

Meeting of the Executive

25 August 2022

Committee of the Southern

Time: 16:00 – 17:30

African Society for Veterinary

Venue: East London ICC

Epidemiology and Preventive

Medicine

AGM Minutes

1. Welcome

The secretariat, Dr Liesl De Boni, welcomed the members to the meeting – both online and in person.

2. Attendees

The meeting was held in a hybrid format with 53 physical attendees at the conference centre and XX attendees present on Zoom. Apologies were received from Dr Grietjie De Klerk. Please see the attached attendance register.

3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM on 26 August 2021, Bela Bela

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were displayed on the main screen and Dr Liesl De Boni read through them. They had also been emailed to the members albeit on the same day around lunch time.

The following corrections were requested to be made:

- Point 6. Correct the wording and the monetary values which are repeated.
- Point 7. The Vice President, Mohamed, explained that the policy was new, and it was approved during that AGM. In the process of approving it, the meeting requested to removed point No (4), h. ii.
- Point 8. The actual amendments that were made to the SASVEPM constitution must be specified in the minutes. These were the name change of the secretariat and treasurer by removing the 'Honorary' part, and specifically defining the role of the two additional Executive Committee members.
- Point 9. Use the singular for the Executive Committee.
- Point 11. Remove 'next'.
- Point 14. Correct AGM.

Dr Mohamed Sirdar committed to make these corrections of the 2021 AGM Minutes. With these corrections in mind, the approval of the minutes was proposed by Dr John Grewar and seconded by Dr Sikhumbuzo Mbizeni.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

5. Secretary's Report

Dr Liesl De Boni presented the secretary's report. This covered the society membership, communications/media, partnerships, sponsorship, funding, training & capacity building, the 19th annual congress, recognitions, prizes, challenges, and recommendations. The Secretary's report is attached.

The main feedback from the Secretary's report was that members expressed the wish that training and other activities could be extended to other SADC countries and regional partners in the future. The need to consolidate and clean up the membership database and email addresses was also recognised. It was also mentioned that records of who attends and participates in AGMs should play a role in future sponsorship decisions.

6. Financial Report

Dr Sikhumbuzo Mbizeni presented the Treasurer's financial report for the financial year from 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022. The members requested for more details about the congress expenses and the ISVEE16 congress costs. They also asked for the minutes and financial report to be sent in advance of the next AGM.

7. President's Report

Dr Noluvuyo Magadla presented the Presidents report, which covered meetings, logistics, a review of the past year, and the plans for futures ISVEE.

She requested that the ExCo should relook at the constitution in terms of what defines membership with the society. The description in the constitution is contradictory to what was agreed upon in previous AGMs by the members. The meeting agreed that the ExCo should propose what amendments to make at the 2023 AGM.

8. Additional Items

8.1. ISVEE 18 in Cape Town, 2027

Dr Noluvuyo Magadla treated the members to the presentation which she gave at ISVEE16 in Halifax for our bid to host ISVEE18 in Cape Town in 2027 and showed a short video.

9. Location of 20th SASVEPM Congress in 2023

At the 2021 AGM, members expressed the desire to expand SASVEPM regionally as was always intended. They wished to have the 2022 congress outside of South Africa, but within the SADC region. At the time, the country was only starting to normalise after the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, the 2021 AGM agreed to have the next congress in South Africa, but that the ExCo should spend the year planning to expand beyond our borders. This year, the topic was discussed again. The sentiment was the same, but it was acknowledged that a congress outside of SA would be less attended by SA

state veterinary officials compared to usual. However, the South African Veterinary Council follows a three-year cycle for Continued Professional Development (CPD) points, and this is an annual congress so there is ample opportunity for all to earn CPD points. The pros and cons were discussed and the possibility of Windhoek, Namibia, was also mentioned.

In the end the meeting agreed to have the 2023 congress in **Botswana**. It was also agreed to continue with the hybrid format so that access to everyone would be made available. It was also pointed out that with an African ISVEE around the corner, we need to start working on regional cooperation as soon as possible.

10. AOB

There was no other business, but some final comments from members before the meeting closed included:

- The members who attend and participate in AGMs should play a role in future sponsorship decisions
- If possible, there should be some guidance/training for presenters to optimise their presentations in the annual congress

11. Closure

Dr Noluvuyo Magadla thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.