

DENTASA 2006 AGM

DRAFT MINUTES

1. WELCOME

The President of DENTASA, Mr. Axel Grabowski, extended his welcome to so many technicians, traders and guests in attendance at this the biggest trade exhibition for Dental Technology. Mr. Ferreira opened with prayer.

2. APOLOGIES

Mr. A. Jones, Mr. N. Snyman, Mr. A. Du Plessis, Mr. K. Brits, Mr. J. C. Van Rooyen, Mr. W. Badenhorst, Mr. G. Boyd, and Mr. E. Cummings. It was noted that 278 persons registered for this AGM.

3. OBITUARIES

Gerald Harding, John Holmes, Dawie Conradie, John Young.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Members present proposed and seconded the adoption of the Agenda.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The members present proposed that it is a true reflection of the last AGM meeting held June 2005 after corrections.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Page 1 – **Unmounted teeth:** Adv. Lekitima requested Mr. Grabowski to inform that all traders dealing in unmounted teeth have to register with the Council and to keep a register of all unmounted teeth sold.

Page 3 – 15.2. **Legal assistance for members:** Mr. Grabowski consulted DENTASA's attorney, Mr. Piet Le Grange, regarding this matter. Mr. Le Grange said it would be a logistical problem to act as lawyer to technicians nationwide with him being situated in Pretoria. Mr. Le Grange proposed that members consult with their own attorneys and if there are any problems regarding matters relating to the Act, to phone him for clarification.

7. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

ANNEXURE A

8. NEW MEMBERS – ANNEXURE B

The President reported that there were 56 new members of the Association. The members present accepted all the new members.

9. ROBERT HO TONG – POSITIVE ATTITUDE, MOTIVATION AND INSPIRATION IN THE PROFESSION

ANNEXURE C

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MR. RAINER PITTOFF

ANNEXURE D – Mr. Rainer Pittoff

ANNEXURE E – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The members present approved the financial statements.

11. BRANCH REPORTS

11.1 WESTERN CAPE – MR. DAVID VAN EYK

ANNEXURE F

11.2 EASTERN CAPE – MR. ROY LAURIE

ANNEXURE G

11.3 GAUTENG – MR. PETER KAPP

ANNEXURE H

11.4 GAUTENG NORTH - MR. ANDRE FERREIRA

ANNEXURE I

11.5 FREE STATE - MR. LUKIE STEENKAMP ANNEXURE J

11.6. KWAZULU NATAL – MR. AXEL GRABOWSKI

Discussion: DENTASA's Branch Chairman from KZN, Mr. Gareth Coslett, is unwell and in fairness DENTASA cannot expect him to attend to all his responsibilities as Chairman alone.

Resolution: Mr. Harry George has agreed to help in the KZN branch.

Responsibility: Mr. Harry George

Date: With immediate effect.

12. NOMEDS INVITATION – MR. AXEL GRABOWSKI

Discussion: Mr. Grabowski reported that NOMEDS is a group of Dentists working independently from SADA. Mr. Grabowski was invited to NOMEDS's AGM where he addressed over 200 Dentists and received fantastic feedback from dentists present. DENTASA have again been invited to attend and take part in their AGM for 2006. Technicians have been given 2 half hour slots to present something to the NOMEDS delegates.

Resolution: DENTASA must appoint two speakers to fill the two half hour slots at the NOMEDS AGM 2006.

Responsibility: Mr. Grabowski will appoint two speakers.

Date: Within the month of June 2006.

13. TECHNICIAN PARTICIPATION IN STUDY GROUPS – MR. AXEL GRABOWSKI

Discussion: Mr. Grabowski referred to Mr. Ho-Tong who showed a few photos of the study groups. The study groups was the brain child of Mr. John Hannah, where technicians meet once every three weeks to share and sort out problems relating to their work. Dentists also have study groups and the Fossils study group have been invited to join a NOMEDS study group to attempt to solve mutual problems. Dr. Neil Williams, the President of NOMEDS, will be attending this AGM.

14. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION – MR. AXEL GRABOWSKI

Discussion: Mr. Grabowski reported that with the change of DENTASA to a Section 21 Company, a considerable amount of changes had to be made to the existing Constitution. The AGM is the only forum where the Constitution can be amended and amendments be accepted.

Resolution: Hugo Keller proposed that the changes to the Constitution be accepted. Mr. David van Eyk seconded the proposal. The members present voted and accepted the proposed changes to the Constitution with one vote noted against.

Responsibility: Ms. Mariaan Roets to place new Constitution on the DENTASA website.

Date: Within a month's time.

15. DENTASA SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH -

MR. AXEL GRABOWSKI

Discussion: Mr. Grabowski read the DENTASA counter submission to the Minister of Health in answer to the SADA submission (**ANNEXURE K**). Mr. Grabowski urged all members to be informed and read SADA's submission to the Minister of Health. Mr. Grabowski further reported that DENTASA forwarded a copy of our submission to SADA for their information, a gesture not made by the SADA to DENTASA. A second submission was submitted by SADA after receiving DENTASA's on which DENTASA chose not to comment on and to await the Minister's reply.

Mr. Dries Boshoff added that DENTASA gave its input into the proposed Health Charter and is happy to report that many ideas proposed by DENTASA have been kept in mind and added to the Charter.

16. BENEVOLENT FUND – MR. DAVE OWEN

Discussion: Mr. Owen told all members present that a benevolent Fund should be started by DENTASA once all the legal and financial ramifications have been dealt with and

registered with the relevant authorities. Mr. Owen reported that the Council is holding in trusts a sum of R940 000 plus profits and interests accumulated. That sum could be transferred to the said benevolent fund. It would be up to the board of trustees to decide of the use of profits achieved on the funds. Resolution: Mr. Phillip Saunders proposed that a Benevolent Fund be established by DENTASA. All members present voted in agreement. The motion was carried.

Responsibility: Ms. Morris to put the wheels in motion for this benevolent fund.

Date: Information to be gathered within two weeks.

17. COUNCIL MATTERS

Discussion: Mr. Owen reported that the President of the Council, Adv. Manamela, resigned and Mr. Ferreira is now acting President of the Council. Mr. Ferreira reported that Council has launched action against technicians offering discounts in KZN and the rest of the country will follow soon. Mr. Ferreira reminded the members that the technicians serving on Council would always have the interest of the technicians at heart. Mr. Ferreira added that it might be time for him to step down from the DENTASA Executive and apply all his efforts to the work in Council.

Mr. Grabowski urged the technicians to pay their registration fee to the Council on time as a penalty will be imposed for late payment on a sliding scale.

18. 2008 – MR. DAVE OWEN

Discussion: Mr. Owen reported that in a meeting the previous year with Mr. Willi Geller it was suggested that the World Oral Design Congress could be held in the RSA in 2008. Mr. Geller had suggested that with the cooperation of Barry Wood, DENTASA could host a world congress for Dental Technology for Associations and Technicians worldwide at the same time in South Africa. Mr. Owen further added that a three day congress with a big group of talented and world renowned lecturers with approximately 3000 technicians attending would be achievable in Mr. Owens's opinion and would definitely be a first for this country. Two traders (verbally) confirmed their support for such a congress. Mr. Pittroff voiced his concern, as it would cost at least R500 000.00 to secure the venue, send out invitations, to advertise, to start an office with a competent secretary and postage and to inform the world about such an event, etc.. Mr. Owen suggested that Mr. Barry Wood approaches a bank with the possibility of such a congress in mind. The DENTASA AGM will coincide with this proposed congress.

Mr. Barry Wood reported that interest was shown for the congress to be hosted in the RSA. Oral design funds this congress themselves, independent of products with the benefit to all oral health workers concerned. Mr. Wood added that he does not have the manpower to stage an event this size but maybe DENTASA can be of assistance. Oral design has got funds available for the necessary deposits. Mr. Wood added that international speakers are keen to address these congresses and show techniques not seen before.

Resolution: Mr. Owen, Mr. Wood and DENTASA meet with the DTA and Ursula Jenkins to undertake a feasibility study especially to the possibility of losses. Mr. Grabowski added that if all stakeholders concerned are positive in the criteria's fulfilled, DENTASA would give its full support.

Responsibility: Mr. Owen to arrange such a meeting

Date: Within the next two months.

19. CEO – MR. DAVE OWEN

Discussion: Mr. Owen pointed out that being an Executive Member of DENTASA is time consuming and a lot of time is spent outside your laboratory. There are meetings every week. Mr. Owen added that the time has come that DENTASA is looking into the possibility of employing a CEO to attend all meetings concerning the profession. Mr. Pittroff has informed Mr. Owen that such a person cannot be employed until there are enough investments to cover such a highly qualified person's remuneration for a minimum period of two years.

Resolution: If DENTASA has got a fully paid up membership of 600 paid up members on a continual basis, this option can be discussed.

Action: Every member of DENTASA to recruit new members.

20. TARIFFS – MR. DAVE OWEN

Discussion: Mr. Grabowski reported that on 13 May 2006 a special Executive Committee meeting was held with only three items on the Agenda; the elections of office bearers, the changes to the Constitution and the tariffs. The EXCO members went through every item listed in the Government Gazette. Mr. Grabowski congratulated Mr. Owen on the great job done with the tariffs and thanked him for all his hard work over the past 3 years.

Mr. Owen reported that on Friday, 9 June 2006, it will be the first Tariff Committee meeting of the year and if members want to add items he should be contacted. Mr. Ferreira wanted to add a snoring appliance. Mr. Sorrel Scop suggested we negotiate a settlement discount. Mr. Owen pointed out the legalities regarding discounting. Mr. Keith Armstrong suggested attachments to chrome-cobalts. The wording for the delivery fee in the Government gazette should change to delivery / collections.

Resolution: All suggestions from the floor will be presented to the Tariff Committee of Council.

Responsibility: Mr. Owen

Date: Friday, 9 June 2006.

21. GENERAL

22. DATE OF THE NEXT AGM

Discussion: Suggestions from the floor to hold the AGM on a Sunday instead of a Saturday and later in the month was heard.

Resolution: Date of the next AGM; 1 & 2nd of June 2007.

Responsibility: Ms. Roets & Ms. Morris

23. WORD OF THANKS

On behalf of the EXCO Mr. Van Eyk thanked all colleagues and traders alike who have made the effort to be present this morning. Mr. Van Eyk further thanked the EXCO members whose reward for all their hard work came to fruition today looking at the large number of attendees.

24. CLOSURE

The President thanked all the attendees and declared the meeting closed.