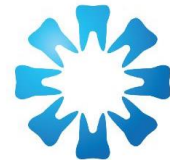


**SADA Gauteng South Branch**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes - WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2023**  
**Held at PPS Offices, 6 Anerley Road, Parktown**  
**Time: 18h15**



**SADA**  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
DENTAL ASSOCIATION

GAUTENG SOUTH

**Executive**

Dr Paul Mathai (Branch President)

Dr Michael Opperman (Branch Treasurer)

Dr Yakshen Lindy (Branch Vice President)

Dr Suhina Deochand (Branch Secretary)

**Committee Members**

Dr Vishal Bhikha (YDC)

Dr Mamta Khusal

Dr Paul Mathai (Branch President)

Dr Sandrine Ngandu

Dr Duren Reddy

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Dr Suhina Deochand

Dr Yakshen Lindy (Branch Vice-President)

Dr Bee Nhlangulela

Dr Michael Opperman (Branch Treasurer)

Dr Reggie Reddy

**AGENDA**

1. WELCOME
2. FEEDBACK ON THE PAST YEAR OF BRANCH ACTIVITIES
3. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE BRANCH FOR FY 2022
4. YDC REPORT
5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS
6. CLOSING

**1. Welcome**

Dr Paul Mathai opened the AGM and welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

He encouraged that members take the opportunity to ask questions on anything that would be presented today as it was their AGM as members, and their participation was important.

There were 48 registrations for the event, with 34 delegates attending the event being members of the Gauteng South branch. As a result, the AGM was not able to reach quorum, being less than 5% of members of the branch.

**2. Feedback on the past year of branch activities by Dr Paul Mathai was presented, with highlights being:**

2.1 The new branch committee, to serve a four-year term, was elected at a deferred AGM via Zoom as the last AGM held at Sunnyside hotel did not quorate.

Dr Mathai took the opportunity to encourage members to seek being co-opted on to the branch committee so that they can get familiar with how SADA structures work.

2.2 Events: There were CPD events held online

One in person CPD event coupled with AGM. The plan is for more of this to be held this year. There are also plans to host a mini winter congress.

2.3 The SADA Congress for 2022 was held at Emperors Palace. It was deemed a success with many fantastic speakers, both local and international, imparting their knowledge to the delegates. This year's congress will be held in Cape Town, and Dr Mathai encouraged members to attend.

2.4 National Council: A discussion of SADA structures was touched upon, as well as roles of every level. Branch acts as a mouthpiece for members and Dr Mathai encouraged members to bring any concerns or issues to the attention of the branch committee.

Dr Paul Mathai was elected as Vice President of National Council with the outcome of the election of the President still awaiting finalization.

### **3. Financial Report by Dr Michael Opperman**

Speaking on the accounts of the branch for the Financial year (FY) 2022, Dr Opperman presented the following:

Opening balance: R1 463 439

Closing balance: R1 389 768.90

Change in Value of: -R73 670

The total balance includes the investments that the branch has access to (as ring fenced in the total SADA investment). Dr Opperman cited the poor performance of the investment, due to changes in the economy; and the fact that CPD events didn't recoup expenses fully, as reasons for the overall drop of R73 670. He encouraged more members to register and participate at CPD events.

The total paid up membership for Gauteng South Branch was 724, which was a decrease on previous years.

Dr Opperman mentioned that the aim was to increase membership, by reaching out to students, endeavouring to promote SADA and having a bigger impact on matters pertaining to dentists in SA.

#### **BRANCH INVESTMENT**

Dr Mathai spoke on the Investment Committee. He informed the meeting that the Committee, as recommended by the Board, are in the process of seeking a new Fund Manager for the Investment due to unsatisfactory performance.

### **4. YDC feedback by Dr Vishal Bhikha**

4.1 Dr Bhikha stated he is serving in an unofficial capacity as a liaison for the YDC to the GS branch.

The newly elected YDC came into office last year. The new YDC president, the role that Dr Bhikha served in previously, is now Dr Kiasha Ariyan.

4.2 He informed the AGM that the YDC has events planned for the coming year, such as CPD events, and the information would likely be communicated in due course.

### **5. Dr Mathai opened the floor to members for questions: there were no questions asked by members.**

He asked the following questions to the audience:

If members feel the branch concerns are addressed.

Do members feel they get adequate communication from SADA.

Is the mode of communication from SADA and the branch adequate?

Is the mode of communication something that is used by the members?

Is there something your branch can do to improve this?

He wanted to understand from membership what they feel they were getting back from being a SADA member? Is it purely for CPD points or would members like something more from their branch?

Responses to these questions were muted and generally inconclusive. Dr Mathai indicated that the committee would seek to obtain more qualitative responses from members in due course. He again reiterated that members informed the branch committee on any issues they would like addressed.

### **Thanks and Closing**

Appreciation and thanks were extended by Dr Mathai to PPS for use of the facility, membership for attending, and SADA staff for their assistance in setting up the event.

The AGM was Closed at 18.35 and the event proceeded to the CPD Event for the evening:

1. Prof Peter Owen: Myths and Dogmas

2. Dr Faizel Mansoor: Rich dentist, poor dentist.