

# MINUTES OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE INKOSI ALBERT LUTHULI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, DURBAN

## 1. OPENING

At 09:00 the President, Prof David Maree (in the Chair), welcomed members and other guests present at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre, Durban declaring the 20<sup>th</sup> AGM open.

## 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Society held at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg, on 25 September 2013 were **confirmed**.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

## 4. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCES

The Annual Report was **noted**, and the treasurer Dr Ian Opperman, took members through salient points of the Audited Financial Statements, which were **adopted**.

## 5. REPORT FROM COUNCIL

The President **reported** on the following matters arising from the Council Meeting of 16 September 2014:

### 5.1 Tribute to Prof Sipiwe Ngcobo

Prof Ngcobo was remembered as an inspirational leader and a great human being. His term on the PsySSA Executive would have ended today. He was instrumental in the global development of PsySSA and a protagonist in the establishment of Pan African Psychology Union (PAPU).

### 5.2 Membership Fee:

**Agreed** that the membership fee be increased from R890.00 to R980.00 as from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2015.

### 5.3 Acknowledgements

Congratulations were extended to the following PsySSA members on their recent appointments: Professor Tyrone Pretorius as Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape and Professor Norman Duncan as Vice Chancellor (Academic) at the University of Pretoria. They join Professor Cheryl de Rey, the Vice Chancellor and Principal at the University of Pretoria as psychologists entrusted with leading higher education in South Africa.

### 5.4 PsySSA Road Shows

The PsySSA Presidential Road Show was initiated to share information on the developments within the discipline, engage the students and academics on the future of organised psychology in South Africa, and also to emphasise the importance of participating in the Annual South African Psychology Congress. The positive response to the road shows at the Universities of Johannesburg, Pretoria, Witwatersrand, North West and South Africa, especially from psychology students – the future of the science of the profession – reveals renewed interest in the largest psychology society in Africa.

### 5.5 Pan African Psychology Union (PAPU)

The PAPU inauguration was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 at the Albert Luthuli Convention Centre, in Durban. PsySSA wishes the new Union well with spearheading the drive to grow and advance psychological research and services on the continent.

### 5.6 Strategic Review Document (2014 - 2018)

Greater and more considered effort is needed to further advance psychology as science, profession and as means of promoting human well-being, thus securing *Psychology serving humanity*. The proposed Strategic Review Document (2014 - 2018) was adopted by the AGM. PsySSA going forward is to be driven by six strategic areas of focus:

1. Membership
2. Growth & Sustainability
3. Effectiveness and Efficiency
4. Good Governance
5. Stakeholder Engagement and Relationship Management
6. Global Footprint

The PsySSA Strategic Review document (2014-2018), among others, highlights:

- A vision for Psychology that requires the discipline and Society to be much more relevant and responsive to concerns and priorities of South Africa, Africa and the world, and
- Priorities for the immediate future including increased administrative capacity and professionalisation of the Society; new premises; and an enhanced public profile for PsySSA.

### 5.7 Awards

The following awards were presented:

- ***PsySSA Award for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence and/ or Graduate Teaching Excellence 2014:*** Prof Sumaya Laher
- ***PsySSA Award for Mentoring and Development 2014:*** Prof Anthony Pillay, Prof Basil Pillay and Prof JB Schoeman (post humus)
- ***PsySSA Award for Science 2014:*** Prof Kobus Maree
- ***PsySSA Fellowship 2014:*** Dr Ann D Watts
- ***PsySSA Award for Public Service 2014:*** Prof Anthony Pillay
- ***PsySSA Award for Practice 2014:*** Dr Solomon Makola
- ***Most Improved division:*** Sexuality and Gender Division
- ***Most Improved division:*** Division of Research and Methodology
- ***Most Active division:*** Registered Counsellors and Psychometry Division

## 6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following members in good standing were **duly elected** to the incoming Executive: President-Elect; Prof Anthony Pillay, Additional Executive Members; Prof Sumaya Laher, Mr. Brian Fafudi.

## 7. NEXT CONGRESS

**Noted** that the 21<sup>st</sup> South African Psychology Congress is scheduled to be held at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg on 15 -18 September 2015.

## 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:** .....