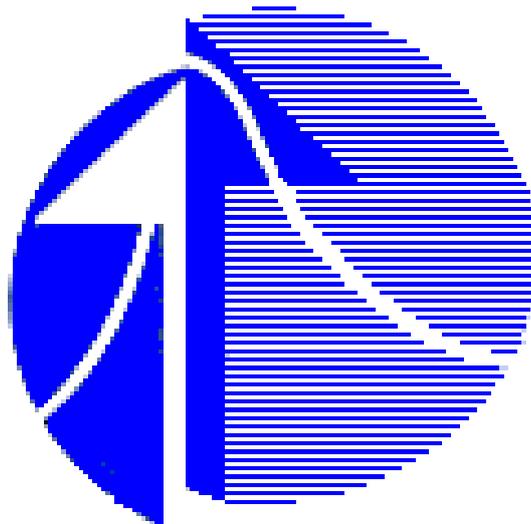


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA OF SASA TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2010 AT THE NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, Building E8, Room G42, 17h45-19h30.

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Minutes of 2009 AGM**
 - 2.1 Approval of the minutes
 - 2.2 Matters arising
- 3. Finalising the agenda**
- 4. Annual report of the Executive Committee 2009/2010**
- 5. Annual report of Fellowship Committee**
- 6. Other reports**
 - 6.1 Education Committee
 - 6.2 Careers Committee
 - 6.3 Official Statistics Committee
 - 6.4 Newsletter
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- 7. Financial matters**
 - 7.1 Treasurer's interim 2010 financial statements
 - 7.2 Interim 2010 financial report and notes on draft 2011 Budget
 - 7.3 Membership fees
- 8. Sichel Medal award**
- 9. Initiatives of the incoming President for 2010/2011**
- 10. Executive Committee for 2010/2011**
 - 10.1 Vice-President
 - 10.2 Secretary
 - 10.3 Additional member responsible for chapters
 - 10.4 Three additional members
- 11. SASA Conference 2011**
- 12. Additional matters**
 - 12.1 ICCSSA as Associated Society of SASA
 - 12.2 Revision of the 2005 Constitution
- 13. Closing**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2009 AT THE DURBAN ICC

1. Welcome

The president, Herrie van Rooy, welcomed all members to the 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM), and mentioned how special it was to have it during the ISI conference. Since the minutes of the 2008 meeting were distributed at the meeting, a proposal was made and accepted to give members five minutes to read through the minutes. Hannah Gerber was thanked for acting as secretary at the AGM.

2. Minutes of 2008 AGM

2.3 Approval of the minutes

The minutes were approved with the following change:

Item 5, the last sentence should read: Sarah Radloff was elected as a Fellow of SASA and Gunther Jaeger received the certificate on her behalf.

2.4 Matters arising

There were none.

3. Finalising the agenda

The agenda was accepted as a working document.

4. Annual report of the Executive Committee 2008/2009

The report was taken as read and accepted. The President highlighted a few issues, thanking the EC for their dedication and hard work for SASA. Points highlighted by the President were:

- SAIOPS which was discussed in more detail under Item 12
- The survey done in Statistics Departments, which was published in the SASA newsletter. In it, it is stated that 20% of posts are vacant in Statistics Departments across the country and this is expected to rise to 50% over the next 5 years. This is a serious situation and there have been meetings during the year with the Statistics Council to join forces in addressing the problem. The next step would be to initiate discussion with Vice Chancellors on how to address these concerns (e.g. by raising the retirement age and addressing staff retention which is a big problem due to salaries). Members were encouraged to share any suggestions in this regard via the secretariat or Herrie van Rooy.

5. Annual report of Fellowship Committee

Khangelani Zuma, the Chairperson, announced that no nominations were received. Herrie van Rooy urged members to send him nominations next year should they have anyone in mind as he will be responsible for this committee.

6. **Other reports**
 - 6.1 **Education Committee**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.2 **Careers Committee**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.3 **Official Statistics Committee**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.4 **Newsletter**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.5 **Managing Editor of Journal**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.6 **Scientific Editors of Journal**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.7 **Western Cape Chapter**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.8 **Free State Chapter**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.9 **KwaZulu-Natal Chapter**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.10 **Eastern Cape Chapter**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 6.11 **Limpopo Chapter**
No report was received because of inactivity.
 - 6.12 **Statistical Terminology Project**
The report was taken as read and accepted.

7. **Financial matters**
 - 7.1 **2009 interim financial report**
The report was taken as read and accepted.
 - 7.2 **Draft 2010 Budget**
The budget as presented in the AGM booklet was approved.
 - 7.3 **Membership fees**
It was proposed and accepted that fees will remain the same in 2010.

