SAAHIP (WC) Branch Committee 2018/2019

Back left to right: Dr Renier Coetzee, Heidi Sheldon, Hannes Stegmann, Dr Paul Voigt, Joggie Hattingh, Sean Honeyborne

Front left to right: Nicole Hoffman, Mahmooda Mohamed, Bhavna Harribhai, Carrie de Beer (Vice-Chairman), Refiloe Mogale (SAAHIP National President), Aleta Wege (Chairman), Ronel Boshoff, Lucinda Conradie, Colleen Whitelaw (immediate Past Chairman)
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OFFICE CLOSURE

On behalf of the office staff we wish all our members and readers a joyful, peaceful festive Season and a successful 2019.

Dankie vir al die ondersteuning deur die jaar. Ons sien uit daarna om julle van diens te wees in die nuwe jaar.

Please note that the office will be closed from Monday, 24 December 2018 and will re-open on Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

The PSSA, your Society, working for you
NOTICE OF AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the combined Annual General Meeting of the Cape Western Province Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa and the SA Association of Community Pharmacists (CWP) Branch to be held at Pharmacy House, ‘S’ Block, Greenford Office Estate, Punters Way, Kenilworth on Thursday, 7 February 2019 at 7:00 pm for 8:00 pm

The meeting will be preceded by a finger supper. Wives, husbands and partners are most welcome, but to facilitate catering, kindly RSVP by Monday, 4 February 2019
ELIZE/BAHIA – TELEPHONE 021 683 7313

KENNISGEWING VAN ’N ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING

Hiermee word kennis gegee van die gekombineerde Algemene Jaarvergadering van die Kaap Westelike Provinsie Tak van die Aptekersvereniging van Suid-Afrika en die Gemeenskapsaptekers Sektor (KWP) Tak wat gehou sal word te Farmasiehuis, ‘S’ Block, Greenford Office Estate, Puntersweg, Kenilworth op Donderdag, 7 Februarie 2019 om 7:00 nm vir 8:00 nm

Die vergadering sal deur ’n vinger ete voorafgegaan word. Gades en metgeselle is baie welkom, maar om verversings te voorsien sal ’n antwoord waardeer word. RSVP teen Maandag, 4 Februarie 2019
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Introduction
This serves as a brief summary of the many activities of the Branch and its Committees.

2018 PSSA Branch Committee
The following members served on the Committee:
Chairperson Mr DG Black
Vice-Chairman Mrs J Maimin
Treasurer Mr KA Johnson
Elected Committee members
Ms R Boshoff Prof N Butler
Ms C de Beer Dr N Finkelstein
Mr I Ismail Mr PJ le Roux
Ms B Macauley Prof SF Malan
Mr M Ncube Mr JA Raats
Dr K Ward

Immediate Past Chairperson Ms A Patel

PSSA National Executive Members
Ms R Boshoff, Mr GG Malan, Ms A Patel

Sector representatives
Academy Dr K Ward
SAACP chairman Mr DG Black
SAACP vice-chairman Mr GG Malan
SAAHIP chairman Ms A Wege
SAAHIP vice-chairman Ms C de Beer
SAAPI Ms A Patel

In attendance Mr GS Black (CWP) Branch Director

The following Committee meetings were held:
6 February (combined PSSA & SAACP AGM),
1 March, 2 May, 7 August, 24 October

Financial Advisory Committee
This Committee consisted of the Treasurer, Mr KA Johnson, Dr N Finkelstein, Mr DG Black, Mr K Patel and Mrs J Maimin. This Committee was tasked to oversee and control the finances of the Branch.
Whilst the Treasurer will deliver a full report at the annual general meeting, we can report that certain changes to the investment portfolio were made to secure better investments and more income for the running of the Branch.

Young Pharmacist’s Sub-committee
The Young Pharmacist’s sub-committee was chaired by Gawie Malan. Activities included the following:
- Ms Denise Frieslaar spoke to the PGWC interns at an orientation meeting held on 30 January. Ms Carrie de Beer, Vice-Chairman of the SAAHIP Branch spoke to the CSPs about the benefits of membership of the PSSA at their orientation meeting on 5 February. Interns were asked to pay just R100 towards their membership for the year with the balance being sponsored by the Branch. We are hopeful that many of the interns and CSPs will take up membership.
- A number of young pharmacists serve as elected members on the PSSA, SAACP and SAAHIP Branch committees.
- Mr Gawie Malan has researched a suitable interactive programme for mentorship. This will be run as a pilot study in the Branch before rolling out nationally.
- The Branch will be considering proposals from Mr DG Black about providing bursaries or loans for young pharmacists to do the PCDT course.
- Lucinda Conradie, who is currently a Community Service Pharmacist, voluntarily presented a very good CPD lecture on glaucoma which was well received by all attendees. She was elected to the SAAHIP WC Branch Committee at the AGM held on 12 October.
- Nicole Hoffman who currently serves on the SAAHIP (CWP) Branch committee is the winner of the YPG Innovation Project.
- SAAHIP WC, with support from the Branch, again presented awards to the winners of the Intern Research Project of the Western Cape DoH held on 8 November.

PSSA National Executive Committee
Branch Committee members serve on the PSSA National Executive Committee as follows:
- Prof Sarel Malan is the Immediate Past President.
- Mr Joggie Hattingh serves as Deputy President of the PSSA.
- Currently elected members are Mr DG Black, Ms A Patel, Ms R Boshoff.
- Mr Gawie Malan serves as YPG representative.

Mr Hattingh and Ms Patel serve on the NHI Portfolio Committee.
The Director, Mr Black is the nominated Director serving on the Constitution Portfolio Committee. He also assisted SAACP, SAAHIP and other Branches with Constitutional matters.

