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**Minutes: SARAA BGM Meeting
9th February 2017
Sandton Convention Centre**

1. Opening of the meeting and welcome: Professor Mahmood Ally
2. Attendance register to be sent around and Apologies
 - 2.1. Apologies Prof C Scott, Dr Cathy Spargo
3. Adoption of minutes of BGM 2015. Minutes were adopted. Proposed by Dr Anne Halland and seconded by Dr Ingrid Louw
4. Matters arising from minutes of meeting not addressed in the main agenda.
 - 4.1. Dr A Solomon is a committee member on the (Essential Drugs Program) EDP
 - 4.2. Discovery Health is only med aid paying for biologic review. Suggestion to set up a managed health care company within SARAA
 - 4.3. Membership issues:
 - 4.3.1. Still an issue to get members to pay subs. What do we do with non-paying members. According to the constitution after a few months membership lapses
 - 4.3.2. 17 full members that are not rheumatologists. Need to decide what to do with them
 - 4.3.3. R500.00 rebate on membership fees for 2017 for payment of congress fees
5. The executive reports:
 - 5.1. The President's report
 - 5.1.1. Thanks to EXCO members
 - 5.1.2. Thanks to Biologics panel:

President: Prof M Ally

Exco Members: Dr Cathy Spargo, Dr Elsa van Duuren, Dr Kavita Makkani, Prof Mohammed Tikly, Dr Tun Nyo, Dr Neeta Patel,
Dr Mohamed Makta



5.1.2.1. Drs Ingrid Louw, Ann Halland, Cathy Spargo, Jenny Potts, Neeta Patel, Elsa van Duuren, Debra Nel, Charlene Bolton, Ayesha Waddee, Tun Nyo, Prof Mahmood Ally

5.2. Treasurer's Report 2017:- Dr Kavita Makan

5.2.1. SARAA is still in a financially sound state

5.2.2. New contract with E2 solutions should be beneficial

5.2.2.1. Cost

5.2.2.2. Stability

5.2.2.3. Administration and accounting

5.2.3. Sponsorships:

5.2.3.1. Fellows: (highlighted in previous BGM): 5 EULAR postgrad course; 2 fellow workshops; 2 Full Sponsorship of fellows for congresses

5.2.3.2. Beyond this nurse sponsorships

5.2.3.3. Congress 2017 sponsorships of speakers and committee members

5.2.4. Non-SARAA hosted accounts have been previously represented as assets/revenue. New accounting policies to reflect a more realistic financial status. Grants/unspent balances on non-SARAA congresses cannot be represented as SARAA revenue. Policy regarding hosting should be implemented – possible administrative fee.

5.2.5. Congress 2017:

5.2.5.1. Debate at last BGM should this be an income generating revenue source OR strive to keep raising the level of the event.

5.2.5.2. That being said low registration rates, especially SARAA registered rheumatologists.

5.2.6. Banking – challenging in view of their business policies. Long lag times especially with most operational activities based in Gauteng

5.2.7. Bad Debt – particularly membership payment rates Treasurer's report: Dr Kavita Makan

5.2.8. Questions to treasurer:

5.2.8.1. Should money remain in money market? Could we look at investing it in other ways? We need to ask about the bank account

5.2.8.2. Membership fee payment: Possibly a fixed debit on a yearly basis?



5.2.8.3. Look at penalties for non-paying members. Stop biologic panel access for non-paying members

6. Acknowledgements:

6.1. Prof Girish Mody: Master of the ACR

6.1.1. Bridgit Hodgkinson: Associate Professor

6.1.2. The new rheumatologists

7. Restructuring the secretariat:

7.1. There has been a new staff structure: Shelley was offered a retrenchment package

7.2. The current secretariat is at E2 solutions:

7.2.1. Tumi: SARAA registry

7.2.2. Yolanda: SARAA membership

7.2.3. Prescilla : SARAA finances

7.2.4. Tash: Website support and development

7.2.5. Hildah: CPD

7.2.6. George: Head

7.3. Secretariat functions: Registry

7.4. Biologics

7.5. Website: Sponsor access/ acknowledgement/ dedicated area for EXCO

7.6. What is the cost of the registry:

7.6.1. Pharma has less sponsorship. Some have less involvement

7.6.2. Data sharing

7.6.3. Should we expand the role of the secretariat?

7.6.3.1. Congress. Can we use our secretariat for congress organisation?

7.6.4. Website:



- 7.6.4.1. What do we offer our members? Possibly putting journal club news on the website
- 7.6.4.2. Can we allow any form of advertising
- 7.6.5. Legal aid to members for biologics approval. If biologics panel has approved an application, what is the appeals process. Possibly arthritis foundation
- 7.6.6. Change in Directors:
 - 7.6.6.1. Dr Clive Pettipher
 - 7.6.6.2. Prof Mahmood Ally
 - 7.6.6.3. Prof Helmuth Reuter
- 7.6.7. Charges for administering funds?
- 8. Academic report: Dr Neeta Patel
 - 8.1. Registration for training units: SMHSU, Umtata
 - 8.2. Discovery grant for Livingston Hospital
 - 8.3. Fellow workshops
 - 8.4. Sponsorship for online and post- graduate course
 - 8.5. Certificate examination: Format has changed. Theory paper, objective test, clinical examination
 - 8.6. 9 Fellows have passed certificate exams
- 9. Registry report: Dr Romela Benitha
 - 9.1. Comment on the registry: There is a lot of very good data on the registry and we need to look at how we use it. We need to look at a steering committee for the registry within SARAA.
 - 9.2. We must look further at trying to get the state patient data on the registry
- 10. Next SARAA congress 2019: Johannesburg: Convenor Dr Ahmed Solomon
- 11. General
 - 11.1. Secretary/ data capture and management for SARAA
 - 11.2. Yearly congress proposed by Dr Ingram Anderson



11.3. Outreach:

11.3.1. Dr Emma, Livingston. Discovery health sponsorship. Has regular visits from academics and monthly from Dr Jenny Potts. To also look at the possibility of using Telemed support

11.3.2. Tembisa

11.4. Private practice committee proposed by Prof Mody to use the skills of outgoing people involved in the running of the SARAA so that their skills are not lost.

12. Election of the new SARAA President: Dr Elsa van Duuren elected

13. Closure of the meeting

Prof M Ally
President SARAA