**Minutes of the Business Meeting at the Biennial conference of the Southern African Historical Society**

**30 JUNE 2022**

**Meeting started 9.20am**

**Ended 10.36am**

Executive Committee members present: Luvuyo Wotshela, Tshepo Moloi, Anton Ehlers, Tinashe Nyamunda, Chris Holdridge, Nomalanga Mkhize, Prinisha Badassy

Apologies: Karen Harris

* Quorum – Anton Ehlers noted 24 members in attendance. Meeting proceeded on agreement.

**Agenda:**

1. **Apologies and Quorum**
2. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
3. **Treasurer’s Report and Transition Plan**
4. **T&F Publishing Report**
5. **Update Re: Editorial Collective**
6. **Appointment of New Editorial Board**
7. **State of National Archive**
8. **Election of new EXCO**
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   2. **Cooption of additional members**
9. **Apologies and Quorum**
   1. Apologies sent have been noted. Register of meeting circulated.
10. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

SAHS 2019 Conference Business Meeting minutes circulated to members prior to conference and taken as read. No matters raised.

1. **Treasurer’s report and Transition Plan**
   1. Treasurer presented a formal report which was provided for members in hard copy and will be sent to members via email with minutes
   2. Income streams continue to be: Membership Fees, Taylor & Francis royalties, and DALRO copyright royalties
      1. Taylor & Francis royalty fee for South African Historical Journal – began at 3%, then 12% and is now 15%
   3. Largest expense item is the payment of copy editor - R70 000 for the year
   4. Covid affected markets and other investments
   5. Suggestion: Recommendation for a longer multi-year membership fee cycle e.g. Members pay for 2 and 4 -year periods to coincide with conferences -
      1. The new treasurer would have to keep up with the various multi-year payments
   6. Request for DALRO – figures for 2019 and 2020 to show how the pandemic and shift to online learning affected income.
   7. **Transition Plan:**  See Exco Election Item
2. **T&F Publishing Report** 
   1. 2715 institution paying for access to SAHJ in previous financial year – T&F data available in their presentation
      1. T&F’s Eleanore Reinders to please email presentation to Secretary
      2. Journal of Natal and Zulu History incorporated into SAHJ archive to preserve legacy and ongoing access to old issues.
3. **Update Re: Editorial Collective**

Resignation of Arianna Lissoni – Editor (Nicholas Southey)

Faeeza Ballim – Reviews Editor (Replacement – Laura Phillips)

1. **Appointment of New Editorial Board**

Editorial collective will make announcements about new editorial board as the current board’s term has come to an end

1. **State of National Archive**
   1. State of National Archives in Pretoria – Voice note contribution by Karen Harris played for the members on the state of the archive and the role of the historian’s associations in dealing with the issue
   2. SAHS members to form committee or team to deal with Archives
2. **Election of EXCO**
   1. **President –** By tradition, the VP steps up to become the next president and their institution hosts the next conference. Enocent Msindo nominated Tshepo Moloi the current VP for president, seconded by Anton Ehlers and Tinashe Nyamunda – Tshepo Moloi duly elected by members as new President.
   2. **Deputy President** –Discussion to invite a member from Zimbabwe to ensure Southern African region footprint, also large number of participants from Zimbabwe. Vice-President will have to be based from the country to become next host. **Action: NEW EXCO given the mandate to handle the matter of the VP.**
   3. **Secretary** - Preference for the new Secretary to be in Johannesburg where the President to be for the proximity of easy planning purposes. Annie Devenish nominated by Prinisha as the new Secretary and seconded Thembani Dube. Annie Devenish accepted.
   4. **Treasurer:** Nomination of Natasha Erlank made by Laura Phillips and seconded by Luvuyo Wotshela. Natasha Erlank duly elected as new Treasurer. **Previous Exco put forward recommendation for Anton Ehlers to do a 6-month hand over with stipend for new Treasurer.**
   5. **Cooption of additional members:** Exco has mandate to co-opt additional members for various reasons related to succession, broadening participation, and other tasks.

**Newly Elected Exco:**

* + - 1. President – Tshepo Moloi
      2. Deputy President – Vacant (SADC regional consideration)
      3. Treasurer – Natasha Erlank
      4. Secretary – Annie Devenish

List of members proposed for EXCO to consider for cooption depending on its needs.

* + 1. Thembani Dube – Additional member (Emerging academics)
    2. Chris Holdridge – Additional member (Social media)
    3. Prinisha Badassy – Journal Rep
    4. Sandra Swartz – Journal Rep
    5. Tinashe Nyamunda – Additional Member
    6. Student Representation
    7. SADC Regional Representation

Caution was given against too much cooption into the EXCO as it is tricky to work with a large EXCO.

**ENDS**