

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA HELD AT THE CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE ON 26 JULY 2012 AT 18:00

1. OPENING

At 18:00 the President, Prof Siphwe Ngcobo (in the Chair), welcomed members and other guests present at the Cape Town International Convention Centre declaring the 18th PsySSA AGM open.

2. PRESENT

As per register.

3. APOLOGIES

Prof P Sibaya and Dr A Watts.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Agenda as presented was **confirmed** *nem con*.

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Society held at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg on 14 September 2011 were **confirmed** *nem con*.

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

7. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCES

The Annual Report in the form of the concise brochure was **noted**, and the Treasurer, Dr Louise Olivier, took the AGM through salient points of the Audited Annual Financial Statements, which were unanimously **confirmed**.

8. CAPE TOWN DECLARATION

The AGM unanimously **acclaimed** the following Cape Town Declaration, which had been affirmed by the leadership of various national psychological associations who had met on 22 July 2012:

Whereas psychology has the potential to serve as a key driver in human development in our communities, countries, Africa and the world

Recognising the critical role of psychology in policy development, advocacy, continuing professional development, teaching, research, publication, outreach services and other forms of intervention

Recognising the strength of psychology as an agent for change, development and empowerment of individuals and communities

Recognising the value of mutual collaboration towards the achievement of these goals

Therefore,

We the undersigned, having attended the 30th International Congress of Psychology (ICP 2012) in Cape Town, 22-27 July 2012, commit to the establishment of a Pan-African Psychology Union to promote the development of psychology as a science and practice in our countries, Africa and the world.

VISION

A collaborative union of psychological societies in Africa committed to scholarship and human development in our communities, countries, Africa and the world.

The AGM **approved** *nem con* PsySSA providing initial administrative support to the Pan-African Psychology Union to be established.

9. REPORT FROM COUNCIL

The AGM **noted** the following matters arising from Council's deliberations:

- 9.1 The approval of divisional status to the African Psychology Forum.
- 9.2 The creation of the LGBTi Interest Group.
- 9.3 The formation of the Public Service Division.
- 9.4 The likelihood that the SAJP would be published by an established international psychology publisher in 2013 to commence with Prof Anthony Pillay assuming editorship.
- 9.5 Rule Changes creating the Nominations Committee in Rule 4.7 and the CEU Standing Committee as Rule 4.6 to replace the Public Service Issues Standing Committee, which had been approved for divisional status.

10. RECOGNITION AWARDS

10.1 In recognition of their outstanding contributions to PsySSA since its founding, PsySSA scarves were presented to founder member, Ian Gillespie, and Past PsySSA Presidents Saths Cooper, Lionel Nicholas, Ann Watts, Terry Mashego, Patrick Sibaya, Louise Olivier, Cheryl Foxcroft, Basil Pillay, Norman Duncan and Kopano Ratele.

10.2 The President made the following Inaugural Awards:

10.2.1 The PsySSA/Discovery Best Psychologist Presentation to Anna Strebel, Cheryl Potgieter, Tamara Shefer, Claire Wagner and Nokuthula Shabalala.

10.2.2 The PsySSA/Discovery Runner-Up Psychologist Presentation to Sherianne Kramer, Karin Pretorius and Ghouwa Ismail.

10.2.3 The PsySSA/Discovery Best Poster Presentation to Boitumelo Ponela.

10.2.4 The PsySSA/Discovery Runner-Up Poster Presentation to Prudence Mdletshe.

10.3 The President also announced the Best Student Presentation, which had been inaugurated last year and which was now the PsySSA/Discovery Award to Tracey Feltham-King and the PsySSA/Discovery Runner-Up Student Presentation to Ameetha Garbharran.

10.4 **Noted** that Council had approved the following PsySSA Eminent Contribution Awards which would be instituted on 21 January 2013, the anniversary of PsySSA's formation in Cape Town in 1994:

- 10.3.1 Science
- 10.3.2 Mentoring and Development
- 10.3.3 Practice
- 10.3.4 World of Work
- 10.3.5 Public Service
- 10.3.6 Community Service
- 10.3.7 Best Undergraduate Teaching
- 10.3.8 Best Graduate Teaching.

10.4 **Noted** that the Best Structure and Most Improved Structure Awards would resume at the next AGM and commended the various structures for their tremendous contributions to making ICP 2012 the success that it was, putting PsySSA and South African psychology firmly on the international map. The President also informed the AGM that various outcomes would result from the ICP 2012 success, which would be duly announced.

11. CONGRATULATIONS

The AGM **acclaimed** the landslide election of Dr Saths Cooper as President of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) and the unanimous appointment of Dr Ann Watts as the IUPsyS Secretary General, both terms being for the period July 2012 to July 2016. Dr Cooper's winning of the Inaugural IUPsyS Achievement Against the Odds Award was also similarly **acclaimed**.

12. ELECTION OF THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE

In the light of Dr Cooper's election as IUPsyS President, the AGM unanimously **agreed** that Prof Siphwe Ngcobo would remain as President and that Dr Emmanuel Tlou would remain as Past President on the Executive until the next AGM.

The following members in good standing were **duly elected** to the incoming Executive:

- 10.1 **President-Elect:** Prof David Maree.
- 10.2 **Noting** that there were three nominations for **Additional Executive Members**, the AGM **affirmed** all three, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8.2 which provided for only four additional members:
 - 10.2.1 Mr Umesh Bawa for a final two-year term,
 - 10.2.2 Prof Smangele Magwaza for a two-year term, and
 - 10.2.3 Mr Brian Fafudi for a two-year term.

10.3 The AGM then **affirmed that Article 8.2 be amended**. Accordingly, "four" in Article 8.2 and Rule 1.3, the Executive Committee Meeting Quorum requirement, was substituted by "five" to make the Executive Committee comprise a total of nine members, and the quorum being five members present at an Executive Committee Meeting.

The **Handover**, with a valediction to the outgoing members and the welcoming of the newly-elected members, was then effected.

10. NEXT CONGRESS

Noted that the next congress, the 19th South African Psychology Congress, would be held at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg from 24 to 27 September 2013 and that the further congresses were:

- 20th South African Psychology Congress, 23 to 26 September 2014 in Durban;
- 21st South African Psychology Congress, 22 to 25 September 2015 in Johannesburg;
- 22nd South African Psychology Congress, 20 to 23 September 2016 in Cape Town;
- 23rd South African Psychology Congress, 26 to 29 September 2017 in Johannesburg;
- 24th South African Psychology Congress, 25 to 28 September 2018 in Durban;
- 25th South African Psychology Congress, 24 to 27 September 2019 in Johannesburg;
- 26th South African Psychology Congress, 22 to 25 September 2020 in Cape Town.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business to conclude, the AGM was **terminated** at **19:30** with a vote of thanks to the President and members invited to a Cocktail with the Friends of PsySSA internationally.

Confirmed on:.....

President: