

MINUTES OF THE 17TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT THE EMPERORS PALACE, JOHANNESBURG

1. OPENING

At 09:30 the President, Dr Emmanuel Tlou (in the Chair), welcomed members and other guests present at the Emperors Palace, Johannesburg declaring the 17th AGM open after the signing of the memorandum of understanding between Psychological Society of South Africa and Psychological Association of Mozambique (Dr Boia Efraime Junior), the meeting being quorate.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of the Society held at the International Convention Centre, Durban on 4 August 2010 were **confirmed**.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCES

The Annual Report was **noted**, and the Treasurer, Dr Louise Olivier 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 13 September 2011:

5.1 AWARDS

The following Annual Award was presented: **Most Improved Structure:** Psychometrists & Registered Counsellors Division, accepted by Mrs Sharon Johnson. **Noted** that presentations would be made for the Best Student Presentations. A review panel, co-ordinated by Ms Suffla, was constituted.

5.2 PUBLIC SERVICE INTEREST GROUP

Agreed that the Public Service Standing Committee be elevated to the status of Interest Group.

5.3 MEMBERSHIP FEE

Agreed that the membership fee be increased from R810 to R890 from 1 January 2012, but that membership fees paid before December 2011 will be charged at R810.

5.4 SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The President reported on the promulgation of the regulations by the Board and the resultant confusion with respect to key domains. After much discussion, **agreed** to mandate Dr Cooper to handle this on behalf of PsySSA including any litigation that may ensue. He would write to the Board asking for the regulations to be put on hold, until clarity was received on current rights of

practitioners' that may be administratively affected, and to engage with the Board to consider inter alia, a general category, appropriate post-masters specialisation, a window period for transverse registration, issues of public protection, and to be cognisant of international benchmarking and avoid the previous retrogressive policy. This would be done with feedback from the structures and membership which would be apprised of this at the AGM. Appropriate legal advice would be sought and the Executive kept informed.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following members in good standing were **duly elected** to the incoming Executive: Dr Saths Cooper as President-Elect, Dr Louise Olivier as Treasurer, Dr Ian Opperman and Prof Juan Nel as Additional Executive Members.

7. NEXT CONGRESS

Noted that the next congress will be submitted under the International Congress of Psychology which is scheduled to be held at the Cape Town International Centre on 22-27 July 2012.

8. CLOSURE

There being no further business to conclude, the AGM was **terminated** at **10:30** with a vote of thanks to the President.

Confirmed on:.....

President: