



The annual report of the chairperson, SAAHE Central region for the period April 2015 to March 2016

In 2015-2016 the committee held 5 management meetings and presented 3 academic activities.

1. SAAHE Council and executive

1.1 Council meetings

Two council meetings were held, one meeting during the SAAHE conference hosted by The Network-SAAHE Gauteng Birchwood conference centre and on 12 September 2015 and on 18 February 2016 at the Intercontinental Hotel, OR Tambo airport.

The following matters were addressed at the above meetings:

1. The mission and vision documents were finalised. The documents are available on the website.
2. The new logo was finalised (please refer to the article in the newsletter)
3. Council resolved that the conferences will be allocated to the regions. Conferences are planned as follows:
 - a. 2016: Eastern Cape – proposed dates are 20 to 24 June 2016. The conference organisers may narrow the dates once the planning of the conference is finalised.
 - b. 2017: Northern region (NWU)
 - c. 2018: KZN
 - d. 2019: Central region
4. The constitution was updated and will be approved at the conference AGM in 2016.
5. A special interest group namely 'The forum for rural development' was approved.
6. The winning poster at the SAAHE Network conference is available on the SAAHE website. The poster winner gets a free registration for the next SAAHE conference.
7. Call for registration of members on the SAAHE website.

2.2 SAAHE distinguished educator award

The criteria for the SAAHE distinguished Educator award was revised at the 18 February meeting. The information will be available on the website (<http://saahe.org.za>). The closing date is 31 May 2016.

The names of previous recipients with a brief description will be added to the website. In addition, a proposal for a research award was discussed and approved at the council meeting. The deadline date for submission of documents is 31 May 2016.

2.3 SAAHE Network Conference September 2015

Notes from the conference organiser Prof Di Manning's report:

"The 2015 SAAHE conference was a unique departure from the usual event as we had been invited to co-host with the international organisation The Network: Towards Unity for Health. The conference was co-branded as Bambanani – Working Together and although the partnership presented some challenges with the website and registration process being based at the Network's offices in Ghent, Belgium and the local South African organisers operating from Pretoria, it was a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and network (pun not intended) with a large number of delegates from around the globe."

Financial statements (Prof Gert van Zyl)

The financial statements are supplied as additional document and to be discussed by the treasurer Prof G Van Zyl.

2. Academic portfolio (Dr Lynette van der Merwe)

The following events were held:

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| 11 March 2015 | AGM and Academic activity Dr D van Jaarsveldt Inclusive Learning environments |
| 13 May 2015 | Dr Lis Lange Educational Leadership in the 21 st century |
| 5 August 2015 | Prof W Landman Assisted Dying |

3. Website (Mr Nico Baird/Mr Alwyn Hugo)

Mr Nico Baird accepted a position at With University. As per the constitution, Mr Alwyn Hugo fulfilled the website duties. Members need to take note that electronic communication will consist of an e-mail link to the SAAHE website to access the documents (<http://saahe.org.za/regional-branches/central/>). This is an attempt to facilitate access to the SAAHE website as well as to reduce the size of bulk e-mail messages.

4. Newsletter (Mr Alwyn Hugo)

SAAHE distributed newsletters in May and December 2015. The newsletter items were uploaded on the SAAHE website (<http://saahe.org.za>).

5. Marketing (Dr Jeanette du Plessis)

Marketing of SAAHE events is communicated at faculty board meetings, 'save the date' and e-mail communication. Head-hunt efforts have shown to have the desired effect.

6. Conclusion

I thank the committee members for a year of dedicated efforts and service to the SAAHE community in advancing SAAHE business in the central region, specifically Dr Sonet Swart (administration) and Prof Gert van Zyl (Finances).

The SAAHE management committee thank the loyal supporters of events presented in the central region. Please remember to register for the next SAAHE conference (22 to 24 June 2016) in Port Elizabeth, hosted by the Eastern Cape Region (NNMU, WSU and Rhodes universities).

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Chairperson
16 March 2016