SAAFP Annual General Meeting: Minutes

Friday, 5th of September 17:14 at the Midrand Conference Centre, Gauteng.

T Ras [Full]
Pfunso Machimana [Full]
J Blitz [Full]
O Maphasha [Full]
M Naidoo [Full]
C Steyn [Full]
J Nash [Full]
B Cawe [Full]
T Motsohi [Full]
P Siko [Full]
M Muller [Full]
B Mash [Full]
T Maphophe [Full]
R Ortel [Full]
P Okeke [Full]
G Fray [Full]
R Thulo [Non]
N Nyalunga [Full]
N Blose [Full]
A Ross [Full]
C van Ramesdonk [Full]
M Rabe [Full]
K Hadzhi [Full]

Lucille Boshoff (SAAFP)
C Fabiyi [Full]
K Akingba [Full]
K von Pressentin [Full]
S Mathew [Full]
M Heystek [Full]
G Botha [Full]
O Omole [Full]
B Gaede [Full]
G Marincowitz [Full]
M Khan [Full]
S Moosa [Full]
R Mukhinindi [Full]
K Ngoie [registrar]
M Muke [Full]
L Shange [Full]
M Ramochele [Full]
D Masanbo [Full]
S Khumalo [Registrar]
M Mogotsi [Non]
P Letsoalo [Registrar]
L Phoofolo [Non]
C Visser [Full]

M de Jong [Registrar]
A Akanbi [Full]
M Ramavhuya [Full]
K Hlabyago [Full]
L Jenkins [Full]
E Malaza [Full]
S Marcus [Registrar]
H Steinberg [Full]
J Musonda [Full]
D Pretorius [Ass]
T Baytopp [Full]
A Nair [Full]
T September [registrar]
S Seithiro [Full]
G Ashford [Full]
C Luene [Non]
V Mkhatshwa [Non]
C Ndubuisi [Non]
L Dlamini [Registrar]
S Okeke [Full]
K Dithlabolo[Registrar]
D Hagemeister [Full]
S Marcus [Registrar]

	Agenda:
1.	**Welcome and Apologies.** Prof Tasleem Ras **Apologies:** Proxies were received Prof T Ras welcomed all the members present.
2.	**Proxies:** A quorum was established with the 5 proxies as well as the members present. See addendum 1 for the copies of the proxies and the list of paid-up Full Members. [30 full members attendees]
3.	**Ratification of Minutes**:

	Hannes Steyn motioned for the adoption on the minutes of the previous AGM, and second by Tsepo Motsohi and Prof Omole
4.	**AGM Meeting report** Prof Tasleem Ras took everybody through the report of SAAFP for the last 12 months.
5.	**President's report:** Prof Tasleem Ras delivered the Presidents report. [attached for easy reference] President's Report. Shared the legal structure, vision and MOU of the academy. Listed the various activities and the benefits. **Target:** • 400 full members • 160 trainee members – at reduced fee • 60 associate members – GPs, clinical associates [Target have been sent] we have not met our target, but we see a steady increase in members. Items highlights: • Congratulation: Prof Mergan Naidoo – Elected the president of SAMA and vice president CMSA – well done! • Dr Randelle Ortel – Elected as chairperson Private practice presentative - HIV council • Madeleine Muller\Richard Cooke, Bob Mash and Hanneke Brits – SWAT training cross disciplinary • Tracey-Lee Abrahams – Taken on the responsibility of the monthly webinar. • Social Media presence - not achieved this objective and we need to rethink how do we rebuild this social medial profile – open for volunteers. • CPD has been the lowest it has been in the last 10 years. Marthinus has taken over the role and was a good income stream and it is no longer. • SFPP – being doing an excellent job and moving forward • Financial sustainability – expand on income, main source of income has come down, however SWAT has been the new income stream. • 2023 and 2024 profitable conferences in the last two years. Registration between 170 – 200 • We should be using our operation costs to cover the conference fees – the conference for 2025 should cover the fees for next year. • A18 tax certificate – paying monies to SAAFP while paying less to SARS. An important source of revenue. Allocate some of your TAX to SAAFP instead of SARS.

