof Colin Cook complimented Dr Williams on the very complete and explicit guidelines that she had drawn up for the Registrar oral and poster presentations. He said these guidelines are unique. He also thanked Mr T. Borland of Alcon for his support of the Registrar Programme at SAGS. The meeting as a whole expressed their approval of the guidelines.

No further matters were raised so the President, Dr J. Vos, closed the meeting.

Minutes compiled by Prof G. M^cLaren