

Annual General Meeting of the Philosophical Society of Southern Africa 2013

Hosted by The University of KwaZulu-Natal, at Salt Rock Hotel

14 January 2013

1 Welcome

1.1 Apologies

Received from Tom Martin, Marius Vermaak, Thad Metz, Pieter Duvenage

1.2 Approval of AGM minutes 2012

Approved, except that it was noted that some present in 2012 were not noted down: Michael Pitman, Anton van Niekerk, Anné Verhoef, Pieter Duvenage, Charles Villet. The minutes will be changed to reflect this.

1.3 News and personalia

John Lomola and Rianna Oelofsen have joined the department at Fort Hare. Ernst Wolf has been promoted to Professor, and Benda Hofmeyer to Associate Professor.

We congratulate Alex Broadbent on his P rating from the NRF.

2 Matters arising

2.1 Website:

Elisa Galgut thanked Alex Broadbent for his work. John Ostrowick offered his services as well, will liaise with Alex Broadbent. Old URL needs to be taken down. Elisa thanked John for his offer.

It was suggested that past PSSA Conference Programmes be made available on the website (suggested by Richard Sivil).

2.2 Timing of conference

Members voted (via email) before the AGM on whether to move the PSSA to June or July each year, or to keep in January. A majority voted in favour of keeping the conference where it is. This was agreed by those present at the AGM.

2.3 CUSP

Samantha Vice briefly reported on the CUSP initiative, which Paul Taylor (Penn State University) and Tom Martin (Rhodes) have been leading. It was requested that suggestions and expressions of interest be sent to Tom Martin.

2.4 SAJP matters arising – to be dealt with in 3.3

3 Reports

3.1 President's report

- The PSSA website has been a priority and is now set up.
- The President noted that the Society hasn't been very involved in political/social issues and asked whether members want to get more involved. Eg. Education debate? Matric results? Access to information act might pose threats academic freedom?
- Provide financial support for bringing African scholars to the PSSA?
- More involvement with other African universities?
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3.2 PSSA Treasurer's report: Richard Sivil

(see report)

3.3 SAJP editor's report: Abraham Olivier

Thanks to Thad Metz for paying international page fees for the special issue on David Benatar's book, *Better Never to Have Been*. This year, there was a special issue on Phenomenology in South Africa, edited by Rafael Winkler and Catherine Botha.

Thanks to Sharli Paphitis, managing editor.

Thanks to Danie Strauss.

Abraham Olivier spoke about the proposals from Routledge/T&F and from NISC to take on the journal. See Editor's report.

On Abraham's invitation, Lester Isaacs from NISC gave a talk about NISC and their proposal to publish the SAJP.

Abraham is still waiting for the details of the Routledge T&F proposal.

Proposal: Abraham asked the PSSA to trust the Exco to approve membership

and page fees if the best publishing proposal requires it, and to trust and empower the ExCo to choose and negotiate the best deal.

After discussion from members, the proposal was accepted.

3.4 SAJP Treasurer's report (Andrea Hurst)

If the situation remains as it is, we are in a good financial situation. (ie. Danie Strauss works for free; SA authors paying page fees.)

Collected a year's worth of back page fees; and Thad paid for entire edition.

That puts us in a good position.

We can therefore support and continue the journal. But requires enormous amount of work from Danie and Abraham, and for no pay – this is the reason for considering a publishing house.

Andrea went through current situation and suggested alternative (see report).

There was a discussion from members on the financial situation of the journal and various suggestions were raised. The proposal from Abraham was accept.

(See his report).

4. **General**

4.1 PSSA conference 2014: The University of the Free State offered to host the conference in 2014. The offer was accepted with thanks.

5. **Thanks and closure**

Elisa thanked David Spurrett for hosting this year's conference

Present at the AGM:

Elisa Galgut

Samantha Vice

Abraham Olivier

Andrea Hurst

Ward E. Jones

Dylan Futter

Lindsay Kelland

Charles Villet
Schalk Engelbrecht
Richard Sivil
John Ostrowick
HPP Lötter
Emma Ruttkamp-Bloem
R Winkler
John Lamola
Ulrike Kistner
Helen Cawood
Danie Straus
OA Oyowe
Yolandi Coetser
Tristen Taylor
Bernard Matolino
Kwindingwi Wenceslaus
Richard Flockemann
David Spurrett
Michael Pitman
Lucy Allais
Deepak Mistrey
Patrick Lenta
Simon Beck
Anné Verhoef
Pedro Tabensky
Sharli Paphitis