Honours
Members of our Branch have achieved high honours within the profession during the past year and deserve our congratulations and support.
- Mr Joggie Hattingh – elected as Deputy President of the PSSA
- Members of the SAPC:
  - Mrs J Maimin, chairman of Practice Committee
  - Ms H Hayes
  - Prof Sarel Malan and Mrs Maimin were elected to the new SAPC

We congratulate them all!

Membership
We welcomed 131 new members from 1 October 2017 to date. The Branch sponsored two interns as new members of the Society and five CSPs also joined as members.

Membership statistics
- Academy 60
- General 184
- SAACP 547
- SAAHIP 408
- SAAP 88
- Total membership 1287

Membership Support
General Services
Through the Branch offices, many pharmacy practice requirements are made available to members including:
- Preferentially priced reference books
- Professional Indemnity insurance
- General information such as contact details, registration of doctors, etc.
- Notification of stolen/fraudulent prescriptions
- Labour relations consultancy – provided nationally
- Legal assistance on practice or ethical issues
- Practice information, promotional material, guidelines and patient information leaflets
- Assistance to members with submissions to and liaison with SAPC and DoH
- Intervention in patient/pharmacist disputes
- Liaison with SAPC on behalf of members regarding registration numbers, correspondence, etc.

Labour Relations
The Branch continues to pay the retainer for our Labour Relations consultant, Mr Gerald Jacobs. This service is made available by the Branch to all members nationwide. Queries are regularly referred to Mr Jacobs, who provided valuable input to the Society in addressing the difficult situation which arose with the strikes/trouble in the North West Province.

Matters addressed included:
- Grievances re employment conditions
- Extended work hours of pharmacists
- Sick certificates
- Disciplinary hearings
- Dismissals, constructive dismissal, unfair dismissals
- Health and safety of pharmacists
- Contractual obligations to employees on change of ownership of the pharmacy
- Unfair extension of pharmacists’ responsibilities
- Employment contracts – termination, change and renewal on reaching retirement
- Reasonable breaks/rest period for pharmacists working extended hours

Legal Advice
On a number of occasions individual members met with the Director, Mr G Black, personally to discuss professional ethical matters giving rise to disputes. When necessary, members are afforded limited free legal advice from our legal advisors.

Confidential Ethical Matters
Members are encouraged to consult confidentially with the Director, Mr Black, regarding matters such as disputes with the public, colleagues or other healthcare professionals, charges by the SAPC, ethical dilemmas, etc. Many members have been assisted and disputes resolved.

Issues addressed included:
- Complaints from members of public re matters such as dispensing fees, return of medicine, confidentiality, unprofessional practice
- Assistance given to members in responding to SAPC on disciplinary issues and complaints
- Intervention in disputes between members and other healthcare practitioners

Professional Practice Matters
The Director, Mr Black made two presentations at the PSSA Conference namely:
- Complaints … a pharmacist’s response
- Professionalism
In both cases members asked for copies of the presentations for use in training of colleagues and interns.

The Director assisted in the production of the PSSA marketing tool titled “PSSA Membership Benefits” (M Eksteen) and a patient information booklet/pamphlets currently being prepared at head office (Lorraine Osman).

The guideline, “Patient counselling and medicine information … just how far do you go?” has been reviewed and updated. Part of this information was used in the webinar held on 15 August titled “Patient counselling and medicine information … does one size fit all?”

An important aspect of the work of the Director, Mr Black, is to assist members with professional practice matters. Telephonic and emailed queries are followed by written confirmation which includes reference sources and relevant guidelines. The topics of these queries vary greatly. We list here some of the approximately 100 different topics that were covered in the past year.

- Abuse of medicines
- Advertising of medicines
- After hours – call-out fee
- Anti-inflammatories
- Codeine
- Complaints – how to handle complaints
- Compounding
- CPD – distance learning
- Dispensing errors – protocol
- Dispensing fee – VAT calculation
- Dispensing of scripts by vets
- Doctors prescribing for themselves or family
- Emergency medicine supply
- EML – paediatric STGs
- Employment guidelines
- Food supplement registration
- Fraudulent prescriptions
- Generic substitution of medicines
- ICD10 codes for PIT
- Injectables
- Labelling
- Licence applications
- Licensing of doctors to dispense
- MCC inspections
- Medical interns
- Medicine schedules
- Non-substitutable medicines
- Nurse prescribing
- Optometrists
- Ownership of pharmacy
- PAs – supervision
- Patient counselling
- PCDT
- Pharmacist’s signature
- Pharmacy and doctors in same premises
- Pre-packing in community pharmacy
- Prescriptions – recording
- Products not to be sold in pharmacy
- Professionalism
- Reference sources
- Repeat prescriptions
- Responsible Pharmacist
- Re-use of medicine
- Rude abusive clients
- Sale of methylated spirits (2)
- Sale of S1 and S2 medication
- SAPC employment contracts for interns
- SAPC Inspections
- Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 anti-inflammatories
- Schedule 5 medication
- Schedule 6 prescriptions
- Scheduling of medicines
- Scope of practice – podiatrist
- Scope of practice for PA
- Ship’s medicine supply
- Sick certificates
- SOPs
- Storage of archived scripts
- Storage of flammable substances
- Supply of medicine to minors
- Supply of medicines to PHC
- Supply of medicines to wards, departments, theatres and clinics
- Travel medicine
- Veterinary medicine Vitamin B injections
- Waste management
- Wholesale pharmacy duties of a RP dispensing fee
- PSSA Website

A number of the articles published in My Little Black Book of Pharmacy Practice by the Director are available in the Practice Info section on the PSSA website, www.pssa.org.za. All these articles are reviewed regularly and updated in line with the latest legislative changes.