8. **Incoming President: Outline of 2009/2010 initiatives**
Yoko Chhana, the incoming President for 2009/2010, outlined her initiatives and stated that the executive needs to fully support the efforts made in recent endeavours of the association, and that as many members as possible be involved in these, viz.:
 1. Seeking solutions toward building statistical capacity in academia.
 - SASA is in collaboration with the Statistics Council on the way forward to:
 - Address the problem of retention of staff in academia,
 - Investigate ways to fast-track current staff to be able to replace the large number of retiring staff, and
 - Replenish the pool of postgraduate supervisors, both in the short term, by using retired members of staff as supervisors and as mentors for younger staff to become supervisors.

2. Building statistical capacity in general.

Government's drive for evidence-based policy making through the establishment of an evaluation, monitoring and planning commission within the presidency, and in government departments from national down to local level, has led to an increase in the demand for expertise in monitoring and evaluation.

There is also demand in business for monitoring and evaluation to obtain information about the performance of programs and projects.

The education committee is addressing ways to meet these demands (e.g. teacher training), and needs the support of members
3. Creating and supporting a closer relationship between SASA and statisticians working in industry.

Recent meetings between the President of SASA, the Chair of the Statistics Council and the special interest group for statisticians in industry, wanting to form the South African Institute of Practicing Statisticians (SAIOPS), revealed the group's feelings that SASA was inadequately serving the needs of statisticians in industry. They also wished to set up the discipline of Statistician as a profession.

 - The SASA executive invited the group to form a special purpose committee to address these needs and this was accepted.
 - The SASA constitution needs to be revised to accommodate these changes. The executive is presently awaiting proposals from the group regarding the necessary changes to the constitution.
 - Discussions will be held to establish the criteria required for the certification of Statisticians and on the way forward.
4. Ensuring longevity and growth of the association and encouraging greater collaboration amongst the membership.
 - Active participation of "young" and existing members is encouraged in the activities of the various existing special purpose committees within SASA viz.: Careers, Education and Official Statistics.
 - There is need to revive activities of the Official Statistics special interest committee (which still needs a chairperson) and to form special interest committees in Financial Statistics and Biostatistics.

Members do participate in the competitions held by the Education committee and also contribute to the Careers column however members can be sure to benefit from discussions and activities within other special interest groups e.g. Official Statistics, Financial Statistics and Biostatistics.
5. Encouraging voluntary peer review of papers delivered at conferences.
 - Members are urged to contribute to this initiative for the next SASA conference and it is hoped that, in the process, this initiative will help mentor 'young statisticians'.
6. Supporting existing projects within SASA viz.:
 - Outreach programme for the teaching of statistics at school level.
 - The work done by Delia North, Jackie Scheiber and Stats SA on the maths4stats campaign requires members in the various provinces

volunteer as contact persons and to assist with the rollout of programme.

- SASA chapters
 - The Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape chapters are encouraged to continue with chapter meetings.
 - Members in the Limpopo region can assist in reviving this chapter's activities.
 - Statistics Standards Generating Body (SGB)
 - The Statistics Standards Generating Body (SGB) has been involved in the assessing of courses for the accreditation of Unit Standards and National Certificates from SAQA.
 - A National Certificate in Official Statistics at NQF Level 5 has already been registered with SAQA.
 - A future project is the accreditation of a Diploma in Official Statistics at NQF 6 level.
 - Promote communication between SASA and statistical associations in the African and SADC regions.
7. Review of curriculum for mainstream Statistics degrees and for service courses offered in Statistics.
- Tertiary academic institutions should review the curriculum that is offered for students wishing to major in Statistics in the light of:
 - Recent changes in the school curriculum and
 - The knowledge and lessons gained through the ISI conference on the best practices and experiences of universities worldwide.
 - However, although Statistics is offered at school level, universities should be cautioned against assuming that knowledge.
 - Traditionally, the teaching of service courses was viewed as less important to that of teaching major-level statistics courses.
 - It is essential that we shift from this view as the teaching of service courses in Statistics is a start to ensuring that more people become statistically literate.
 - Curriculum revision needs to be considered to address the needs of the discipline being serviced but also ensuring that Statistics departments include what they believe to be relevant and important.

Yoko Chhana left the meeting with the following challenge: Pali Lehohla speaks of Africa being on a 61-year journey towards rejuvenating Statistics. He likens this to a relay and states: "In this relay, which part are you going to run?"

9. Executive Committee for 2009/2010

The nominations received were as follows:

9.1 Vice-President

Pravesh Debba was elected unopposed.

9.2 Newsletter Editor

Sonali Das was elected unopposed.

9.3 Additional member responsible for Chapters

Henry Mwambi was elected unopposed.

