

# DENTASA 2009 AGM DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Welcome**  
The President of the Association welcomed all members present to the biggest AGM for the profession of dental technology of all times.
2. **Apologies**  
Apologies received from Johan Thuynsma, Mike Hope, Martin Loewenstein, Glen Boyd, Charles Keyzer, Dries Boshoff, Rainer Pittroff, Nadir Cosani, Ben Janse van Rensburg, Terry Hagemann.
3. **Obituaries**  
Sadly the following technicians passed away during the past year: Igor Solnstev and Lea van Weer.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting**  
The meeting approved the minutes of the previous AGM.
5. **Matters Arising**  
Page 2: Mr. Grabowski will introduce the new Executive Committee to the meeting under his presidential address.
6. **Adoption of Agenda**  
18.1. Life Membership  
The members of the meeting adopted the proposed Agenda.
7. **President's Address**  
[Annexure A.](#)
8. **New Members**  
The Chairman reported that the list of all new members was available from the DENTASA office as it is too long to be read at this meeting. There were 154 new DENTASA members since the 2008 AGM.
9. **New DENTASA Branches**  
Many members from smaller towns and cities have requested that new branches be started in provinces like Mpumalanga, East London, Northern Cape, George, Limpopo and North West. All members present were asked to vote with a show of hands to allow new branches of DENTASA to be opened. The meeting voted in favour of new DENTASA branches.

Members of such areas were asked to select a Chairman for each new branch and forward all information to the DENTASA office.

**10. Trust**

The South African Dental Technology Trust Fund was established by DENTASA to assist technicians in need. The trustees of the fund will consist of Mr. Pittroff, Mr. Kapp, Mr. Boshoff and two members from Council. Mr. Grabowski read the proposed Trust document to the meeting. All members present voted with a show of hands to accept the proposed Trust document. With the exception of one abstention, the meeting accepted the proposed document.

This document will be forwarded to the DENTASA attorney for finalisation.

**Annexure B.**

**11. Council Matters**

KZN Branch letter to Council

Mr. Harry George apologised for adding this to the agenda as the query has been answered.

Mr. Ferreira reported that Council had proposed and sent through three final candidates for the position of Registrar of the Council to the Department of Health for appointment. The Minister of Health still has to endorse the final appointment.

Mr. Ferreira further reported that Ms. Smit from Council has resigned and a new employee must be found to act as a member of Council.

**12. SADTC / DENTASA**

Mr. Owen stressed the fact that most technicians do not understand the different roles that DENTASA and the SADTC played. DENTASA is a voluntary association working for the best interest of the profession of dental technology. It cannot make laws, but can suggest changes to the Council. The SADTC is the statutory body governing the profession and protecting the public.

In CPD DENTASA will and can only administrate. It does not enforce or discipline, but merely keep records, which will then be forwarded to Council for their information. It is then up to Council to decide how to use the information. DENTASA helped the SADTC to implement CPD.

**13. DENTASA Member fees**

Mr. Grabowski reported that DENTASA has not increased its membership fees for the past 6 years, but with increasing running costs will have to do so in the next year. The meeting approved with a show of hands an increase in membership fees for 2010.

Mr. Grabowski added that a budget will be drawn up with a proposed increase in membership fees and tabled at the various branch meetings across the country before the end of 2009, for members to vote on.

**14. Financial Matters**

As Mr. Pittroff was not able to attend the AGM due to him being in hospital, Mr. Grabowski read the financial report prepared by Mr. Pittroff.

**Annexure C.**

**15. Financial Relationship between Laboratories and Supply companies**

Due to the fact that some dentists only pay technicians' later than the thirty days as stipulated in the Act, suppliers are automatically also paid after the due date. To find a solution to this problem Mr. Grabowski and Mr. Des McLeod will try to organise a meeting with SADA, DENTASA and the supply companies with a third party facilitator to try and resolve this matter.

**16. CPD – More Questions & Answers**

Mr. Grabowski was proud to present the CPD magazine, which was accredited with two CPD credits when completing the questionnaire. The magazine has not yet been named and any suggestions must be forwarded to the DENTASA office.

Mr. Grabowski asked whether there were any additional questions regarding CPD that has not been discussed at the CPD lecture on the previous day. No more questioned were tabled.

**17. Venue, Date and Day of Week for the 2010 AGM**

Due to the 2010 Soccer World Cup being hosted in South Africa, the AGM will have to be moved until after the event has taken place as flights and accommodation will be hard to find and very expensive. It was decided that a suitable date would be found in August 2010.

Mr. Grabowski asked the meeting whether or not the AGM must be hosted in other provinces than Gauteng as many members have asked that the AGM be rotated. All members present voted with a show of hands. The majority of the meeting voted in favour of hosting the AGM in other provinces too.

**18. General**

**18.1. Life Membership**

Mr. Van Eyk suggested that life membership be awarded to Mr. Grabowski in light of his long service to the profession. All members present accepted this proposal.

**19. Word of Thanks**

Ms. Roets thanked the members of the Executive Committee for all their hard work and extended a special word of thanks to Mr. Grabowski who puts in a lot of his time and effort. Ms. Roets thanked all the supply companies and attendees for helping to make this AGM such a huge success.

**20. Closure**

The President expressed his gratitude to all members for such a huge turnout and declared the meeting closed.