Continuous Professional Development

The following CPD functions were held:

- 27/03/2018 – TB: Presenter Marianne Theron
- 26/06/2018 – Allergies in the 21st Century: Presenter Thulja Trikamjee
- 31/07/2018 – Glaucoma: Presenter Lucina Conradie
- 28/08/2018 – SAIDS Anti-Doping Talk. “A healthy approach to use of medicine by athletes”: Presenters Ms Wafeekah Begg (SAIDS Legal Manager) and Dr Amanda Claassen-Smithers (SAIDS Education & Research Manager)
- 01/11/2018 – “Ethical dilemmas … when is it OK to say NO”: Presenters Prof Nadine Butler and Gary Black

All participants are issued with certificates of attendance which are emailed to them after each lecture.
Communication and Liaison

Communication
Communication with members was maintained through the PSSA website, faxing/emailing, and broadcast SMSes. Members receive an electronic version of *The Tincture Press*, including a number of members living overseas.

Liaison
Other liaison activities included:
- Aadila Patel (immediate Past Chairperson of the Branch) represented the PSSA on the Board of Directors of MedicAlert who use our boardroom for their quarterly Board meetings. Her term recently came to an end and her position has been filled by Dr Natie Finkelstein.
- The Director attends the Public Private Health Forum meetings called by the Provincial DoH, all PSSA National Exco meetings and serves on the Constitution Sub-committee.

Special Interest Groups
The Public Private Health Forum meeting held on 26 July was attended by the Director, Mr Black, Prof Sarel Malan and Mrs Jackie Maimin. This is an initiative of the Western Cape MEC for Health and is very well attended by professional bodies, NGOs, business etc. At this specific meeting the topic was NHI/UHC. The meeting was addressed by speakers from government, researchers from UCT, a doctor and the MEC herself. Mrs Maimin did a presentation in her capacity as CEO of ICPA. The presentation clearly demonstrated the role which Community Pharmacy could play in the delivery of services in a NHI/UHC system and was received with applause.

There was wide consensus at this meeting that both private and public sectors had shortcomings and they should work together in providing universal access to healthcare. It appeared that all who were present agreed that the NHI funding model currently being proposed by the National Government was not practical.

Student and Academic Support
Involvement with UWC Pharmacy School included:
- student loans (CPPSA Student Loan Fund),
- two FPE bursaries, prizes for deserving students, and
- a Pharmacist’s Oath-taking Ceremony for graduates and sponsorship of membership of FIP.

Profs Malan, Butler and Dr Kim Ward serve on the Branch Committee and Dr Renier Coetzee on the SAAHIP committee.

Oath-taking Ceremony
The Pharmacist Oath Taking Ceremony will be held at the graduation ceremony at UWC in April 2019.

UWCAPS
The Branch again sponsored UWCAPS to attend the SAPSF Conference.

SA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF THE PSSA (CWP) BRANCH

Introduction
The CWP Branch of SAACP continues to make an important contribution to the affairs of the Society. A number of our members play important leadership roles in the Society at a National level and in various business forums.

During the year a number of joint meetings were held with the PSSA (CWP) Branch Committee. This enabled us to arrive at consensus on many issues and to prepare a balanced viewpoint on matters such as legislative changes and motions to Conference.

SAACP (CWP) Branch Committee
Chairman Mr DG Black
Vice-Chairman Mr GG Malan
Treasurer Mr KA Johnson

Elected Committee members
Dr N Finkelstein Mr I Ismail
Mr J Kariem Mr PJ le Roux
Mrs B Macauley

Immediate Past Chairman Mr J Raats
In attendance Mr GS Black, Director CWP Branch
Activities

National projects

Through our representatives on the National Executive of the SAACP, the Branch continues to have an influence at a national level. Messrs Gawie Malan and Jameel Kariem attend the NEC meetings of the SAACP. The Branch Director continues to assist the SAACP Director, Mr Jan du Toit, whenever necessary.

The Director and members of the Committee have given input on a number of matters including strategic planning and restructuring, Constitution, professional fees, professional practice and PCDT.

SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACISTS IN INDUSTRY (SAAPI)

Most activities of SAAPI are organised at a National level and take place in Gauteng, which has the largest concentration of SAAPI members. Aadila Patel represents SAAPI on the Branch Committee and keeps members well informed of all matters affecting the industry.

THE ACADEMY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

The Academy is represented on the Branch Committee by Dr Kim Ward who keeps the Branch well informed about the activities of the Academy. The Academy had their annual conference from 7–10 October at Spier Hotel and Conferencing Centre in Stellenbosch. The AGM was attended by a number of the Branch members of the Academy as well as the Director, Mr Black.

Congratulations to the two newly elected Academy NEC members, Marique Aucamp and Jane McCartney (right).

SAAHIP WESTERN CAPE BRANCH

SAAHIP (WC) Branch Committee (2017/2018)

Chairman Aleta Wege
Vice Chair Carrie de Beer
Treasurer Bhavna Harribhai
Secretary Dr Paul Voigt

Elected Committee members
Ronel Boshoff
Dr Renier Coetzee
Joggie Hattingh
Nicole Hoffman
Sean Honeyborne (Southern Cape representative)
Mahmooda Mohamed
Mthabisi Ncube

Immediate Past Chairperson Mrs Colleen Whitelaw

In attendance PSSA Director Mr GS Black

The activities of SAAHIP Western Cape were comprehensively reported on in the Chairperson’s Report which was distributed to all SAAHIP members prior to their Annual General Meeting held on 12 October.

