



**Minutes of the
SAAB 44th AGM
Held at the Sanlam Auditorium
University of Pretoria
Friday 12 January 2018**

1. The President opened the meeting and welcomed the members at 16h30
2. Present: Sylvie Kremer-Kohne, Rudo Ngara, Lilian Gahadza, Ramavhale Tryphina, Stuart Hall, Tlaamela Dikoriketso, Machaba Careine, Sally Archibald, Abdulwakeel Ayokun-nun Ajao, Joseph Erhabor, Nontobeko Hlatshway, B-E van Wyk, SL Steenhuisen, Q Kritzinger, Tony Seling, Anina Coetzee, James Rodger, Rhoda Malgas, Kevin Balkwill, Nonkululeko Swelankomo, Michelle Greve, Coert Geldenhuys, Annah Moteetee, Anthony Magee, Stephen Boatwright, SP Bester, Glynis Goodman, Kelsey Glennon, Tatenda Goche, Calvin Moyo, Stephen Moyo, AE Alaba, Im Famuyide, KG Kgasang, Karen Swanepoel, Paul Hills and Johannes van Staden

Apologies: Kobus Eloff, Karen Esler, Timo van der Niet, Marion Meyer and Nigel Barker
3. No additions to the agenda
4. The minutes of the 43rd AGM were approved without corrections.
5. Matters arising from previous minutes
 - 5.1 Global Plant Council.
 - 5.1.1 SAAB Council is still discussing the advantages and disadvantages of joining the GPC and will put this on the agenda of the next meeting.
6. President's report. See full report given by Dr Hills on the SAAB webpage
7. Treasurer's report
 - 7.1 Sandy Steenhuisen is the new treasurer. She pointed out that the following figures show that SAAB is still strong financially: total expenses were R245 000, income from Elsevier was R327 000 and income from interest was R150 000 thereby leaving a net profit of just over R275 000. However, SAAB is still dependent on Elsevier even if 100% of members paid dues, so she recommended another 4-5 years of frugality are still needed before SAAB could exist independently without Elsevier. The Treasurer pointed out that the money paid to SAJB is not for the Editor-in-chief personally, but is used towards the employment of a secretary to deal with SAJB matters.
8. SAJB report. See full report given by Prof van Staden on the SAAB webpage.
 - 8.1 Kevin Balkwill thanked Prof van Staden for his vision of taking a journal that was costing SAAB money and transforming it into an income generating project which forms the mainstay of SAAB finances.
9. Future SAAB congresses

- 9.1 2019 University of Johannesburg
- 9.2 2020 Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
- 9.3 2021 University of the Free State Qwaqwa campus

10. Constitution changes

- 10.1 The changes approved at the 2017 AGM have simplified and modernised the constitution, the updated version of which has been posted on the webpage.

11. General

11.1 SACNASP CPDs

- 11.1.1 Council will do what is required to insure that SAAB SACNASP members who attend Annual Congresses like this one will receive CPD points.

11.2 MSc Bursary

- 11.2.1 For noting that this bursary will be offered for the first time in 2018. It will be R20 000 the first year and R20 000 the second year depending on if satisfactory progress has been made. The secretary will post notification of both this bursary and of the Honours bursaries on SAABNet.

13. Closure

- 13.1 The meeting was closed at 17h45.