

Southern African Neuroscience Society: Annual General Meeting

18h00-19h00, 13th July, 2014, IDM, UCT, Cape Town, South Africa

Attendance register for AGM: David John Hume, Jacqueline Womerseley, Jennifer Hsieh (Media Officer), Lauriston Kellaway (Chair), Musa Mabandla (Treasurer), Sian Hemmings (Conference Liaison), Simo Siyanda Zulu, Siyabonga Goodwill Sibiyi, Susan Janse van Rensburg, Vivienne Russell, William Daniels, Ruth McBride, Brian Muller, and Fleur Howells (Secretary)

Apologies: from the Potchefstroom group – due to Serotonin conference

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Date of minutes 1st September, 2013

Minutes approved

NRF biological conference/school will still be pursued – Exco member Lauriston Kellaway will continue to drive this endeavour.

It was suggested, by Musa Mabandla, that IBRO should be brought in, however SANS should lead this endeavour afresh.

Agenda Item #1: SANS membership

Members satisfied with R100 membership fee which will be continued.

Jennifer Hsieh (Media Officer) was commended on the updating and refreshing of the SANS website.

Paid up members to current date: 39 members

Payment pending to current date: 5 members

Agenda Item #2: SANS symposium

Members commended the success of the symposium and congratulated the organizing committee. The organizing committee comprised of the following members: Fleur Howells, Sian Hemmings, Sarah Heany, Jennifer Hsieh, David John Hume, Brian Muller, and Jacqueline Womerseley took photos throughout the symposium.

Fleur Howells reported that Philanthropist, Dr Paula Heron, would like to continue her support of the young investigators award – The Heron Young Investigators Award (R2000 value), annually.

Musa Mabandla was concerned that the SANS symposium did not make a profit. Fleur Howells provided a breakdown of the symposium cost (appendix i). Total expense of the SANS symposium R7,777.59, total profit made (once outstanding payment by members is made) R3,172.41.

SANS symposium number of attendees: 45 individuals of which 42 were SANS members (the other 3 were plenary lecturers)

Agenda Item #3: Treasury report (September 2013-July 2014)

Committee requests a full financial report from treasurer Musa Mabandla

Committee gives the treasurer – Musa Mabandla, the authority to execute a new bank account. This is to update the function and use of the SANS account.

Agenda Item # 4: SANS Constitution

Susan Janse van Rensburg will be asked to contact Felix Potocnik for a signed copy of the SANS constitution.

Fleur Howells sent the unsigned pdf of the SANS constitution to all current members of SANS.

Agenda Item # 5: Executive committee voting/selection

1. Chair – Fleur Howells
2. Secretary – Sian Hemmings
3. Treasurer – Musa Mabandla
4. Media Officer – Jennifer Hsieh
5. Co-opted Executive Committee member – Lauriston Kellaway
6. Co-opted Executive Committee member – Vivienne Russell
7. Co-opted Executive Committee member – Susan Janse van Rensburg
8. Co-opted Executive Committee member – Siyabonga Goodwill Sibiyi

New Executive committee to stand from here

New Agenda Items:

IBRO 2019

Musa Mabandla expressed the need to motivate for IBRO 2019.

Sian Hemmings is willing to be the lead person in the bid for Cape Town.

SONA 2015 – Metabolic Brain Diseases Special Issue on African Neuroscience

Vivienne Russell asked for two members to put themselves forward to assist in the work required. Lauriston Kellway and Fleur Howells offered to assist Vivienne Russell and Susan Janse van Rensburg with this.

Future Agenda Items:

Lauriston Kellaway to provide feedback on the NRF biological school/conference.

Next meeting:

Will be held in Durban at the SONA conference 2015, the specific date, time, and venue will follow.

Minutes: Accepted 26th March 2015