A number of highlights of activities in 2018 include the following:

SAAHIP Conference 2018

A full delegation of the Branch attended the 32nd SAAHIP National Conference held at the Champagne Sports Resort in 8–11 March 2018, which was most successful and was attended by 25 delegates. The winners of the YPG Clinical Skills Competition, Bindia Keshave and Dominique Boswell, attended the conference as observers and joined the WC delegation. There were 11 presentations from the Western Cape:

1. Renier Coetzee (Podium Presentation) – Patient with Kaposi Sarcoma: Precepting Students in Medicine Therapy Management
2. Aleta Wege (Podium Presentation) – Treatment of Cryptococcal Meningitis at Helderberg Hospital
4. Henriette Hitchcock (Podium Presentation) – Factors that influence the collection of chronic medication parcels by patients with Type 2 diabetes from a primary health care facility in the Western Cape Province

5. Hazel Bradley (Podium Presentation) – Assessment of the rational use and availability of antimicrobials at primary level health facilities in Lusaka District, Zambia

6. Hannes Stegmann (Poster Presentation) – IV to oral conversion

7. Hein Jacobs (Poster Presentation) – Fridge mapping procedure in a South African regional hospital

8. Carrie de Beer (Pearl Presentation) – Pharmacy quick facts

9. Carrie de Beer (Pearl Presentation) – Pharmacy: Fifty shades of lighter

10. Aleta Wege (Pearl Presentation) – “Listen, honey, listen”

11. Aleta Wege (Podium Presentation) – Report back from 2017 FIP World Congress, Seoul

Dr Renier Coetzee was the recipient of the Mediclinic Scenario Award for his podium presentation and the Mpumalanga Branch won the Spirit Trophy.

WCGH/SAAHIP Intern Award
The 13th Annual WCGH/SAAHIP Intern Research Award event took place on 8 November 2018:
Winner Kyna Izally, Bishop Lavis Community Health Centre
1st Runners-up Matthew de Kock and Zandelee Brown, Groote Schuur Hospital
2nd Runner-up Jean-Pierre du Toit, Kraaifontein Community Health Centre

On this occasion, the SAAHIP Chairperson, Aleta Wege, and the Director, Mr Gary Black, attended the event. SAAHIP WC Branch would like to thank WCGH and the PSSA CWP Committee for their continued support in this endeavour.

Social Responsibility
The Committee continues to support Leliebloem House this year by means of donating school stationery, toiletries and school clothes. The House provides a home away from home to 60 children from troubled families. These children are in need of specialist care and intervention as they experience trauma, abuse and neglect at home.

Winter 2018: The children each received a pair of slippers as well as a scarf for school. Thank you to all members who contributed generously.

SAAHIP continues to Support Operation Smile. At conference 2018 WC Branch pledged R12 000.

Public Relations and Communication
Activities included:
• Regular communications to members via email, newsletters and Facebook
• Contributions to The Tincture Press
• Communication to non-SAAHIP members to inform them of the benefits of being a member and to encourage interest in SAAHIP activities

Promoting and Marketing Pharmacy
The following events are also used as marketing opportunities:
• WCGH Intern Research Award
• WCGH Intern Orientation
• WCGH CSP Orientation

SAAHIP National Activities
The WC Branch was represented on the National Executive of SAAHIP by Aleta Wege.

The new National Portfolio is “Planning for Pharmacy 2030”. This involves all aspects of the role of pharmaceutical service in attaining the objectives of the NDP 2030, which entails the health systems reforms towards universal health care, primary health care re-engineering with appropriate staffing and all posts filled with skilled committed and competent persons.

SAAHIP WC AGM
A successful AGM was held on 12 October 2018 at Pharmacy House at which Ms Aleta Wege was re-elected as the Chairperson. The SAAHIP President, Ms Refiloe Mogale was the guest of honour. Dr Renier Coetzee introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Dr Shakira Choonara. The title of her presentation was “Without Advocacy we cannot Solve Health Systems Woes”.

The AGM was followed by a dinner. Sincere thanks to the sponsor, Adcock Ingram Critical for their support.

Conclusion
Thanks must go to all our Committee members for the many hours of personal time sacrificed in promoting the professional interests of all their colleagues.

Gary S. Black (Dip.Pharm) FPS
Director
MINUTES OF A COMBINED PSSA & CPS AGM

HELD ON TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2018
AT 19:00 FOR 20:00 AT PHARMACY HOUSE,
S BLOCK, GREENFORD OFFICE ESTATE,
PUNTERS WAY, KENILWORTH

Present:
Forty-eight members and fourteen non-members were
present as per attendance register.
Also present were guests of the above and staff
members.

1. The Director welcomed all and especially the
following:
All Honorary Life Members, past leaders of the Society
at both Branch and National levels and Fellows of the
Society:
President of the PSSA Prof Sarel Malan
Chairperson SAAHIP (WC) Branch Ms Aleta Wege
Auditors BDO Mr S Fisher
Members of the SAPC Mr JA Raats, Mrs J Maimin

The Director explained the absence of the Chairman due
to illness and that Mrs Maimin would act as Chairman in
his absence.

2. Notice convening the meeting, apologies and
obituaries
2.1 The Director, Mr GS Black, read the notice con­
vaining the meeting and called for additional
apologies and obituaries.

Apologies
Mr DG Black, Mrs H Hayes, Mrs L Loots, Mr R Volks,
Mrs C Whitelaw

Obituaries
A moment of silence was observed for those who
appeared on the Obituaries list:
Mr AG Alias
Mr JJ le Roux

3. Chairmen’s reports
3.1 Detailed reports on the activities of both the PSSA
and SAACP appeared in the December 2017 issue
of The Tincture Press. Mrs Jackie Maimin as acting
Chairperson of the PSSA and Mr Gawie Malan
as acting Chairman of SAACP, in turn, presented
highlights of the activities of their respective Com­
nittees and called for the adoption of the reports.
The report of the PSSA was accepted.
Proposed: Ms A Patel | Seconded: Ms R Boshoff
The report of SAACP was accepted.
Proposed: Mr KA Johnson | Seconded: Mr PJ le Roux

4. Minutes of the previous combined PSSA &
SAACP AGM held on 8 February 2017
The minutes were confirmed and adopted.
Proposed: Prof N Butler | Seconded: Dr N Finkelstein

5. Matters arising from point 4
There were no matters arising.

6. Treasurer’s report
The Chairperson called on Dr Finkelstein to present the
Treasurer’s Report and in doing so thanked him for his
dedicated and diligent service.

Dr Finkelstein presented an overview of the investment
market and the challenges faced by the FAC in
controlling the investments of the Branch to maximise
returns. He reported as follows:
“It is a decade after the bankruptcy of the US invest­
ment bank, Lehman Brothers, which triggered a global
financial crisis worldwide. Nearer home, we have sadly
witnessed the consequential effects of mismanagement
and corruption under the Zuma presidency. Unethical
governance, state capture and many changes at the
Finance Ministry have really contributed nothing
positive to the South African economy. We are teetering
on the precipice of financial and economic disaster, but
hopefully we will be on a growth trajectory following
the changing of the guard in the ruling political party.
It is in the context of this roller-coaster ride and general
market turmoil that your Treasurer has been floundering
for the past ten years – a situation I would not wish on
my worst enemy.

“Amidst all the doom and gloom, there is glimmer of
positive light in the markets at the start of 2018. The JSE
has thankfully managed to get above the 60 000 level
once again and we can only hope that it will continue
the positive upward trend throughout this year.
“During the period under review, it is not surprising that the CWP Branch of the PSSA has experienced a rather unspectacular year financially. Expressed positively, there is a slight improvement to our overall finances which will become evident as we review the figures of the Annual Financial Statements ended 30 September 2017. The Branch is obviously not immune to the ill wind that influences the world economy, including market jitters and increased volatility; however, it seems as if our ship is now sailing on calmer waters. After serious consideration of risk, it was decided to reduce our exposure to equity by some R4 million and invest the proceeds in an interest-bearing alternative.

“On page 9 of the AFS, there is the first hint of good news viz. that the Branch has shown a profit of R675 888 – albeit a minor reduction of 4,2% over last year. This positive change coupled with the independent auditor’s report (pages 5 to 7) identified no material inconsistencies in the Branch Committee’s report and the audited AFS. Suffice it to say that the Branch is in a sound financial position and has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

“The finances of the Branch continue to follow a relatively defensive strategy due to uncertainty in markets. Some equities have been sold and invested in safer instruments that yield interest rates in excess of 8% per annum. Reflecting on 2017, it is clear that the Branch’s investments are not retrogressing and are still growing – albeit rather modestly. We have succeeded in controlling our expenditure and this frugality has certainly assisted in maintaining a stable financial position for the Branch.

“The Branch’s financial position has improved somewhat in the past financial year. A glance at page 8 reveals that our non-current assets improved by R840 926 – a drop of R50 235 and is currently valued at R41 409. It must be remembered that these sales are now real income, as the full cost of publication had been recovered a long time ago.

“Please turn to the detailed income statement on page 27 of the AFS. On the income side, the Branch received R956 280 in dividend revenue – an expected decrease of R57 289. Interest received improved appreciably to R1 505 135 – an increase of R454 796 over last year.

“In my report last year, I had alluded to an increase in interest revenue and this should be even more substantial in the next financial year, since the FAC decided not to increase our current share portfolio, but rather invest some of the cash in interest-yielding instruments in keeping with the idea of not relying on capital appreciation to “cross-subsidise” income. Since the loss of our last tenant, the Branch has been unable to let the premises resulting in a reduction in rental income of R63 267. The Branch has now decided to forego this source of income and rather establish a pharmacy museum in the vacant area to conserve our valuable artefacts and preserve our rich heritage for future generations of pharmacists. Income derived from the sale of books and functions (rendering of services) also improved by R63 501 to R291 465 net. This is not really a money spinner for the Branch, but at least the efforts of the office staff members should be duly acknowledged to improve income from these specific sources.

“Total expenditure this year has increased modestly at R3 374 952. This figure is 8,67% more than 2016. A detailed examination on page 28 of the Branch’s AFS reveals that employee costs alone increased by R91 159. There is also an increase in conference expenses of R152 462 and rental expenses of R60 000. Other than those significant figures, there is nothing unusual or abnormal in the Branch’s expenditure. Employee costs of about R1 790 000 still remain the Branch’s largest single expense and constitutes 53% of expenditure. It should be apparent that the office again exerted tight and responsible control over expenditure this year with no capital expenditure of note being spent. Our Branch Director and his staff deserve the kudos for controlling the Branch funds so frugally and responsibly. I am also indebted to our part-time bookkeeper, Sylvia Jackson, for keeping such a watchful eye on the financial well-being of the Branch.

“On pages 19 and 20, the investments of the Branch are clearly illustrated. As mentioned previously,
the market value of our share portfolio decreased slightly to R32 548 735. The Branch’s investments with Coronation Fund Managers are currently valued at R16 091 140 – a minimal decrease of R141 093 over that of 2016. Additionally, there is now R5 813 792 invested in interest-bearing instruments. These investments plus the fact that we are the owner of a fully paid building with an estimated market value of R14 080 000 certainly attests to the fact that the finances of this branch are healthy and sound.

“In my report last year, I had intimated that the Branch had disposed of its building in the Phase 2 development of Greenford Office Estate. The Branch had acquired this property with a double purpose in mind, viz. to provide a further income stream and to diversify the asset base of the Branch. Since the Branch had geared the balance of the purchase price, the interest burden was growing uncomfortably and it therefore made sound economic sense to sell the building. The building was sold for R5 100 000 (less R100 000 in agent’s commission) to a Johannesburg-based IT company. Since the cost of the building was R4 373 136, there was a profit of R626 864. The loan advanced by PSSA (CWP Branch) to Propateeze 74 of R1 292 000 has consequently been reduced to R714 842. Since we hope to recover the VAT paid (R612 239) on the building from SARS, this loan will be further reduced in the next financial year.

“On page 21, it should be noted that we also hold monies amounting to R543 218 on behalf of other sectors of pharmacy. The Branch administers these funds on behalf of the associations concerned and I have taken note of the appreciation expressed for the willing assistance rendered by Sylvia and Gary in this regard.

“I would like to express my grateful thanks and deep appreciation to the following:

• Shaun Fisher of BDO South Africa Inc., our auditors, for his sound advice, exemplary patience and kind assistance in the compilation of my report;
• Gary Black, our Branch Director, for his strict financial control and willing assistance at all times;
• Sylvia Jackson, our able part-time bookkeeper, who executes all the Treasurer’s instructions dutifully and expeditiously and generally keeps me fully informed of our financial situation on a monthly basis;
• The members of the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) for their dutiful assistance and constructive advice in controlling the Branch’s funds; and
• Paul Abrahams and Henry Hawinkels from Nedbank Private Wealth for their professional advice and useful guidance with our investment portfolio

I would like to conclude this report with some personal remarks. New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings, the Chinese philosopher Lao-Tzu wrote. It is indeed painful to terminate a long association with the Branch’s finances; however, a new beginning under the watchful eye and impeccable integrity of a worthy successor will undoubtedly be in the long-term best interest of the Branch. As mentioned in my introduction, it has not been an easy ride; however, by Divine providence I have weathered the storm and can with confidence declare that I am leaving the financial stage in the knowledge that I have done the best I could and have left the Branch’s finances in the best possible position that was achievable under rather trying circumstances. I wish my successor well for the future and may the Branch continue to thrive and prosper. Thank you one and all for your constant interest and inspiration as well as your loyal support over the past ten years.”

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9.2 The 2017 UWC Academic Awards
These awards, presented by the Academy, were announced by Dr Kim Ward and are as follows:
1st year: Rabia Parker
2nd year: Arno Faul
3rd year: Estelle du Preez
4th year: Tasmia Abdulla

10. Motions and recommendations
10.1 The following motion had been submitted:
This Combined PSSA and SAACP (CWP) Annual General Meeting (Tuesday 6 February 2018) hereby decides and instructs the CWP Branches of the PSSA and the SAACP to sell immediately all the shares it holds in tobacco companies and not to invest in tobacco companies in the future.
Proposer: Mr MS Sattar | Seconder: Mr P Meissenheimer

Because this motion had not been submitted in time in accordance with Section 13.3.1 of the Constitution, a two thirds majority of members present in favour of discussing the motion, was needed. The necessary majority was not attained and the motion was therefore not discussed.

10.2 Another late motion regarding transformation of the Society was tabled by Mr I Ismail. The necessary two-thirds majority in favour of discussing this motion, was not attained. The concerns addressed in the proposed motion were noted and it was agreed that the matter would be referred to the first meeting of the Branch Committee.

11. Election of office bearers and Branch committees
The Director, Mr Gary Black conducted the election.

11.1 SAACP
The following members were elected to the SAACP (CWP) Branch Committee for 2018:
Chairman Mr DG Black
Vice-Chairman Mr GG Malan
Treasurer Mr KA Johnson

Elected Committee members
Mr J Kariem
Mr PJ le Roux
Ms B Macauley
Mr JA Raats

11.2 PSSA
The following members were elected to the PSSA (CWP) Branch Committee for 2018:
Chairperson Mr DG Black
Vice-Chairman Mrs J Maimin
Treasurer Mr KA Johnson

Elected Committee members
Ms C de Beer
Prof N Butler
Dr N Finkelstein
Mr I Ismail
Mr PJ le Roux
Mr JA Raats

Immediate Past Chairperson Ms A Patel

Members of the National Executive
Mr DG Black, Ms R Boshoff, Mr JJ Hattingh
Mr GG Malan, Prof S Malan, Ms A Patel

SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
Academy Dr K Ward
SAAHIP Ms A Wege
SAAPI Ms A Patel

12. Induction of elected chairmen
The Director congratulated Mr Donald Black on his re-election as Chairman of PSSA and also on his re-election as Chairman of SAACP.

13. Correspondence
There was no correspondence.

14. General
None.

15. Closure
The meeting closed at 22:00.
Season’s Greetings

Dear CWP PSSA Member
Whatever brings you the most of happiness,
Whatever means the most to you,
May you be blessed with the togetherness of all,
And the season be one of the best for the family!
  Stéphan Möller
  President: PSSA

To all our members, colleagues and friends
May you all have a well-deserved break and may 2019 bring you only joy, friendship, health and prosperity.
  Ivan Kotzé
  National Director: PSSA

Dear Friends and Colleagues
I would like to wish you one and all a blessed and joyful festive season and may 2019 be filled with good health and happiness.
  A sincere thank you to each one of you who has assisted me in my position as Chairman of the Branch and Chairman of SAACP.
  Donald Black
  Chairman PSSA (CWP) Branch
  Chairman SAACP (CWP) Branch

Dear Colleagues
In the wink of an eye another year has come and gone.
  We have had our ups and downs – petrol price hikes, state capture, VBS Bank and Steinhoff, or did these already happen last year?
  In retrospect, however, we have much to be thankful for. We have our health, our families, our jobs, roofs over our heads and food in our tummies.
  Let us focus on the blessings of the year and not allow the downs to dominate our conversations. Remember, your tongue is a mighty weapon.
  May you all have a wonderful festive season as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.
  Aleta Wege
  SAAHIP Chairman

Dear Members
I sincerely hope that the past year has been good to you and your family. I trust that you have managed to reach many, if not, all your goals.
  As you take a few moments to reflect on all your accomplishments and the year that is fast fading away, always remember to appreciate your loved ones around you.
  Whatever it is that you will be doing over the holiday season, be sure to stay safe and be energised …
  Have a wonderful time!
  Aadila Patel
  SAAPI representative

Dear Colleagues,
I wish you all the peace and joy of Christmas.
  Thank you for the positive difference you made in the lives of your patients over the past year. May you and your loved ones all enjoy a healthy, happy and successful year ahead.
  Gary Black
  Director. PSSA (CWP) branch
Pharmacist Interns Research Day 2018

An important highlight of the year for the interns working for the Western Cape DoH is an opportunity to present their research projects to their colleagues and peers at the Pharmacist Interns Research Day. Sincere thanks to, in particular, Denise Frieslaar and her team for organising this event.

