



	<p>SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF SASREG</p> <p>Westin Grand Arabella Hotel:</p> <p>5th October 2009: 16h30</p>	
1	<p>Welcome and Attendance:</p> <p>Thinus Kruger (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting</p> <p>Apologies: Paul Dalmeyer, Sulaiman Heylen, Mohamed Cassim, Mervyn Jacobson and Stephan Volschenk</p> <p>Present: 19 members of the society were present as per the signed attendance register.</p>	
2	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Thinus Kruger gave update on past and recent developments within the Society. He outlined the objectives of the Society which included becoming a recognised body providing guidance for safe and effective patient care.</p> <p>The following people have been appointed as new committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr A de Bruin ○ Dr D Botha ○ Dr L van Zyl ○ Dr S Naidu ○ Dr S Volschenk ○ Dr S Heylen <p>Additional people may be co-opted onto the committee, but all members are encouraged to actively participate in the Society irrespective of committee membership.</p> <p>The Chairman outlined the advances made in society affairs since the appointment of the committee and acknowledged the time and effort this involved.</p>	
3	<p>Change of Constitution:</p> <p>Thinus Kruger highlighted relevant changes incorporated in the amended constitution:</p> <p>3a New Name of the Society: Southern African Society for Reproductive Medicine and Gynaecological Endoscopy. (SASREG)</p> <p>3b New committee structure: 12 members; 5 members from reproductive medicine, 5 members from gynaecological endoscopy, 1 scientist and 1 past president for additional one year term. The Committee can co-opt additional people as required.</p> <p>3c New voting system: To be conducted by email.</p> <p>3d Progress: The amendments to the Constitution are with the Society's attorneys, who have drawn up the revision.</p> <p>The motion was proposed by Igno Siebert and seconded by Lawrence Gobetz. The meeting unanimously approved the proposed changes to the Constitution.</p>	

4	Focus: Endoscopy	
	<p>Thinus Kruger formally welcomed the new member to the Committee.</p> <p>Igno Siebert gave a brief summary of the events resulting in the inclusion of gynaecological endoscopy as part of the Society. He emphasised the importance of having one Society in South Africa rather than several separate societies. Specific objectives of the Committee: Focus Endoscopy: to develop a new curriculum and guidelines to assist in training and CME.</p> <p>Information on past and future workshops was provided.</p> <p>The 1st conference of SASREG is planned for March 2010 in Port Elizabeth.</p>	
5	National Anonymous ART Data Monitoring:	
	<p>Silke Dyer reported on the progress of national anonymous ART data monitoring.</p> <p>A call for retrospective data for the year 2009 will be made early in 2010. Software will be made available to all participating centres to collect data prospectively from January 2010 onwards.</p>	
6	Accreditation of IVF Units:	
	<p>Paul le Roux reported on the progress with accreditation of IVF Units.</p> <p>15 units have been visited to date and more visits will be conducted shortly.</p> <p>Most units visited provided very good service with excellent facilities.</p> <p>A Certificate of Accreditation is currently being designed. Duration of validity: 3 years.</p>	
7	Financial report	
	<p>Jay Bagratee presented the financial report.</p> <p>Dudley Randall reported that the financial statements were formally audited and would be sent to the Treasurer shortly for consideration.</p>	
8	Additional Discussions:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership: The importance of recruiting new members was recognised and discussed. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endoscopic Society: SASREG will continue to reach out and invite members from the Endoscopic Society to attend SASREG meetings. The importance of collaboration rather than competition was emphasised with the common aim of providing good clinical practice. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVD Library: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aim: to create a training programme and a logbook for registrars and to assist tutors with reference materials ○ Contributions requested by end of December. ○ DVDs to be posted on the website for access through user 	

	<p>name and pass word only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Library to be updated annually. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Health Insurance: Zephne van der Spuy advised that a meeting will be held on 21st October at the College of Medicine, Cape Town, to discuss the proposed Nation Health Insurance Scheme and the implications for Medical and Dental Practitioners. 	
9	Closure: The meeting closed at 17h55	