



Minutes of SAACB Executive meeting

The South African Association for Clinical Biochemistry

Friday, 3 September 2010

18h00-19h30

Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West

Chairperson	Prof V. Steenkamp	Venue	Lord Charles Hotel, Patio
Minutes By		Date & Time	3 September 2010, 18h00

Attendance:

Prof. T.S. Pillay (secretary) (TSP)	Prof. R.T. Erasmus (RTE)(treasurer)	Prof R.. Delpont (RD)
Prof. V. Steenkamp (VS), (President), chair	Dr G. Candy (GC)	

Apologies:

None of note

Minutes: Previous minutes were accepted as a true reflection. Proposed Prof R. Erasmus, accepted Prof R. Delpont

Matters of urgency:

None of note



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Matters arising from the previous minutes and matters arising:

Dr Omar and Haarburger are on council and should have been invited. They were unable to attend because of Ramadaan. They have not been formally inducted onto Council and this should be done at the current AGM.

Review of fees:

VS reported that the IAP has abolished membership fees. However, IAP has a lot of funding from pathologists, particularly in the USA.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Membership fees:

Bruker: They have previously been invited to become members, but it is not clear if they have paid their fees. Corporate membership fees are R2000. VS will followup with Siemens, ILEX. ILEX are platinum sponsors for FSASP next year.

Marcus-Evans workshop

R14 980 – Marcus Evans have given a free place to attend a workshop and this will be offered to SAACB members.

Forthcoming meetings

September 2011

African Federation of Clinical Chemistry

Pathology Congress 31 August-4 September 2011

The meeting will be combined with the technologists meeting and the website is

www.labmedicine2011.co.za The venue for the meeting is Johannesburg.

2012 conference:

UCT and Stellenbosch will be involved in organising the conference. The IAPP has been organised for this year. The IAPP have booked the entire Cape Town ICC. The exhibition hall or the adjacent hotel could be used for the SAACB meeting. VS: we need to complement the IAPP meeting. It was meant for UP to organise it but because the meeting is in CT, the task will fall onto UCT and Stellenbosch. * (International Academy of Pathology. XXIX International Congress in Cape Town, South Africa. September 30-October 5, 2012. Cape Town International Convention Center,)

SAACB workshops

The workshops can be held in different centres. Johannesburg is the preferred site because of the number of institutions – Wits, Pretoria, Medunsa. SAACB members will receive a discount. Delegates



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from other African countries will be encouraged to attend. Speakers will receive an honorarium for participating

Publicity for the association:

The SAACB is has been generating a lot of publicity internationally with the IFCC. TSP is involved with the ICPLM. RTE congratulated VS for the efforts in pushing the international profile of the SAACB. Proceeding further, this needs to be sustained. SAACB needs to become know at all the meetings in South Africa, including the **Toxicology meeting, SEMDSA**. RTE: we should start distributing pamphlets at other meetings, Nutrition, cardiology, Surgery

We should encourage more African attendees using appropriate sponsorship. AFCC were not happy with the process because there were no formal rules regarding this and perhaps also because they were concerned about the funds being used.

Responsibility for publicity: There should be someone from the Council responsible for this.

TSP:Council numbers should nominate a person.

Budgets for 2010-2011

RTE:Audit fees have increased.

Awards:

Technologists who are studying further should also be eligible for the awards. The constitution should be amended.

Roche did not take part in the conference. Awardees have to be paid-up members. Rhena will follow up with this.

Annual report from the President: VS will present the full report tomorrow.

Annual report from the Secretary: We usually have 4 awards but this year we are down to 2 awards. Beckman-Coulter has dropped their award to R4000. The Adcock-Ingram award has been adjudicated.

TSP: we should nominate people for the awards and there should be a motivation.

VS: Preferably the awards should be given to people who are attending this conference.

The website has been under the control of Dave Woolley. GC: More emails should be sent to members.

Council members are not precluded from the awards but it was decided that it does not look good for council members to receive awards.

Treasurers report: Total income received in the last financial R65 436, a significant portion of this came from R72 762 (payments to IFCC, airfares for council members and AFCC payments). The money was placed in the SAACB account. The money was received in Swiss Francs and the bank charges and exchange rates resulted in a loss of the interest – approximately R3000 was lost because of this. SAACB



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is registered with SARS as a nonprofit organisation. RTE: money has been budgeted for the IFCC meetings (R20 000) and for council meetings (R1 000). RTE: we should also look at teleconferencing. We could have one council meeting and the other could be video/ teleconferencing. Bank charges are substantial. Total revenue: We are expecting R50 000 from FSASP and we anticipate R5 000 from members. We need to be more proactive with payments to the SAACB. Calculated income from courses will be R20 000. Interest will be R10000 from fixed deposit. Most of the money is in fixed deposit. This generates about R1000/month. Expenditure has to be planned because of the 32 Day notice.

New office bearers

An election took place and RTE will be the new President. This will be VS last meeting as President. We need a new communications officer. Private pathology is not participating. Johan Kock, the representative does not participate. We had an alternative person. Henk from Siemens will be a member and he will represent all corporate members. We will not have the private sector, but corporate sector. RTE has spoken to Tjaart Erasmus and he will try to get them to join as part of NPG. It was decided that only corporate members will be invited since there has been poor participation from the private sector. However, we may need the private sector to be co-opted for certain projects but it was felt that it was not necessary for this to be done. Dr Zemlin was nominated for Treasurer. We also need. The current term was a 2 year extension. VS has been a member since 2005. RD is willing . GC will be stepping down but will still help out with some projects.

RD will be an ordinary member and then we will nominate a registrar or junior pathologist. RTE: John Stanfliet was proposed. Also, Dr Jocelyn Naicker. There is the scientific officer and communications officer positions available.

Invited speakers can be decided on by email. GC suggested Dr Gunther from the University of Birmingham as a speaker on metabolomics. We must ensure that speakers visit all the academic centres.

The SAACB has endorsed the Journal of Paediatric Biochemistry. The SAACB needs to nominate members for the Editorial Board – George vd Watt and Peter Berman were nominated for this. However, Peter Berman was not a paid-up member.

The SAACB paid registration for 9 people from Per Ueland's group and all of them gave talks. The Federation has promised to reimburse this money to the SAACB. RTE needs to provide a list of names.

VS: Electronic journal proposal is being considered. Abstracts will be published and the journal will become accredited eventually. The Scientific committee will be the reviewers. The posters will also be on for a year as well.

Date of next meeting: to be announced

Meeting adjourned at 7-30 pm