

# The South African Association for Food Science and Technology



## SAAFoST BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the SAAFoST 2019 Biennial General Meeting held in the OR Tambo Auditorium at the Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2019 at 18h00.

### PRESENT:

60 members and guests attended as per the attached attendance list.

### APOLOGIES

Burger, Johan	Parsons, Aubrey	Van der Schyf, Arie	
Dercksen, Arie	Penny, Geoff	Van der Venter, Theo	
Du Plessis, Lourens	Rota, Mario	Van Niekerk, Pieter	
Gnadinger, Felix	Spitzer, Nick	Visser, Arno	
Jooste, Piet	Themba, Morongwa	Wright, Denis	
MacKenzie, Andrew	Van Aswegen, Janie	Zondag, Beryl	

No	Item	
1	<b>WELCOME</b>	
1.1	The President, Lucia Anelich, welcomed all present to the 2019 SAAFoST BGM.	
2	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
2.1	Apologies were noted as per the list above.	
3	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BGM</b>	
3.1	The minutes of the BGM held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> of September 2017 in Cape Town were distributed electronically by the Secretariat and were accepted as correct.	
3.2	Adoption of the previous minutes: Proposer: Gunnar Sigge      Seconded: Rosie Maguire	
4	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
4.1	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.	
5	<b>PRESIDENTS REPORT</b>	
5.1	The Presidents Report was circulated electronically by the Secretariat.	
5.2	Highlights. Start of an Eastern Cape Branch, hosted an event in October 2018, 108 attendees. Great amount of interest in the region, therefore an objective for 2020 is to	

support the region as much as possible to get more people to sign up as members so that a branch can be opened. 20 members required to do this. 8 already signed up.

The MySAAFoST initiative received continued support.

New Appointment : There was a new appointment of a Communications Officer, Tsetse Baloyi as it was increasingly apparent that communication was needed between older members as well as younger members that use the various social media platforms i.e., Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Lucia introduced Tsetse to members.

Website: The SAAFoST website was re-developed and modernized.

National Events: Lucia moved on to advise that since the last BGM in 2017, fifty events, covering a wide range of subjects had been held in the branches, equating to one approximately every two weeks. Some of the highlights were the 3 Listeriosis Workshops, two in Johannesburg and a third one in Cape Town.

Lucia added that SAAFoST subscribed to a Webinar system where lunchtime presentations could take place with either local or overseas speakers. The MySAAFoST group have indicated that they would also like to have webinars on non-technical presentation e.g. How to write a CV, how to present yourself for an interview etc.

#### SACNASP

Lucia advised that there was an ongoing relationship with SACNASP and advised that the Congress was registered for CPD points. There was a one-day workshop with SACNASP with several issues and as there was no time to go through the whole Agenda a follow up meeting would take place.

#### Membership

Lucia reported that membership was currently in the order of 2100 individuals and companies and thanked all members for their continued support. A special thanks went to Custodian Members who go the extra mile in giving back to the food industry and contributing towards the running of the Association.

#### Branches

Lucia advised that the three branches, Cape, KZN and Northern Branch operated well, with many events hosted in a one-year period. A special mention went out to the KZN branch as it celebrated its 45 years in July 2018.

#### FACS

The Food Advisory Consumer Service, chaired by David Watson was in its 24<sup>th</sup> year and still going very strong.

	<p><u>Finances</u></p> <p>SAAFoST's money matters were in good shape and were audited annually. James McLean presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <p><u>SAAFoST Foundation</u></p> <p>SAAFoST continued to support the Foundation. David Watson, Chair of the Board of Trustees presented the Foundation report.</p> <p><u>The FST Membership Magazine</u></p> <p>The FST magazine was in its 8<sup>th</sup> year of publication and continued to be a very effective medium for sharing excellent articles with our members.</p> <p><u>Career Roadshows</u></p> <p>The Career Roadshows were now in their 15<sup>th</sup> year and figures showed that we had likely reached +- 3000 students to date.</p> <p><u>IUFoST</u></p> <p>Lucia advised members that due to the unethical and unprofessional conduct of some members of the Board of IUFoST she had decided to resign as President Elect. There had been several malicious attacks on esteemed individuals, it was no longer possible for her to be associated with an Organization permitting such behavior.</p> <p>SAAFoST as an adhering body to IUFoST, like many of the other adhering bodies, would be monitoring the situation very closely. The matter had been discussed at Council on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and reiterated again 01<sup>st</sup> September 2019, where it was agreed that SAAFoST would take appropriate action accordingly. The decision would not be taken lightly.</p> <p>Lucia thanked the Council Members, Branch Chairs and Committees, Executive Director, Membership Development Officer, FST Editor, Communications Officer and SAAFoST Foundation trustees for their commitment to SAAFoST.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>TREASURERS REPORT</b>	
6.1	<p>James McLean, in his capacity as Treasurer, presented the financial report to the meeting and responded to questions relating to the financial statements and results. James confirmed that R5.7 million had been invested and BDO would audit the association until 2021. James proposed that BDO be appointed from 2021 onwards.</p> <p>The proposal was accepted by: Rosie Maguire</p> <p>The proposal was seconded by: Nick Starke</p>	
6.2	<p>The acceptance of the Financials was proposed by: Rosie Maguire</p> <p>Seconded by: Gunnar Sigge</p>	

