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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GAA
DATE: 24 NOVEMBER 2022
PLACE: INVESTEC OFFICES (PRETORIA)

1. **Welcome**

Vice-chairperson Wendel Bloem welcomed all special guests and members to the GAA's AGM for 2022 and appreciation for attendance.

2. **Preliminaries**

a. A quorum had been established – and thus can proceed, meeting declared open.
b. No omissions or additions to the agenda – Chantelle Gladwin-Wood seconded and Yusuf Wadee confirmed. Agenda adopted unanimously.
c. No omissions or additions to the minutes of AGM held virtually on 10 November 2021 – Mille Shantall-Lurie seconded and Chantelle Gladwin-Wood confirmed. Agenda adopted unanimously

3. **Guest speaker**

Wendel Bloem introduced and welcomed DanMari Duigard, from Schindlers Attorneys, who spoke about the latest developments in cannabis law and laws relating to medicinal plans; and

Questions and answer session ensued.

4. **Consideration and Acceptance of Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report**

Millie Shantall-Lurie presented the GAA's financials and the treasurer's report for the year ending 30 June 2022. Financials had been mail dropped to all members. The draft annual financial statements were prepared by M. Breedt, certified Financial Accountant (SA) and it was independently reviewed by J. Botha, Professional

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Accountant (SA), for the year ending 30 June 2022. Annual income statements must be read in conjunction with treasurer's report. Income is generated from sister associations; the GAA relies solely on donations from sister associations and no financial contributions are received from the Legal Practice Council or any other institution. The association does not levy annual membership subscription fees, as you are automatically a member of GAA, if you are a member of one of the sister associations (PAA, JAA, WAA AND SLF).

For year ended 30 June 2022, there was an increase in income and profit generated, this was due to the successful annual Allen West webinar held in February 2022. Expenses for the year included accounting fees, marketing and advertising, consulting and professional fees, delivery fees, meeting and webinar expenses. The cost for meeting of expenses was as a result of Exco meeting on a quarterly basis to manage the affairs of the association effectively and to ensure members receive the benefit of the growth. The GAA is a footprint in the entire Gauteng region and other regions for all issues that need to be raised on behalf of our members and it important Exco meets. Exco receives no remuneration.
Investec current account is R45 524.00 as at 30 June 2022.

Milie Shantall- Lurie expressed her appreciation to all members of the association and sister associations for continued support and auditor representative M Breedt and J Botha, who could unfortunately not attend. She further thanked the chairperson and co- members of the executive committee for their input and assistance throughout this past year.

Treasurer's report and financial statements accepted - Chantelle Gladwin-Wood seconded and Dawie Bekker confirmed. The treasurer's report and financial statements and report were accepted unanimously.

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5. **Presentation of Chairperson's Report**

Wendel Bloem thanked the current chairperson Tiaan Joubert for his outstanding leadership in 2022 and that he has and made a huge difference in the fraternity by driving agendas. Refreshing to have a chairperson who wants to make a difference and we as members should support him in making a difference. Tiaan Joubert was welcomed by Wendel Bloem.

Tiaan thanked everyone for attending and the vice-chair Wendel Bloem for his message. He proceeded to present the chairperson's report for 2021-2022 period, which was sent to all the members via mail drop.
Message and goal for the following term is, we as attorneys must accept that our well-being as an independent professional is in our own hands. As attorneys we cannot sit back and believe our well-being will be taken care of by this, we must rise and face the challengers to our profession as individual professionals with our own unique strengths within our specialty fields and contribute as a unified voice. Voluntary associations such as ours is the first and foremost vehicle to obtain this goal but we need more cohesiveness between the associations and wants to see things happen in the next year.

The various sister associations (JAA, PAA and WAA) chairpersons reports will be uploaded on the website to be reviewed by the members.

Chairpersons report was accepted - Gareth Shepperson seconded and Chantelle Gladwin-Wood confirmed. The chairperson's report was accepted unanimously.

6. **Election of the Executive Committee Members for the 2022/2023 Year**

a. Tiaan Joubert confirmed there were 12 nominations and the Constitution allows for 12 members, thus no voting will need to take place.
b. Tiaan Joubert further announced the list of persons nominated and asked if there were any objections thereto, as all such persons could be elected as the

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number of people nominated was less than the maximum number of persons provided for in the Constitution. No objections were recorded.

c. The position of Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer was held over for Exco to fill the positions at the first GAA meeting to be held in 2023.

7. **Special thanks, recognitions and a moment of silence for fallen colleagues**

Tiaan Joubert thanked everyone for attending and EXCO for their hard work behind the scenes and special thanx to Mille Shantall-Lurie, Vijayta Rana and Chantelle Gladwin-Wood for organising the AGM.

Tiaan Joubert gave special thanks to Wendel Bloem as MC and vice-chairperson and wished all the members the best for the year ahead. He expressed his further gratitude to the speakers, all members, and friends of the profession.

8. **General and Closing**

Meeting adjourned.

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Tiaan Joubert
Chairperson of the GAA

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Vijayta Rana
Secretary of the GAA