

SAMEA Annual Report

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Chair

State of the South
African Monitoring
and Evaluation
Association

Membership

- 1 September 2011, there were 380 active (paid up) SAMEA members, and 1615 inactive (payment pending/unpaid)
- 137 de-activations since January 2011
- Trend: membership activity increases exponentially during “Conference Year”
- Challenge: retain an active database of members between conference years

Board

- Candice Morkel – Chair
- Mairy Tsigoida - Treasurer
- Indran Naidoo
- Christel Jacob
- Raymond Basson
- Anzel Schonfeldt
- Babette Rabie
- David Molapo
- Christo De Coning
- Stephen Rule

Board Elections

Procedure:

- Electronic database of voting members
- Communication sent via electronic mail to notify members of the nomination process and voting period
- Automated online nomination and voting process
- Independent auditors verify the voting results
- Announce Results (website and/or AGM)

Board Elections

August 2010 Elections

Name	Start Date	End of Term
Fanie Cloete	2007	2010
Sefiso Khumalo	2007	2010
Donna Podems	2007	2010

- Regular procedures
- Online Q&A session - one hour per candidate
- Successful candidates: Dr. Indran Naidoo & Dr. Babette Rabie
- New Board officially took up office on 24 August 2010

Board Elections

April/May 2011 Elections

- 2 resignations in April 2011
- Electronic nomination and election process :15 April - 23 May 2011
- Total 39 votes cast
- Successful candidates: Dr. Stephen Rule and Prof. Christo de Coning

Special General Meeting: 14 December 2010

- ***Purpose:***

- Appointment of auditors
- Amendment of the Articles of Association to make allowance for the election of and Executive Committee (Chair, Deputy Chair and Treasurer)

- ***Resolutions:***

- Boshoff Visser appointed as auditors
- No provision in Articles of Association for the appointment of an executive committee (Chairperson, deputy-chairperson & Treasurer)
- Resolved: amendments be made to allow for the executive structure in the Articles of Association.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

- 12 Board meetings held September 2010 to September 2011
- Agenda dominated by conference preparations
- Minutes prepared and all decisions of the Board recorded

Policies and Procedures

- AGM 2010: raised issues of strengthening governance
- Draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) circulated to the membership
- Tabled: Special General Meeting (2010)
- Suggestions:
 - Board involve academic institutions in the drafting of the SOPs
 - Guard against the Articles of Association clashing with the SOPs
 - Terminology – explain
 - Include the public sector as a potential funder
 - Board accountability to the membership
 - Conflicts of interest
 - Membership categorization

Website and communication

- Sameatalk
- Linked-in, Facebook and Twitter
- Membership participation (COPs, TIGs?)

Activities and Events: 2010/11

Ray Rist Workshop – 16 & 17 September 2010

- Monitoring and Evaluation systems in South Africa
- Address on the National Outcomes (DPME, Presidency)
- Co-hosted Public Service Commission and SAMEA
- Attendance 60 +

Paul Duignan - 23rd September 2010

- 23 September 2010, in partnership with the Public Service Commission, SAMEA hosted Paul Duignan (Parker Duignan Consulting, Wellington and Senior Research Fellow Massey University, Auckland New Zealand)
- Workshop: “Outcomes-Focused Visual Strategic Planning for public and third sector organizations”

Patricia Rogers lecture series – 17th & 18th February 2011

- Co-hosted by SAMEA, the Public Service Commission & University of Johannesburg, as part of the HEARD UKZN Visiting Fellowship
- Seminar 1: Evaluating complex interventions – projects, programs, policies, strategies
- seminar 2: Developing logic chains (program theory, logic models)
- Attendance: 60 +

Contributions to
Journals, publications
and conferences

European Evaluation Society

- 9th European Evaluation Society Conference in Prague (6-8 October 2010).
- Fanie Cloete, Babette Rabie, Donna Podems, Marlene Roefs, Terence Beney, Kevin Kelly, Zenda Ofir and representatives from the PSC, Gauteng Province and ISS
- Paper by Babette Rabie and Fanie Cloete received honourable mention as one of three best papers from the approximately 300 papers read at the conference.
- Submitted to *Evaluation* for possible publication in 2011.

Global City Region Academy

- David Molapo and Indran Naidoo contributed articles to the Global City Region (GCR) Academy Quarterly Journal
- The journal is circulated amongst senior managers from both local and provincial government.
- The journal was published in August 2010 with a special focus on "Monitoring and Evaluation".

Magazine of the Public Service Commission – PSC News

- PSC News, under the theme "The Evolution of Monitoring and Evaluation in the South African Public Service"
- Published in October 2011
- Contribution by Candice Morkel (Chair)

African Evaluation Journal

- Initiative lead by AfrEA in conjunction with SAMEA.
- Proposal accepted in 2010
- AfrEA is now approaching potential sponsors
- Appointed an Acting Editor and Board
- Anticipated that the first edition will be ready in 2012
- 4 Editions planned per year, consideration to on-line option

Conclusion and Future Work

- Self-reflection – achievement of objectives
- Building Good Governance (SOPs and other Policies)
- Strengthen Regional Chapters
- Improve Member Participation post-Conference