

Annual Report 2010

Annual General Meeting - 9 August 2010

1. WELCOME

The attendance register was circulated and signed. Apologies have been received from A Brooks.

2. Minutes.

The Previous Minutes were presented and proposed by CHH and accepted by Jeff Harrisberg. The only matter arising was a comment that the Dr Isidore Pazvakavamba Fellowship mentioned in the 2009 AGM has been suspended for the time being pending review of the financial records due to the 2013 meeting and financial commitments relating to that meeting.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

i. The current executive is

- a. JH- president
- b. Stephen Brown- vice
- c. Liesl Zuhlke-secretary
- d. Jeff Harrisberg- private practice
- e. Ebrahim Hoosen- without portfolio
- f. The 2 year term has now ended and a new executive committee would be elected at this meeting.

ii. The financial statements were amended and presented and Steve Brown was thanked for his diligent work as treasurer.

iii. JH gave a report back regarding the 2013 conference and discussed the relationship between SA Heart and PCSSA regarding the conference. He advised the members that the 2013 was now a PBO company and discussed some of the work arising from the local organising committee, the dates for the congress is Feb 13-22 2013 and the CTICC.

iv. The 2010 congress was organised by Antoinette Cilliers and Deliwe Ngwezi and they were sincerely thanked on behalf of the PCSSA for an excellent programme and speakers and for much hard work. Other meetings were mentioned, the upcoming 2011 congress and the annual WSPCA meeting in Johannesburg which had been a great success in 2010.

v. The attendance at various meetings on behalf of PCSSA and 2013 was discussed.

vi. JH pointed out that the Audit of Paediatric Cardiac Services had been published in Jan 2010 issue of the SA Heart Journal and that the editorial authored by Ebrahim Hoosen as well as John Hewitson and Peter Zille's article challenging the burden of paediatric cardiovascular disease will also be published in SA Heart and SAMJ respectively. These have subsequently been published and have been well received. They have also already been cited in other articles.

vii. Finally there was a discussion regarding the future of both the PCSSA and the advocacy role regarding children's heart disease: it was felt that the editorial would be a position statement from the PCSSA and would hopefully encourage further efforts to raise the priority of children's heart disease in South Africa. In addition the 2013 congress has a strong focus on issues relevant to services for children in the developing world and this congress and our work as a PCSSA should be seen in the context of developing a strong program of advocacy.

4. Comments arising from report

De Rik DeDecker mentioned that Dr Richard Spence had conducted a needs assessment for paediatric cardiac diseases from an MPH at Oxford. To date, we have not yet seen the results or any publications. This has still not been resolved.

5. CEO of 2013 report presented by Dr Chris Hugo-Hamman

i. CHH outlined the section 21 company and discussed the sponsorship and fundraising efforts thus far. Thanks were given to SAHA for their support and endorsement of the congress.

ii. CHH also mentioned that fundraising would be taken over (including exhibition) by a professional company and that he would be meeting with two companies to consider their approaches to this particular aspect before deciding on a company to partner with.

iii. The opportunities to advertise and present 2013 at meetings such as CHOP and others were presented and all members were strongly encouraged to advertise/spread the word at any subsequent opportunity.

iv. Finally CHH concluded by reminding everyone of the huge opportunity that 2013 represented but also the immense amount of work and effort needed to make the congress a success.

6. Comments arising from report

Dr S Muller commented that Government should also be involved or approached for funding. CHH mentioned that the DOH had been approached and that he would report back on this particular aspect at the next AGM.

7. Elections

At this point, the new elections were conducted. John Hewitson would not be standing for a second term and Ebrahim Hoosen was elected the next President unopposed.

Congratulations to Ebrahim Hoosen.

There had been a number of nominations for the rest of the committee and thus an election process followed. The executive committee elected were:

1. Jeff Harrisberg
2. Liesl Zühlke
3. Steve Brown and
4. Paul Adams

Congratulations to the new executive on their election to PCSSA 2010-2012.

8. There were no other news and the meeting concluded at 6.15pm