Aleta Wege, Chairperson of SAAHIP, and the Branch Director, Mr Gary Black, attended the event. Aleta was also an adjudicator. The winners were presented with their prizes at a CPD evening held on 11 December. The prizes are sponsored by the PSSA (CWP) Branch and SAAHIP WC. The winner receives free membership of PSSA for one year, attendance of the next SAAHIP Conference where she will present her work again, a book voucher and a commemorative plaque.

This year the winner was Kyna Izally from Bishop Lavis Community Health Centre (Supervisor: A Champanis)

We publish here a synopsis of her winning project.

**A quantitative pre- and post-intervention, retrospective analysis of COPD management in accordance with EML guidelines of South Africa at Bishop Lavis Community Health Centre**

**Background**

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a progressive and irreversible lung disease characterised by chronic obstruction of airflow from the lungs. COPD is a common cause of morbidity and mortality and its prevalence continues to increase world-wide. COPD is widely underdiagnosed which leads to incorrect medicine treatment and, ultimately, to poor patient outcomes. The mismanagement of COPD needs to be addressed before leading to larger and more fatal consequences.

**Objectives**

To assess the management of COPD at Bishop Lavis CHC and to investigate whether the medicine treatment is in accordance to the PHC STGs if there is a clear documentation of a COPD diagnosis in the patient’s folder and if there is monitoring of the patient conducted and documented in the patient’s folder, and to determine the positive impact made on the management of COPD at this facility, following the implementation of an intervention.

**Method**

Adult patients (18 years and above) with a clear diagnosis of COPD and are currently being monitored and treated at Bishop Lavis CHC were eligible to be included in the study. Data was collected during folder reviews of systematically selected patient folders. A data collection tool was created and used throughout the study to establish the current COPD management practices at the facility, in accordance to the guidelines, compared to the management of COPD after the intervention.

**Results**

The results were analysed using percentages to determine the extent of improvement of COPD management.

**Conclusion**

The results seen after the intervention show a significantly favourable improvement in the management of COPD and adherence to the correct guidelines at Bishop Lavis CHC.

The other winners also receive one year free membership as well as book vouchers. They were:

**First Runners up:** Matthew de Kock and Zandelee Brown of Groote Schuur Hospital

**Topic:** The knowledge and attitudes towards adverse drug reaction reporting among healthcare professionals at Groote Schuur Hospital

**Second Runner up:** Jean-Pierre du Toit of Kraaifontein Community Health Centre

**Topic:** The prescribing of lifestyle modifications in newly and previously diagnosed hypertensive patients and the possible effect it could have on medication use and cost at Kraaifontein CHC
The SAAHIP WC Branch held a successful annual general meeting on 12 October at Pharmacy House. Aleta Wege was re-elected as Chairman as were most of the existing committee. Three new members were elected. The new Committee is:

Chairperson  Aleta Wege
Vice-chairperson  Carrie de Beer
Treasurer  Ronel Boshoff
Secretary  Dr Paul Voigt
Immediate Past Chairperson  Colleen Whitelaw
Committee Members  
  Dr Renier Coetzee  
  Lucinda Conradie  
  Bhavna Harribhai  
  Nicole Hoffman  
  Sean Honeyborne  
  Mahmooda Mohamed  
  Heidi Sheldon  
  Hannes Stegmann

Invited guests included:
Mr Joggie Hattingh, Deputy-President of the PSSA, and
Mr Douglas Defty, Deputy-President of the SAPC.
Both are past Chairmen of SAAHIP (WC) Branch and past Presidents of SAAHIP National. Unfortunately, the PSSA (CWP) Branch Chairman could not attend due to unforeseen health issues.

The SAAHIP National President, Ms Refiloe Mogale presented an informative report on the activities of SAAHIP.

The guest speaker, Dr Shakira Choonara, delivered a thought provoking address titled; “Without Advocacy we cannot Solve Health Systems Woes.”

This allowed attendees time for personal reflection by building on the power of personal experience shifting towards changing the healthcare landscape through every action but with a vision for large-scale impact.

Shakira Choonara is a young leader, researcher and activist at the forefront of public health – both in South Africa and internationally. Dr Choonara is currently employed as a regional advocacy officer at the Southern African AIDS Trust where she is responsible for driving innovative youth activism programmes in sexual and reproductive health throughout Africa. She recently completed her PhD in Public Health and also holds Honours (Cum Laude) and a Masters in Demography. She has also contributed substantially to multi-country research through the Resilient and Responsive Health System (RESYST) project which aims to improve healthcare across various African and Asian countries.

Dr Choonara’s writings and involvement in other research such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC – Health for All), fostering leadership in the health system and malaria prevention has been widely published and engaged with internationally. Additionally, she has been the recipient of several prestigious research and leadership awards throughout her career. Dr Choonara has made a marked impact on social justice, particularly fighting corruption in Africa, and advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities and non-racism.

The meeting was kindly sponsored by Adcock Critical care. Sincere thanks to Leonie van der Vyver.

The meeting was conducted over dinner well catered by Bayley’s Catering. Sincere thanks to Elize Fick for making all the arrangements for this successful event.

STOP PRESS!
Congratulations to Dr Choonara who has just been selected as a member of the inaugural African Union Youth Advisory Council.
Leliebloem House celebrated 150 years of existence during August 2018.

