

**MINUTES OF THE 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL
SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2007 AT THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, DURBAN**

1. OPENING

At 09:00 the President, Dr Saths Cooper (in the Chair), **welcomed** members, and other guests present at the International Convention Centre, declaring the 13th AGM open after the address by Advocate Boyce Mkhize, the meeting being quorate.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting of the Society held at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg on 13 September 2006 were **confirmed**.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCES

The Annual Report was **noted**, and the Treasurer, Dr Ann Watts, took members through salient points of the Audited Annual Financial Statements and the bi-annual Management Accounts. The Financials were **adopted** nem con.

5. REPORT FROM COUNCIL

The President **reported** on the following matters arising from the Council Meeting of 28 August 2007:

5.1. AWARDS

The following Annual Congress Awards were presented: Most Active Division: Student Division, accepted by Ms F Bhamjee; Most Improved Structure: Educational Division, accepted by Mr W Nel. **Noted** that presentations would be made for the Best Student Presentations. A review panel, co-ordinated by Ms Suffla, was constituted from the floor.

5.2 HONORARY MEMBERS

Unanimously **accepted** that Honorary Membership of the Society be conferred on the Registrar/CEO of the Health Professions Council of South Africa Advocate Boyce Mkhize, Prof Pam Maras, Prof Rainer Silberheisen and Ms Amanda Gordon.

5.3 STANDING COMMITTEES

The following standing committees were unanimously **approved**:

Testing & Assessment
Education & Training
Membership & Marketing
Congress & Workshops

Noted that the committees will be operationalised by the next Congress. Members were invited to submit ideas on terms of reference for the above committees.

5.4 SIOPSA

The President reported on this matter. Unanimously **accepted** the legal advice that the dispute be resolved in terms of the Constitution and Rules. The matter would therefore proceed to arbitration and, if necessary, for alternative or further resolution so that the matter may be finally resolved. **Noted** that Dr Cooper was mandated to continue to handle the matter until resolution.

5.5 SAJP

The President **reported** that the SAJP had the highest impact rate of any Social Sciences Journal in South Africa. Membership was invited to make nominations for incoming editor by 30 September 2007. The incoming editor can shadow the current editor and the term will begin at the end of 2008.

5.6 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Unanimously **accepted** that there would be a 10% increase in membership fees effective 1 Jan 2008.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Reported that there were three **nominations for the Executive:** Dr Louise Olivier, Prof Nomahlubi Makunga and Mr Emmanuel Tlou. One **nomination** was received for **President-Elect:** Prof Norman Duncan and one **nomination** was received for the **Treasurer:** Dr Ann Watts. In response to a question from Prof Kevin Durrheim it was **noted** that members were provided notice in terms of the Constitution and Rules of the Society and that the notice was posted on the website.

The following Members in good standing were **duly elected** to the incoming Executive: Prof Norman Duncan as President-Elect, Dr Ann Watts as Treasurer, Mr Emmanuel Tlou and Dr Louise Olivier as Additional Executive Members.

7. NEXT CONGRESS

Noted that the 14th Annual South African Psychology Congress was scheduled to be held in Johannesburg, and that the 15th Congress would be the last one to be held in Cape Town until XXX ICP, after which the rotational cycle would resume.

8. CLOSURE

There being no further business to conclude, the AGM was **terminated** at 10h13.

Confirmed on:.....

President: