

MINUTES OF THE 30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA HELD VIA ZOOM ON 1 OCTOBER 2025

1. Opening

At 18:00, the President, Prof Ronelle Carolissen (in the Chair), welcomed PsySSA members present and declared the 30th AGM open.

Prof Carolissen welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting and reflected on the Society's continued growth and achievements over the past year. She reaffirmed PsySSA's commitment to advancing psychological science, promoting professional excellence, supporting transformation, and contributing to the well-being of South African society.

2. Apologies

The apologies received from members unable to attend were noted.

3. Agenda

The agenda as circulated was adopted.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Society held via Zoom on 1 October 2025 were accepted.

5. Finances

5.1. 2025 PsySSA Audited Financial Statements

The Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 were presented.

The Treasurer provided a synopsis of the Audited Financial Statements and highlighted the Society's financial position for the reporting period. The audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 were then approved.

6. Awards

Prof Carolissen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, noted that PsySSA continues to recognise excellence and contribution through its annual awards programme.

The following awards will be presented during the 29th Annual Psychology Congress at the cocktail function on Tuesday 14th of October:

Society Awards:

- Most Active Structure (1st, 2nd and 3rd Place)
 - 1st: Registered Counsellors and Psychometrics (RCP)
 - 1st: Sexuality and Gender Division (SGD)
 - 2nd: Trauma and Violence Division (TVD)
 - 2nd: Division for Research and Methodology (DRM)
 - 3rd: The South African Association for Counselling Psychology (SAACP)
- President's Award – Ms Leonie Vorster

Certificates of Service: for dedicated service to the psychological society of South Africa

- Prof Mercy Tshilidzi Mulaudzi
- Dr Daniel den Hollander
- Ms Ashley van Heerden

Prof Carolissen noted that the recipients would be formally announced during the Congress Awards Ceremony.

8. PsySSA Executive Committee Elections

Chair of the Nominations Committee, Prof Garth Stevens, reported on the Executive Committee nominations for the forthcoming term.

Prof Stevens reported that Dr Pakeezah Rajab and Dr Momi Metsing had agreed to serve second terms on the Executive Committee. Dr Nick Malherbe had agreed to serve a further year to support continuity, institutional memory, and the transition to the incoming Executive Committee.

Prof Stevens further noted that Dr Avivit Cherrington and Prof Angelina Maphula would continue to serve until the completion of their current terms at the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was informed that Dr Ewald Crause had accepted nomination for the position of President-Elect and that Ms Anne Kramers-Olen had accepted nomination as an Additional Member of the Executive Committee.

Prof Stevens reported that the position of Treasurer remained vacant, with no nominations having been received. The Nominations Committee would continue to engage potential candidates and remained open to receiving nominations from the membership.

The following Executive Committee was presented to the AGM for consideration:

President: Prof Jace Pillay

President-Elect: Dr Ewald Crause

Past-President: Prof Ronelle Carolissen

Treasurer: Vacant

Additional Members:

- Dr Pakeezah Rajab (Second Term)
- Dr Momi Metsing (Second Term)
- Dr Nick Malherbe
- Dr Avivit Cherrington
- Prof Angelina Maphula
- Ms Anne Kramers-Olen

As the nominations received were uncontested, the nominees were duly elected to the Executive Committee.

The AGM recorded its appreciation to the Nominations Committee for its diligent work in identifying and securing candidates willing to serve in leadership roles within the Society.

9. Congress

Prof Carolissen reminded members that the 29th Annual Psychology Congress would be held from 13–15 October 2025 at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg, under the theme *"Psychology in Society and Society in Psychology"*

Prof Carolissen encouraged members to participate in the Congress, attend the cocktail party and thanked the Congress Scientific Committee, Organising Committee, presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, and volunteers for their contributions to the success of the event.

10. Closure

Prof Carolissen thanked the Executive Committee, Council, Divisions, Standing Committees, and members for their continued commitment to the Society.

Special appreciation was extended to the PsySSA Head Office staff, led by Dr Fatima Seedat, for their dedication and contribution to the Society's work throughout the year.

There being no further business, the AGM was adjourned at 19:15.

Confirmed on:

President: