

SGM held at 7pm on 18th June 2009 by Skype Conference Call: Minutes

Attendees: Helen Hull (Chair), Adele Pelteret, Janine Dobson, Nicola Zaina, Gabby Perez, Barbara Barker, Katherine Train, Catherine Bremer, Hannah Kaye, Sunette van Zyl, Jill Fraser-Halkett.

Proxies held by Helen Hull: Tracey Evans, Lynne Brown, Amanda Morgan, Nikki-Dee Wilson, Chantal Meijer

Proxies held by Adele Pelteret: Heidi du Preez, Carol Murrell, Karen Horton, Sara Bilbe

Proxy held by Jill Fraser-Halkett: Sally-Ann Creed

Apologies: 26 members

Non-response: 3 members

HH thanked those attending and those who had sent Proxy Forms or apologies.

HH asked if everyone had received the proposed amendments and had them available for reference. Affirmed.

Katherine Train raised a query about Insurance.

HH: there is a section on the website about insurance. After discussions with Max Derman of Derman and Duncan, Product Liability cover should be provided by product manufacturers and would not be required of practitioners unless they manufacture their own products. Public Liability cover is very expensive and is "common sense". Our main insurance concern, as Practitioners, is Professional Indemnity for which insurance is recommended as detailed on the SAANT website. HH could not remember a 4th insurance category. (HH: it is Slander and again Max said is very expensive to insure against and not deemed essential in SA as there are very few cases. He will quote for product liability, public liability and slander if requested).

Sunette raised a question about diploma holders and Provisional / Professional Membership.

Unfortunately the question could not be clearly heard and HH said she would answer more specifically if Sunette put her query in an e-mail.

HH gave a brief reason why SAANT had set a BSc level of training for PF membership: considered necessary if SAANT PF members are to be considered Professional: must have a training that is at least equal to other registered professions in the same field such as Dietetics and Naturopaths. These matters had been debated over many years. SAANT appreciates that the BSc level of training was not available when many studied NT. The Provisional category was retained for those who do not have a PF level of training and PVs can remain on the SAANT Register of Practitioners as long as they satisfy the requirements: working towards PF membership; satisfying CPD requirements; insured; on Register of Practitioners. There is no time limit for remaining a PV. The SMAT Committee will advise and assist PVs individually.

Jill Fraser Halkett asked if HH had received an e-mail from Sally-Ann Creed. HH confirmed it had been received late that afternoon and would be responded to individually.

Jill asked if the Chairperson was the only signatory required on the Constitution, what would prevent the Chairperson from making changes.

HH: the process to amend the Constitution is clearly defined in the Constitution and read out a few key requirements from the Constitution. The process being executed now, is that process. The Chairperson's signature is there to take responsibility that the Document is what it says it is: The Constitution of SAANT. Council debated whether all Council members should sign and it was deemed unnecessary and would be time consuming and expensive to have the document couriered to

all Council members. Council approved all the amendments and additions before they were sent to voting members including that only the Chairperson need sign. (HH: I appreciate Jill's concerns and will discuss further with Council and possibly put forward an amendment proposal at the AGM that the Chair and two other members of the Council are required to sign. Making amendments by a SGM is extremely time consuming and will be done at the AGM unless urgent.)

All Additions and Amendments were unanimously carried.

HH thanked everyone for attending.

The SAANT AGM and Seminar are being planned for the 9/10 October and the first notice should go out by the end of June. HH said she hoped many members would attend and support the Council.

HH was thanked.

Meeting closed 19.44.

Minutes prepared by HH; 19 June 2009