

# The Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa Southern Gauteng Branch

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## PSSA SG Branch Chairman's Report 2022

### Branch Committee Elections

The effective SMS system previously introduced for the election process continues to be used. The nomination and election process for Branch Committee members was conducted during January and February 2023.

The results of the Election of Members to the Branch Committee for 2023 were:

Thanushya Pillay

James Meakings

Stephanie de Rapper

Gina Partridge

Rashmi Gosai

November Nkambule

Tshifhiwa Rabble

Hilton Stevens.

At a the first branch committee meeting, the following were elected:

Chairman : Tshifhiwa Rabali

Vice Chairman : Stephanie de Rapper

Treasurer : James Meakings

### The sector representatives are:

Academy : Muhammad Vally and Yahya Choonara

SAAPI: Tammy Maitland-Stuart and Thavashini Pather

SAAHIP: Shaista Nabee and Tshilidzini Shabangu

SAACP: Frans Landman and Patricia Tharage

WITS Students: Qiniso Madonsela and Lethokuthula Ndaba

YPG: Esther Shuping.

### Committee Meetings

The Branch Committee continued to meet virtually every month, usually on the second Thursday of every month. Updates on projects are provided at every meeting and minutes issued accordingly.

### Continued Professional Development

The CPD activities were:

8 February 2022 – DEAFinition

30 March 2022 – Introduction to Compounding

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19 October 2022 – Tuberculosis – Dr AK Thipe

17 November 2022 - Malaria - Dr K Naidoo

It was a slow and quiet year in the CPD arena. It is hoped that this coming year will see an increased number of relevant and informative CPD topics.

## **Social Responsibility Project – Trinity Pharmacy**

The Branch's social responsibility project in association with Wits University for the running and maintenance of Trinity Pharmacy continues. Trinity Health Services, re-established in 2016, provides medical and pharmaceutical services to the homeless community in the Braamfontein area.

Trinity Pharmacy, closed during lockdown, is once again ready for operations, post its inspection, however, normal operations as a full clinic and pharmacy only resumed in late February.

## **The Golden Mortar**

The Branch Newsletter remains as a valuable email offering, not only to members of this Branch, but also to members of the Vaal Triangle Branch as well as other interested parties. Current and archived editions of this publication remain available on the PSSA National Website. The PSSA Book Department and access to Professional Indemnity Insurance are promoted in each edition of Golden Mortar. Six editions of the Golden Mortar have been published for 2022. Planning is already underway for the first edition of 2023. The Golden Mortar Editorial Board is applauded for its efforts to ensure the publications go out.

## **Financials and Sale of 52 Glenhove Road**

The focus remains to keep costs to a minimum and manage the finances prudently.

The sale of 52 Glenhove is going according to plan. The building needs to be vacated by mid March. The museum will be taken over by Aspen. The cosmetic and fragrance association has reclaimed their collection of perfumes, cosmetic manufacturing items and other related items. The library will be retained by the branch.

New premises have been identified to be rented for now, on a yearly renewable lease, at No 6 Fort Street in Illovo. It is space in a building shared by a pharmacy and a dietitian and is ideally suited for the branch's immediate needs.

The PSSA Southern Gauteng branch committee would like to acknowledge Val Beaumont for her pivotal role in successfully navigating the Board and the Business Committee through this lengthy sale process. The branch is immensely grateful for her contribution.

A special word of thanks to Lynette Terblanche and Val Beaumont for overseeing the close out of 52 Glenhove Road - their contributions are sincerely appreciated.

Thanushya Pillay Chairperson 2022