

2014 SASA AGM MINUTES

DATE: 7 JULY 2014

VENUE: NMMU, PORT ELIZABETH

TIME: 12:30-14:00

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Irma DuPlessis (SASA president) welcomed all.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

An attendance register was circulated. No apologies received.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONAL ITEMS)

Nirmala Gopal proposed adoption of the agenda. Julio de Sousa seconded.

4. ADOPTION OF 2013 AGM MINUTES

Janjtie Xaba proposed adoption of the minutes. Shireen Ally seconded.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM 2013 AGM MINUTES

6. FUTURE CONGRESSES

Irma reminded the meeting that the 2015 SASA congress will be held at the University of Johannesburg (UJ). She invited Kammila Naidoo from UJ to brief the meeting on progress made to date. Kammila reported that planning for the congress has gone well so far. The UJ LOC is currently working on a possible conference theme which is '*contours of violence, manifestation, interventions and social justice*'. There is ongoing discussion around this proposed conference theme. The LOC is suggesting Maggie Abrahams as keynote speaker. Kammila also reported that the UJ LOC proposes 28 June 2015 to 1 July 2015 as the 2015 SASA congress dates.

Irma reported that Rhodes University has confirmed that they will host the 2016 SASA congress. She also reported that the 2013-2014 SASA Council has suggested that North West University (NWU) be approached and asked to host the 2017 congress. She put this proposal forward to NWU colleagues present in the meeting. Simon Mapadimeng from NWU accepted the proposal on behalf of his university.

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Presidential report: Irma Du Plessis thanked the 2013-2014 Council for its sterling work. She then went on to summarise her presidential report which she took as read as it was circulated to all in the meeting. Her summary focused on SASA's response to the regulations establishing the National Institute for the Humanities & Social Sciences, the Israel resolution which was discussed at the 2012 and 2013 AGMs, the success of the 2013 and 2014 congresses. She also reported that the UJ Department of Sociology hosted ISA president Michael Burawoy in May 2014 for a lecture on 'neo-liberalism and social movements'.

She also spoke about communication challenges among SASA members and the broader sociological/scholarly community. She highlighted the challenges of using the South African Sociology Google list and the SASA website as the mediums of communication with SASA members and urged a rethink to maximise their efficiency.

Treasurer's report: Charles Puttergill reported on SASA's financial status based on the treasurer's report which he took as read as it was circulated to all in the meeting. His summary focused on SASA membership which is the association's primary source of income, the 2013 treasury report, income from congresses, SASA's statement of investments and a five year financial overview. His main conclusion was that SASA's financial books are in good order and this has been independently assessed and confirmed.

SARS Editorial Collective: Kammila Naidoo reported that the term of the current editorial collective ends in 2016. She also reported that Grace Khunou resigned from the editorial collective during the year. She reminded the meeting that SARS now uses scholarone manuscript for receipt, handling and processing of articles. This system is meticulous and all authors are encouraged to submit their articles via this system. The SARS has seen an increasing number of articles from colleagues in other African universities and postgraduate students. However, there are very few senior local scholars who submit their articles to SARS. There are also very few local scholars who are willing to review SARS articles.

Kammila also reported that there are three scheduled SARS general issues for 2014 which will be published on time. The initial schedule had one special issue which was however cancelled due to operational and logistical challenges experienced by guest editors. Despite challenges around special issues, Kammila encouraged colleagues to submit their proposals and work closely with the editorial collective to see them through to publication. In 2015, there will a special issue on sports and one on family issues in 2016.

Kammila also reported that all SARS issues (from 1970 to date) are now available online. In terms of future plans, the editorial collective plans to apply for ISI accreditation before the end of 2014. From 2015 onwards, SARS will have four issues per year. Approval for these four issues has been obtained from the publishers (Taylor & Francis).

8. ELECTIONS

WORKING GROUP CONVENORS

Irma reported that she has been in touch with the following working group convenors who indicated willingness to continue in these portfolios:

WORKING GROUP	CONVENOR
Clinical sociology	Tina Uys (UJ) & Mariam Seedat (UKZN)
Crime, violence and security	Nirmala Gopal (UKZN)
Development	Sultan Khan (UKZN)
Economic and industrial sociology	Pragna Rugunanan (UJ)
Environment and natural resources	Wilson Akpan (UFH)
Family and population studies	Marlize Rabe (UNISA)
Gender studies	Letitia Smuts (UJ)
Health	Grace Khunou (WITS)
Higher education and science studies	Shaheeda Essack (DHET) & David Cooper (UCT)

Lesbian, gay and queer studies	Jacques Rothman (NWU)
Media, culture and society	Vacant*
Methodology and social theory	Derik Gelderblom (UNISA)
Political sociology & law	Lloyd Hill** (SUN)
Race, ethnicity and class	Jantjie Xaba (SUN)
Religion	Tessa Doons (SUN)
Rural sociology	Phakiso Mokhahlane (NWU)
Social movements and popular protest	Carin Runciman (UJ)
Sport, leisure and society	Kiran Odhav (NWU)
Sociology of youth	Jay Govender (NMMU)
Urban sociology	Liela Groenewald (UJ)

*Zanetta Jansen indicated that she is no longer available to continue as working group convenor for 'media, culture and society'. Irma asked whether there was anyone in the meeting willing to replace Zanetta. There was no volunteer. The incoming Council (2014-15) was asked to finalise Zanetta's replacement.

**Lloyd Hill (SUN) is the new working group convenor for 'political sociology'. He replaces Ian Liebenberg who asked to step down.

SASA EXECUTIVE

Frek Cronje chaired the session for electing the 2014-15 SASA executive and SASA council. The following were duly elected:

President: Dr. Irma Du Plessis (UP)

Vice-president: Dr. Shireen Ally (WITS)

Secretary: Dr. Liela Groenewald (UJ)

Treasurer: Dr. Charles Puttergill (UP)

SASA COUNCIL

Dr. Stella Kwizera (UFH)

Dr. Julio De Sousa (UNISA)

Dr. Ramosotho Mokgadi (NWU)

Dr. Nelly Sharpley (WSU)

Dr. Pragna Rugunanan (UJ)

Dr. Malehoko Tshoaedi (UP)

Dr. Ian Liebenberg (SUN)

Dr. Sonwabile Mwana (WITS)

STUDENT MEMBERS

Gabriel Letswalo (WITS)

Femi Adeagbo (UJ)

Sandla Nomvete (UP)

Tanaka Mugabe (NMMU)

Boitumelo Maruping (UJ)

MEETING CLOSED at 14:00