

SATiBA AGM

15 October 2020 at 11h00

Zoom Meeting

**Present:**

Kuben Vather

Riana Cockrin

Tania Glats

Sharon Munnick

Michael Pepper

Yvonne Holt

Carola Niesler

Carl Montague

Jody

Michelle Vermeulen

Yvonne Cordner

Carol Tonnesen

Alicia Venter

Jane Ward

Lisa Terblanche

Clarice Cairncross

Zahier Isaacs

Farnaaz

Samantha Nichols

Pax Ramela

Robert Crookes

Melodie Labuschagne

Carlo Jackson

Sandra Venter

Annette Otto

Hans vd Heever

Annemarie Morkel

Ansie Sevenster

**Apologies received:**

Calista Hardwick

Lawrence Gobetz

Marais Steyn

Charlotte Ingram

Jackie Thompson

Colwyn Poole

1. Introduction and quorum:

Sandra Venter welcomed everyone to the meeting. 70% of members are required to attend the AGM. More than 70% were present, so a quorum was confirmed.

Notice of meeting:

The meeting was called within the prescribed period and everyone received an agenda within the period. There were no questions and the agenda was closed.

Confirmation of previous minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and everyone had received a copy. No changes were made and the previous minutes were accepted as correct.

2. Chairman's report – Prof Michael Pepper

Presented by Prof Michael Pepper. Please see attached document – Chairman's Report

3. Financial report – Yvonne Holt

A summary of the income and expenses were presented by Dr Holt and the financial statements will be sent out with the minutes of the AGM.

4. Secretarial report – Sandra Venter

No changes to the membership over the last year.

SATiBA has obtained its NPO status.

5. Matters arising – Sandra Venter

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

6. Resolutions for changes to the MOI – Kuben Vather

A proposal was presented on behalf of the board to amend the MOI to incorporate new categories, a copy of the document was circulated with the AGM pack. The categories are: the President, the President-elect and the Past-President.

The President-elect will serve a term of 2 years and work closely with the President to learn the roles, responsibilities and fill in as needed. At the end of this term the President-elect will become the President and serve a term of 2 years, once completed the President will become an immediate Past-President. The Past-President cannot be nominated for President-elect again until a 2 year cooling-off period has been completed.

There were no objections to the introduction of the 3 categories.

As this is a non-voting year, for next year those who are not board members were requested to put their names forward to join SATiBA.

7. Supplementary items

No supplementary items received for the agenda.

8. The meeting closed at 11h43

## **Chairman's report**

*(Part of this report was presented at the SATiBA AGM on 15 October 2020)*

It gives me great pleasure to report on the activities of SATiBA over the past year. I am delighted to inform you that as the recognized lobbying group for tissue banking, particularly as far as regulatory and training matters are concerned, SATiBA has become an integral part of the organ and tissue transplantation, and tissue banking landscapes.

At the outset I would like to thank my fellow board members for their tireless efforts and dedication to SATiBA and its objectives. SATiBA is registered as a not-for-profit company, and I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the members of the board render their services without being remunerated.

As previously agreed, SATiBA will hold a conference and workshop on alternate years. Last year we hosted a joint conference with the South African Transplant Society (SATS) in Gordon's Bay. This year we were due to host an international meeting on behalf of the World Union of Tissue Banking Associations (WUTBA) in the Western Cape. Due to COVID-19, and with the approval of WUTBA, we will now hold this meeting in 2021 from 28 – 31 October at Gordon's Bay.

### WUTBA membership

In 2018, SATiBA was officially included as an observer member of WUTBA. SATiBA has participated in most of the WUTBA activities since. Prof Michael Pepper is part of their Global Tissue Banking Registry working group and Sandra Venter is part of the WUTBA Ethics Working group. WUTBA has agreed to support the work of ISBT 128 (ICCBBA), in particular of its International Tissue Advisory Group (ITTAG), in its effort of harmonize tissue product label format (and content) wherever possible. Cleo Ndhlovu is a member of ITTAG.

### EATCB membership

Following our application to the European Association of Cell and Tissue Banks (EACTB), SATiBA was officially informed on 3 May 2019 that we have been accepted as a sister association. Following a discussion with the EATCB and subsequently the SATiBA Board, some changes may need to be introduced into the SATiBA code of conduct in order to comply fully with the EATCB standards for membership.

### Global data collection

SATiBA has been approached by the Global Alliance of Eye Bank Associations (GAEBBA) to participate in a long-term data collection project to capture annual data on corneal transplants, corneal donations and tissue movement across countries. South African Eye Banks were requested to submit their data to SATiBA, and the association will de-identify and submit data to GAEBBA annually on their behalf. SATiBA intends to work with the local Ophthalmic Society to collect data around the number of imported corneas utilised in transplant procedures taking place country-wide.

### Endorsement of Declaration of Istanbul

SATiBA has formally endorsed the Declaration of Istanbul and this is indicated on the Declaration of Istanbul's website (<https://www.declarationofistanbul.org/about-the-declaration/list-of-endorsing-organizations>).

### Workshops for 2019

Due to COVID-19, there have been no workshops in 2020.

### Newsletter

Apart from a position statement on COVID 19, SATiBA did not send out any newsletters, but hope to do so in 2021.

### Policy and Standards

Based on the recognition that the South African legislation does not adequately cover tissue banking requirements, SATiBA in collaboration with SATS will initiate a policy drafting project for organ transplantation and tissue banking. In addition, SATiBA has embarked on an extensive standard drafting programme. Cleo Ndhlovu has been driving this process and draft guidelines have been prepared for all tissues banked by SATiBA's members. Work is also underway with SASREG to draft guidelines for gamete banking. Until these documents have been formally adopted by the National Department of Health (NDoH), SATiBA will for in the interim post these documents on its website. It is our intention to present this work to the NDoH and to assist the Government in the adoption of policy, regulations and guidelines as they pertain to tissue banking.

### Projects

Several projects are underway in SATiBA or are being conducted in collaboration with other organizations/entities:

- Working with the W Cape government as a pilot project for other state entities to increase tissue donation (Sandra Venter)
- Methods to increase tissue donation in KZN (Yvonne Cordner)
- Medical devices and human tissues (Cleo Ndlovu and others)
- Biomedical Scientist & Tissue Retrieval Technician registration with the HPCSA (Charlotte Ingram and Michael Pepper)
- Sector Analysis project to identify the challenges faced by the human tissue sector and map key interventions to strengthen the sector through stakeholder engagement (Michael Pepper)

In closing, I would like once again to acknowledge the immense contributions of my fellow board members to the successful running of SATiBA. I have no doubt that SATiBA will go from strength to strength and that the year that lies ahead will be an exciting and productive one.



Michael S Pepper  
President and Chairman of the Board  
15 October 2021