	• Standing Council agenda: • SAFJ – Impact factor of 2.2 • NEXT5 – Leading the way for our new family physicians • POCUS – James Porter – ongoing workshops • WONCA 2027 – Bob Mash • Eswatini NCD – Tabitha is running with this. • Conrad and Associates – Riha and Randelle. • Research Council – Growth area for SAAFP
6.	**Prof Mergan Naidoo – presented the financial** • Confirmed the academy auditors and bookkeepers • Financial comparison for 2024/2025 • Reviewed the income and expenses • Address frequent asked questions
7.	**Matters arising from previous minutes and President's report.** No comments or matters
8.	**Consideration and approval of financial statements for 2024 & 2025 financial year:** Budget approval, we are stable for the next few months. CPD was our main income, and this is not the case. **Auditors:** C2M **Bookkeepers:** Accounting by Nature Audited financial statements were signed off prior to the AGM but confirm as accepted by all at the AGM. • Financials were signed off by Prof Ras President] and Prof Naidoo [Treasurer] • Profit of R442K Prof Tas and Prof Hannes – has confirmed SAAFP can stay with the currently auditor C2M. CPD accreditation – the environment has change and it has nothing to do with SAAFP – MM We need to host the POCUS training in our hospitals and increase the number of people to attend at a lower cost. GUSI is currently the biggest expense.
9.	**Other Matter:** No changes to council.
10.	**Motion for Consideration at the 2025 AGM** – Palestine and the Protection of Healthcare

MOTION: URGENT ACTION ON PALESTINE, MEDICAL ETHICS, AND GLOBAL JUSTICE

That the South African Academy of Family Physicians (SAAFP):

1. Affirms its previous statement of 23 February 2024, in which it expressed deep concern over the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, including the killing of healthcare workers, the destruction of hospitals, and the profound suffering of civilians — and notes with grave concern that the situation has since deteriorated catastrophically.

2. Reaffirms its commitment to medical ethics, human rights, and equity, as enshrined in its Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI), particularly:

- 1.1.1: Promoting optimal health through advocacy and development of the primary health care team;

- 1.1.2: Developing family medicine through education, research, and dissemination;

- 1.1.3: Representing family physicians in international forums;

- 1.1.4: Influencing relationships with institutions and the public.

3. Notes the updated humanitarian and legal reality:

- As of May 2025, at least 1,400 healthcare workers — doctors, nurses, paramedics, and surgeons — have been killed in Gaza, according to Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP).

- Over 33 of 36 hospitals have been destroyed or forced to close.

- The UN Commission of Inquiry has stated these attacks amount to war crimes and extermination.

- The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has ruled:

  - January 2024: Israel is plausibly committing genocide in Gaza.

  - July 2024: Israel maintains a regime of apartheid in the occupied territories.

4. Condemns the systematic dismantling of Palestine's health system — not as a "collateral effect" of war, but as a targeted war on healthcare (healthicide) — and calls on the President and Council to issue a public statement that:

- Condemns attacks on healthcare workers, facilities, and civilians;

- Demands an immediate and permanent ceasefire;

- Calls for full accountability for violations of international humanitarian law;

- Urges the lifting of the blockade on food, water, fuel, and medicine.

5. Commits to consistent advocacy, rejecting false equivalence:

- While SAAFP stands for justice in all conflicts, this motion focuses on Palestine because of the unique scale, legal findings (genocide, apartheid), and double standard in global medical responses.

- SAAFP has previously expressed concern for Ukraine, Sudan, and other crises. This motion does not diminish those concerns — but insists that where the ICJ has ruled on genocide, our response must be specific, urgent, and unambiguous.

6. Calls for concrete action in solidarity with Palestinian health workers, including:

- Establishing scholarships for displaced Palestinian medical students and family medicine trainees;

- Creating academic solidarity partnerships between South African and Palestinian medical institutions;

- Providing moral and material support to Palestinian healthcare professionals.

7. Leverages SAAFP's role as host of the 2027 WONCA World Conference in Cape Town by:

- Urging the President and Council to negotiate with WONCA World to dedicate the 2027 Conference to "Justice for Palestinians: Rebuilding Health and Humanity";

- Proposing a plenary session, workshops, and cultural events focused on the Palestinian health crisis and global medical solidarity;

- Advocating for the inclusion of Palestinian voices — including virtual participation if travel is impossible.

8. Calls for sustained advocacy within WONCA by:

- Supporting the Healthcare Workers for Palestine (HCW4P) campaign calling for the suspension of the Israeli Association of Family Physicians (IAFP) from WONCA;

- Supporting any related motion in the WONCA Council in Lisbon 2025;

- Committing to raise this issue at every SAAFP and WONCA Council meeting (2025–2027) until meaningful action is taken.

This motion is not a political act — it is a fulfilment of our MOI, our medical ethics, and our oath to protect life. Our silence in the face of plausible genocide and the eradication of a health workforce is not neutrality. It is complicity.

	Submitted by: Prof. S. Moosa **Second the motion: Madeleine Muller** **Open the floor: Is there a counter motion. NO** **By a hand to accept the motion: 21** **Against no-hands: 0** **Abstaining hands: 4**
11.	**Closure:** **Thank you to the EXCO and to the administration office, Lucy, and everybody for attending** The meeting was adjourned at 19:00