CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT AGM 20 SEPTEMBER 2012

13 September 2012

We are coming to the end of the year and it gives me great pleasure to inform you of what took place from the time I was chosen to be an interim chairperson up to this present moment. As you know that the year has not been an easy one since our mother (national) body was faced with challenges that emanated from the court order that was instituted by some members, who challenged the legitimate decisions that were taken in 2011 at the Colloseum Hotel. However, normality was restored, thanks to your votes, and the very leadership that was challenged was endorsed by members who were committed to the Association and its progress. It therefore becomes imperative to extend a word of gratitude to all SAAPAM G members who gave their much needed support in the times of tribulation.

There is no doubt that the challenges faced by the national structure had a negative impact on the SAAPAM-G and its planned activities. The SAAPAM-G Board had initially planned to host a two-day conference (20-21 September 2012) in which paper presentation by participants and the AGM (similar to the one held annually by the national structure) would take place. Seeing that the challenges n of the national structure came to an end in June, it was late for us to proceed with the planned conference, and resorted to the one-day-seminar and the AGM combined.

It therefore gives me pleasure to present the following report that highlights the activities of SAAPAM-G from 04 November 2011 to 20 September 2012.

A. The Interim Board held two meetings as follows:

1. The first meeting was held on the 17th of November 2012 at Unisa. The main aim of the meeting was to elect office bearers. The elected office bearers were as follows:
   Chairperson: Prof Phago
   Deputy Chairperson: Mr Diale
   Secretary: Ms Disoloane
   Treasurer: Prof Mello
   Deputy Treasurer: Dr Mpehle
   Additional Members: Mr Mabunda
                   Mr Ndou
Ms Juta (Student Rep)
Ms Mahlangu

Some of the matters tackled were:

- The SAAPAM-G Annual Conference and AGM to be held in Pretoria on the 30th August 2012 (tentative date), and the venue would be confirmed. For this particular conference the call for papers would be issued in the National Conference and AGM that was scheduled for Mangaung.
- A tax invoice reflecting an amount of R2 670.00 was presented for the gifts of guests for the SAAPAM-G 2011.
- An issue of the change of cheque book signatories was postponed to 2012, and the change would be done after the Gauteng-SAAPAM AGM and mini conference has taken place.

2. The second meeting was held on the 30th January 2012, and matters discussed were:

- Prof Phago who served as the interim Chairperson since 17th November 2011 announced his departure from Unisa to trade his skills and experience in Polokwane, Limpopo, the University of Limpopo to be precise, and that would be effective the beginning of February 2012.
- His departure left a vacant chairmanship position. The SAAPAM-G Board then elected Dr Z. Mpehle, who was the deputy treasurer, as the interim chairperson until the next AGM. The other offices were left as they were.

B. There was a successful launch of Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) SAAPAM Student Chapter on the 25th April 2012 that was held at the TUT Soshanguve Campus.

C. There was supposed to be a launch of Unisa Student SAAPAM Chapter on the 6th of September 2012. Because of logistical reasons it was postponed for next year. Date still to be confirmed.

It has been a wonderful opportunity to serve you as an Interim Chairperson for the said period. I leave you with the following words by Louis Farrakhan:

“Black leadership has to recognize that principles more than speech, character more than a claim, is greater in advancing the cause of our liberation than what has transpired thus far.”

God bless.

Dr Z. Mpehle (Chairperson)