

SATiBA AGM

12 November 2022 at 17h30

STIAS: SATS & SATiBA Conference 2022

Present:

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| 1. Helena Heystek | Bone SA |
| 2. Michael Pepper | Individual member (Board member) |
| 3. Yvonne Holt | Next-biosciences (Treasurer) |
| 4. Yvonne Cordner | Burn Care Trust (Board member) |
| 5. Carol Tonnesen | KZN Eye Association (Board member) |
| 6. Moji Mogari | Bone SA |
| 7. Sandra Venter | Bone SA (Chair) |
| 8. Marais Steyn | Bone SA |
| 9. Codee Rather | SAMBR (on behalf of Charlotte Ingram) |
| 10. Michelle Vermeulen | WCBS |
| 11. Aisha Salie | WCBS |
| 12. Elize Scheepers | CTE |
| 13. Marna Horn | CTE |
| 14. Hans van den Heever | Homograph bank, UFS |
| 15. Anja Konig | National Tissue Bank |
| 16. Karin van den Berg | SANBS |
| 17. Richard Tough | ODF |
| 18. Theo le Roux | Orthopaedic surgeon & Bone SA |

Apologies received:

None

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:

Formal notification of the meeting was later than required but all agreed that the meeting may proceed. 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 – Sandra Venter

Presented by Sandra Venter. 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. It was proposed to continue with the services of Wynand Opperman as appointed accounting firm. All in agreement.

4. Secretarial report – Yvonne Holt

Yvonne Holt reported on new members which were added, namely Western Cape Blood Service as a full ordinary member and Placelta TK as associate members.

Membership fees were discussed and a decision taken that membership fees outstanding for more than 2 years will be written off, but every effort should be made to collect outstanding fees for the last two years.

Those who have not paid will be contacted to confirm their interest in continuing with membership and/or membership will be terminated in writing.

5. Matters arising – Sandra Venter

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

6. Special vote, Resolution 1:

Kuben Vather (SANBS) who has served on the board of directors have emigrated shortly after the previous AGM. Since then, and in terms of the MOI, the board has co-opted Dr Karin van der Berg from SANBS to serve on the board in his stead. She has been actively involved in the life and work of SATiBA and contributed positively in every way.

We request that Karin van der Berg be formally accepted as a board member until the next round of elections which will take place in 2023.

Resolution accepted by all.

7. Supplementary items

No supplementary items received for the agenda.

8. The meeting closed at 17h30

Chairperson's Report

Looking back at the activities of SATiBA during the past year, it gives me great pleasure to report as follows:

The after effect of the pandemic is still felt by most of our member banks and it may take some time before we will fully recuperate from its devastation. An area which were specifically negatively impacted eye banking. After a successful workshop on the Future of Eye Banking in SA on 4 May, a working group was put together to investigate opportunities for growth, collaboration and improvement. The main message flowing from this effort was that, where possible, eye banking activities be conducted and/or supported by the multi tissue banks which has already existing infrastructure, necessary governance structures, sufficient staff compliment, a functional quality management system and distribution networks in place. It was further suggested that the death to recovery time be extended to increase the potential donor pool; that the option of imports be investigated and that a 50:50 distribution split between state and private be considered.

International participation

SATiBA continues to be a sister member of the EATCB and an observer member to the WUTBA.

By invitation SATiBA participated on 21 July in the World Eye Bank Symposium (WEBS) virtual event, within the EEBA session which focused on the differences and similarities in

donor selection between in Germany, Italy, India and South Africa – our participation was well received.

Through our regular participation in WUTBA meetings and the previous intention to host the World Congress, we are grateful for the opportunity this year to host the 6th SATiBA congress in collaboration with WUTBA, including their face-to-face AGM. In addition to this, the congress will host a Round Table Discussion on Corneal Donation in Africa. Delegates from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Nigeria are expected to attend the meeting through international travel grants made available by various international organisations such as Cornea Help, DBHW, DGFG, EBAAZ, Geurder, Global Alliance of Eye Bank Associations, KL Medical, Lions Deutschland, Lions International and SightLife. The aim of this initiative is to share knowledge and experience in setting up donation programs and tissue banks by organizations worldwide, to bring together local and international experts, to seek options in bundling synergies and to raise awareness of society, politics, and other multipliers on the topic of tissue donation. It's a privilege for SATiBA to be part of this initiative and it is our hope to make a meaningful contribution.

Congress 2022

A decision was taken that the 2022 congress would, as previously be hosted jointly by SATS & SATiBA. The event is currently underway and due to the participation of WUTBA, we see a number of high profile international speakers, including the current Presidents of the following associations: World Union of Tissue Bank Associations (WUTBA) - Martin Borgel, European Association of Tissue and Cell Banks (EATCB) - Diletta Trojan and Biotherapeutic Therapies of Australasia (BAA) - Chris van Diemen.

We are furthermore greatly honored to have the DGFG group, Germany host a practical workshop on Donor Management, from detection and consent through to recovery. This workshop includes aspects related to cornea, musculoskeletal and cardio vascular procurement. Several local experts will participate as invited speakers and 10 abstracts were approved for either oral or poster presentation.

Projects

SATiBA has been involved with a number of projects and while some of them has slowed down due to the current situation, they are all still continuing:

- Through collaboration and wide consultation the drafting of guidelines for musculoskeletal tissue banking in SA has been completed and published on the SATiBA website. Reviews of guidelines for cornea, skin and cardiovascular tissue is underway.
- The SATiBA initiative to find novel procedures and/or systems to improve donation rates and in so doing improving access to tissue has resulted in two specific projects:
 1. The pilot project in Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg which is driven by Yvonne Corder of the Burn Care Trust – it has made progress and results for the last year was submitted to SATiBA. See attached and presentation at the 2022 congress.
 2. The Western Cape Forensic Pathology project facilitated by the Vitanova tissue bank has also made great progress and is showing promising results. See attached presentation/report at the 2022 congress.

- As project driver, Prof Mariette Lowes has made good progress on the project for Biomedical Scientist & Tissue Retrieval Technician registration with the HPCSA. The Task Team appointed by the HPCSA have been meeting on a two weekly basis and a draft Guide as well as two draft modules based on the curriculum have been circulated and the multi tissue banks and eye banks will be approached within the next few days for input. The success of this project has the potential to make a significant difference in the future of tissue banking careers in SA.
- The Global Giving fund raising project continues for a national call center and is championed by Ansie Sevenster - the project is supported by SATS and the ODF.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my fellow board members who continue to work hard at our objectives. A special thanks to Yvonne Holt and our appointed accountant for their continued dedication to manage the financial aspects of our organisation and the effort taken to ensure our memberships stays up to date, that our bills are paid and legislative obligations are met. Thank you also to Julie Purkis who have supported us on an administrative level with website updates, newsletters and minute taking during the past year and to Michael Pepper for remaining our true-north-beacon! Unfortunately we have lost Kuben Vather early on in the year when he emigrated with his family to Singapore. Thank you to Karin van den Berg who have stood in for him as a representative from SANBS during these last months. The SATiBA community remains small in numbers but the impact of our members' contribution to the health sector, society in general and in individual lives are immense – well done to all on a good year behind us!

Wishing all a restful festive season ahead.

Sandra Venter
President and Chairman of the Board
12 November 2022