



**MINUTES**  
of a  
**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**OF THE SA VETERINARY ASSOCIATION**  
held at  
**VETHOUSE & VIA ZOOM**  
**SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2023**  
**08:00**

**1. OPENING AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

Dr Paul van der Merwe, President and Chairperson, welcomed everybody, and a quorum being present, declared the meeting open.

**1.1 Prayer**

The opening prayer was done by Dr Leon de Bruyn.

**1.2 Credo**

The Credo was read by Dr Tom Spencer.

**CREDO**

We the members of the Association, resolve at all times:  
To honour our profession and the Veterinary Oath  
To maintain and uphold high professional and scientific standards  
To use our professional knowledge, skill and resources to protect and promote  
the health and welfare of animals and humans  
To further the status and image of the veterinarian and to foster and  
enrich veterinary science  
To promote the interests of our Association and fellowship amongst its members

**KREDO**

Ons, die lede van die Vereniging, onderneem om te alle tye:  
Ons professie in ere te hou en die Eed na te kom  
’n Hoë professionele en wetenskaplike peil te handhaaf en te onderhou  
Ons professionele kennis, vaardigheid en hulpbronne aan te wend ter beskerming en  
bevordering van die gesondheid en welsyn van dier en mens  
Die status en beeld van die veearts te bevorder en die veeartsenykunde te verryk  
Die belange van ons Vereniging en die genootskap tussen sy lede te bevorder

## 2. ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The attendance register was circulated and completed.

The Managing Director to sign on behalf of members attending via Zoom as well as sign all proxies.

*If your name has been left off the list, please notify Elize the secretary, to add your name to the attendance register [elize@sava.co.za](mailto:elize@sava.co.za)*

### **Present in-person and attendance via Zoom - SAVA Board members:**

Dr P van der Merwe	President and Chairperson
Dr Z Qwalela	President-Elect
Dr T Spencer	Director of Finance
Mr G Steyn	Managing Director
Dr B Tindall	SAVA representative on SAVC
Dr J Savadier	Co-opted representing NVCG
Dr Trudie Prinsloo	Co-opted Legal Advisor
Dr Marike Badenhorst	Co-opted representing RuVASA
Dr D Gerber	Co-opted for his expertise in medicines and related matters
Dr M Hlahasoane	Dr L de Bruyn
Dr N Colborne	Dr M Kleynhans
Dr C van Dijk	Dr D Miller
Dr M Fynn	Dr W Maré
Prof G Bath	Dr C Weyer
Dr B Meyer	Dr L Lopez-Rebollar
Dr D Mostert	Dr J Coertze
Dr E Schwellnus	Prof A Tordiffe

### **Proxies received:**

Dr A Roos	Dr F J Verreyne
Dr C van Rensburg	Dr DG Catton
Dr JJ Viljoen	Dr JG Gaenssler
Dr R Campbell	Dr A Cloete
Dr GA Giliomee	Dr A Erasmus
Dr G Bauer	Dr B Tindall

### **In Attendance:**

Ms E Nicholas	Secretary
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### **Apologies:**

Dr A Rogers	Dr M Breytenbach
Dr C van Rensburg	Dr L Cilliers
Dr A Roos	Dr FJ Verreyne
Dr M Ekron	Dr G Catton
Dr V Turner	Dr G Gaenssler
Dr R Campbell	Dr N Wolfaardt
Dr M-L Penrith	Dr A Cloete
Dr G Giliomee	Dr A Erasmus

## Apologies [cont.]

Dr A Kloeck

Dr O Mehtar

Prof V Naidoo

Dr J Viljoen

Dr S Wimberley

Dr C Nkuna

Prof C McCrindle

Prof B Penzhorn

### 3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 SPECIAL RESOLUTION

It is resolved that the following clauses relating to the restructuring of the SAVA Board be amended in the Memorandum of Incorporation (MoI) of the South African Veterinary Association:

- i) Identifying outdated items in the Memorandum of Incorporation (MoI).
- ii) Implementing changes in the way that the Association holds meetings as was required during the Covid pandemic and allowing for better member participation.
- iii) Implementing changes relating to the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President and election of Directors.

Points 2 and 3 above relate to a presentation held to members at the Annual General Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The Chairperson, Dr van der Merwe explained the need for the changes to the current MoI. Additional discrepancies were picked up in the MoI that needed to be corrected and ratified at this SGM.

The Special Resolution, as well as a voting link and proxy forms were sent to all SAVA members to cast their vote.

- 12 Proxy forms were received from members in good standing who voted in favour of the Resolution.
- Online voting was overwhelmingly positive.
- Members attending virtually were verified to be members in good standing.
- Members attending the SGM, either virtually or in-person and who had not voted yet, were given 8 minutes to cast their vote electronically.
- All motions have been passed, and herewith the voting results made available by Mr Gert Steyn, Managing Director, during the meeting:

	Online			Proxies			Hybrid			In Person			Total						
	For	Against	Abstain	For	Against	Abstain	For	Against	Abstain	For	Against	Abstain	For	Against	Abstain	Total	For	Against	Abstain
Resolution 1	40	2	0	12			16	0	0				68	2	0	70	97%	3%	0%
Resolution 2	41	0	1	12			16	0	0				69	0	1	70	99%	0%	1%
Resolution 3	41	0	1	12			16	0	0				69	0	1	70	99%	0%	1%
Resolution 4	42	0	0	12			16	0	0				70	0	0	70	100%	0%	0%
Resolution 5	39	0	3	12			16	0	0				67	0	3	70	96%	0%	4%

### 4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairperson thanked everybody for their participation and the meeting closed at 08:30.