The home is a registered non-for-profit organisation situated in Crawford and is a residential centre for sixty children aged four to eighteen years. The children are from troubled families i.e. children who are in difficult circumstances and in need of special care and intervention. They are mostly from single parent families where unemployment, alcohol and drug abuse is prevalent, and are abused (sexually, physically or emotionally) or neglected. The residential care offers community outreach programmes, experimental learning camps, family preservation, family reunification, foster care, volunteer programmes, life skills training, adolescent development programmes, behaviour management programmes and therapeutic programmes.

The activities of the staff are co-ordinated through three departments of child care, treatment and auxiliary services. Each cottage accommodates fourteen children who are enrolled at schools in the local community and are encouraged to participate in well-structured community projects and activities.

Highlights of 2018 include fourteen children were reunified with their families in December, one placed with a foster parent, 97% pass rate from grade R to grade 12 and some obtained certificate for academic performances.

Message from Leliebloem House:
“Thank you for your love, care and support for our children during this very trying year of 2018. We would not have done it without you! Join us in our efforts to provide the very best second chance for our children, who are being provided with the opportunity for reworking and renegotiating their developmental stage of their lives.”

2018 we supported the home by providing stationery for school, donated ice cream to be sold at Leliebloem’s fun fair. Beanies, scarves, bedsocks and mittens were donated by members to assist with a winter warmer campaign. We also sponsored sports packs for a sports day, sponsored a table of 10 for an Eastern dinner fundraiser, and provided dinner and Christmas gifts for children at the annual Christmas play.

Let us unite to support the home for another year in 2019. Donations are welcome – items can be dropped off at CPD talks in the donation box.

Bhavna Harribhai
SAAHIP social responsibility portfolio
**Introduction**

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**Infection Prevention and Control Education for Home-Based Carers in Delft, Cape Town**

Home-based Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practices in underserved communities are not fully implemented. This project will provide a uniquely designed training manual for home-based carers (HBCs) to improve their knowledge and skills when offering service to communities. Sustainability will be ensured through continued collaboration between pharmacists and HBCs.

This project focuses on three main themes which includes international cooperation, rural healthcare development and healthcare promotion.

A pervasive lack of IPC measures in communities leads to a greater disease burden on health systems. IPC education together with social accountability of higher education institutions can achieve health education and health system reform. This will ultimately aid in community development.

The aim of this project is to improve community healthcare by creating a sustainable IPC educational framework for HBCs based on social accountability values.

**Goals**

- Establish an IPC team
- Knowledge and skills development of HBCs towards IPC

**Objectives**

- Development of IPC training manual
- Empower HBCs through training sessions
- Determine translation of IPC knowledge to underserved communities

The WHO defines IPC as an effective measurement to safeguard quality healthcare and to prevent harm to patients, based on a practical and evidence-based approach. This requires upholding IPC principles such as good hand hygiene practices, ensuring clean, healthy and hygienic environments, infectious disease monitoring and rational antimicrobial use.

South Africa is facing a quadruple disease burden, which is intensified in underserved communities. The role of HBCs in communities and IPC is under-recognised in the healthcare system. Sustainable prevention and promotion practices in households and communities are needed to reduce the disease burden and spread of infections, and to improve healthcare.

This project aims to achieve societal outcomes by improving community healthcare through a sustainable IPC educational framework for HBCs. Training sessions and the IPC manual will equip HBCs with knowledge and skills to achieve a 60% competency within one year of training.

Publishing on interprofessional education and IPC in communities during project evaluation is a research outcome. Inclusion of HBCs and pharmacy students in monthly training sessions will drive further research in this field. This outcome is also linked to a profession-based outcome through future publishing on the pharmacist’s expanding role in community engagement and education to improve patient care.

The proposed project will take place in the Delft community located in the Western Cape Province. In collaboration with the not-for-profit organisation, Touching Nations, IPC champions will be identified to act as innovators in the design of an IPC education team to ensure project sustainability.

The IPC training manual will contain five modules
with individual learning objectives to be achieved. The modules include:

1. hand hygiene,
2. respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette,
3. vaccinations,
4. medical waste management, and
5. appropriate antibiotic use.

Each module will be tailored specifically for use in communities by HBCs.

IPC training will be conducted monthly with the use of the IPC training manual at UWC’s School of Pharmacy or Touching Nations (TN) in Delft. HBCs will be taught a new module during each session by the School’s clinical pharmacy residents, who will act as the primary educators. However, before the commencement of each session, HBCs will be required to complete a pre-test survey to ascertain their baseline knowledge surrounding the specific IPC module to be covered.

Training will include PowerPoint presentations followed by interactive practical demonstrations of IPC activities to be undertaken by HBCs. Thereafter HBCs will form smaller groups, where each individual member will demonstrate each activity through role play. This will be followed by an assessment of the demonstration as well as feedback from the primary educators. HBCs will have ample opportunities to demonstrate competence in each activity.

Following completion of the session, HBCs will be required to complete a post-test survey to ascertain their knowledge of the specific module. A second post-test survey is to be completed by the HBCs, one month after each training session to discern knowledge retention following practice. Independent evaluators will assess the practice patterns in the community to report on project significance.

The development of an IPC training manual by pharmacists is simplistic, yet effective in a community like Delft. Resources required for effective training sessions will include, but will not be limited to, the design of effective training material aimed at HBCs with limited or no formal healthcare training, certificates for recognition of completion of training modules, transportation, and catering.

This project will empower HBCs through assisting them in fulfilling a new role in their daily practice as well as through establishing an IPC training team. Undergraduate pharmacy students will be exposed to their future community engagement roles with reference to social accountability, creating awareness, and sustainability of these responsibilities. Ongoing collaboration with international undergraduate pharmacy students will also contribute to the sustainability of this project, as they will have a responsibility towards further HBCs training as part of their visit to South Africa.

Pharmacists play a pivotal role in IPC practices and appropriate use of antibiotics. This project presents an innovative opportunity to create awareness around this vital role, especially in the area of home-based care. Pharmacists will be able to transfer skills and knowledge through the establishment of inter-professional collaboration.

References