<b>7</b>	<b>SAAFoST FOUNDATION</b>			
7.1	The SAAFoST Foundation report was circulated electronically.			
7.2	<p>David Watson presented to the meeting and elaborated on the income and expenditure of the SAAFoST Foundation over the period 2017 – 2019.</p> <p>The foundation had supported 28 graduates and supported 22 current students, 7 of which would graduate in 2019.</p> <p>He mentioned that further support was required to achieve the goals that the Foundation had set for bursaries for the coming two years and called on those present to share the importance of the good work being done by the Foundation with colleagues.</p>			
7.3	The Treasurer announced that SAAFoST Council had agreed to contribute an additional R500 000.00 to the Foundation capital fund.			
<b>8</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION OFFICERS REPORT</b>			
	Communications Officers Report circulated prior to meeting and no discussion taken.			
<b>9</b>	<b>BRANCH REPORTS</b>			
9.1	Branch reports were circulated prior to the meeting and no discussion was taken.			
<b>10</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP MAGAZINE: SA FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FST) EDITORS REPORT</b>			
9.1	Tricia Fitchet, the Editor of FST made a short presentation.			
9.2	<p>Tricia highlighted the publications achievements during 2017 - 2019 which contained scientific articles and technical papers. The publication was supported by advertisements.</p> <p>FST is SAAFoST's membership magazine and members were invited to submit articles and topic suggestions. Tricia thanked the SAAFoST Council and Custodian members for their support.</p>			
<b>11</b>	<b>SUBSCRIPTION FEE INCREASES: 2020 - 2021</b>			
	The SAAFoST Council proposed the following increases in subscription fees, inclusive of VAT:			
	Custodians Members	R 15 250.00	R 16 000.00	
	Institution Members	R 4 000.00	R 4 200.00	
	Professional Members and Members	R 700.00	R 735.00	
	Post Graduate Members	R 235.00	R 250.00	
	International	R 850.00	R 9000	
	Students / Undergrads	Free	Free	
	Consultants	R 948.30	R1 000.00	

11.2	The increases was accepted by the meeting as proposed by Gunnar Sigge and seconded by Irene Burke.	
<b>12</b>	<b>ELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT AND VICE-PRESIDENT: Outcome</b>	
12.1	<p>Gill Slaughter, representing the Secretariat, announced the office bearers: 2019 – 2021.</p> <p>Three nominations were received for President Elect:</p> <p>Prof Elna Buys, Ms Anza Bester and Prof Ryk Lues</p> <p>The results were as follows:</p> <p>Prof Elna Buys: 55 votes, Ms Anza Bester: 34 Votes and Prof Ryk Lues: 26 votes.</p> <p>President Elect: Prof Elna Buys.</p> <p>Two nominations were received for Vice President:</p> <p>Prof Riette de Kock and Ms Madelein Jansen</p> <p>The results of the vote were as follows:</p> <p>Prof Riette de Kock: 78 votes and Ms Madelein Jansen: 33</p> <p>Vice President: Prof Riette de Kock.</p> <p>SAAFoST President Lucia Anelich congratulated the nominees on their appointments.</p>	
<b>13</b>	<b>MOTIONS</b>	
13.1	No Motions	
<b>14</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	
14.1	<p>Rene Cross from Sunspray Food Ingredients advised that she felt that there a big gap from SAAFoST and the Food Industry and gives the example of the Flavor Industry.</p> <p>Rene also mentioned there seemed to be as many students as members, however the students did not become paying members.</p> <p>Lucia replied that there was the discussion at Council how to improve and have Proposition Statement out to encourage student to transition from a student member to a paying member.</p> <p>Lucia added that her concern with the gap between SAAFoST and the Food Industry would be addressed.</p>	
14.2	<p>Harris Steinman advised that SAAFoST had great Congresses however could the fee structure not be more affordable so that many more people could attend. Harris added that at the Allergy Congress they had a Pro and Con debate session. At a SAAFoST Congress it could be a Pro and Con debate about Salt Tax and whether it was good. Two adversaries would then debate the Pros and Cons. There would be a voting system and it would stimulate thought.</p> <p>Lucia thanked Harris for his comments and advised that a brainstorm session was planned as usually after Congress and to discuss how to do things differently going forward.</p>	

14.3	<p>Brian Lanton – Cape Food Ingredients advised he would like for SAAFoST to address in following three things the next two years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of Regulations in South Africa (CODEX)</li> <li>• Increasing incidents of Food Fraud – social media food fraud</li> <li>• Who is going to Audit the Auditor in the name of Food Safety?</li> </ul> <p>Lucia advised that SAAFoST would investigate the points that were raised.</p>	
<b>15</b>	<b>CLOSURE</b>	
	The meeting closed at 19h22	