9.4 Three additional members

Two nominations were received for Sarah Radloff and Christien Thiart. Nominations from the floor were asked for the one vacant position; James Allison was nominated and all three additional members were elected unopposed. Vince Micali asked if the initiation of SAIOPS as a special purpose committee would have implications regarding the election of additional members to the EC. The meeting was informed that the chair of the SAIOPS special purpose committee would automatically serve on the EC (more under Item 12.2).

10. SASA Conference 2010

The host for the 2010 SASA conference has not been finalised and Institutions were invited to volunteer as host. The information will be disseminated via the Newsletter.

11. Sichel Medal Award

Sarah Radloff made the presentation in the absence of Paul Fatti. This was the 12th time that the medal has been awarded after being instated in 1997. Herbert Sichel was a pioneer in Statistics and with the exception of one year, the medal has been awarded annually for the best paper published in the previous year. The list of winners is now available on the SASA website. Three papers were submitted and adjudicated by Doug Hawkins, Max Finkelstein, Paul Fatti and Sarah Radloff. The four criteria used to assess the papers were the impact in the relevant field, innovation, relevance and the quality of writing. All the judges were in agreement that the winners of this year's Sichel medal were: Legesse Debusho and Linda Haines for their paper "*V- and D-optimal population designs for the simple linear regression model with a random intercept term*", published in the Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference.

12. Additional matters

12.1 Voluntary peer review of extended article abstracts from 2010 conference

The chair informed the members of the EC's decision taken on this matter, namely that a panel will be set up to review requested papers from 2010. The cut-off date for these abstracts will be about 4 months earlier than other abstracts and the deadline for the full paper to be reviewed about 3 months earlier. Other papers will be accepted in the usual way. The aim is to have reviewed papers published in proceedings of the conference (with an ISBN number). Submissions will take on the form of an extended abstract. The question was raised

if it would be possible to publish material elsewhere after being published in the proceedings (copyright). The response was that this would have to be investigated by the committee. An enquiry was also made regarding how publishing proceedings will affect the cost of the journal, but as the extended abstracts will not be published in the journal there are no cost implications.

12.2 SAIOPS meeting feedback

A workgroup focussing of Statistics in Industry have been active during the year to discuss the way forward in: (1) the formalising of Statistics as a profession and (2) the forming of a group that caters for the needs of statisticians in industry. The SASA EC has extended an invitation to SAIOPS to be a special purpose committee of SASA, rather than a separate body. SAIOPS have accepted this offer. Vince Micali suggested that the SASA constitution needs to be updated sooner rather than later, in the light of these developments. The chair referred this suggestion to Item 12.3. Howard Gabriels (the chair of the workgroup) made three points: (1) that the committee currently consists of 20 individuals and that there is potential to expand it, (2) that the focus should be on how to professionalise statistics, which is crucial in all aspects, especially regarding training offered at Universities and (3) that the workgroup is grateful to the EC for the invitation extended; it seems that the changes will be minimal, but it should result in a stronger SASA. A proposal to ratify the decision by the EC was taken to the floor and the proposal was accepted by a majority vote (showing of hands).

12.3 Constitution revision 2010

According to the constitution, it is to be revised every five years, and since the current constitution is dated 2005, it is up for revision in 2010. Suggested changes are to be communicated to the Secretariat. A committee will be formed to administer the process and voting will take place via a postal ballot.

13. General

Howard Gabriels conveyed a request by the President of the ISI; they wish to convene a meeting for the statistical associations on the continent, and would like to request that the SASA President and an additional member represent SASA.

Vince Micali proposed, from the Presidency of SASA, a vote of thanks should be extended to the ISI, for the privilege of being able to host the conference in SA

14. Closing

The chairperson thanked all members for their support. The meeting closed at 12:30.

ANNUAL REPORTS

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009/2010

This has been a busy year for the EC and I am extremely grateful for each member's contribution on the various initiatives undertaken and in particular for their contribution towards the revision of the 2005 SASA constitution. The revision of the constitution dominated many EC meetings during this year and much time was spent in discussing and documenting the proposed changes. The proposed 2010 SASA constitution includes changes to the composition of the EC, the introduction of a disciplinary committee, the code of Ethics being replaced by a code of conduct (written by Professor Tim Dunne) and further, the inclusion of the Institute of Certificated and Chartered Statisticians of South Africa (ICSSA) as an associated society of SASA. ICSSA's aim is to create and support a closer relationship between SASA and statisticians working in industry. ICSSA is also involved with the registration of Certificated and Chartered Statisticians towards the professionalization of Statistics. The constitution revision subcommittee, comprising Tertius de Wet, Gina Joubert and Jacky Galpin are acknowledged for their guidance and input on the EC's proposals and the EC is also appreciative of the assistance from Tim Dunne. The revision process ran smoothly thanks to the sterling work by Sarah Radloff in coordinating this long process and documenting the proposed changes.

To address the crisis of the shortage of academic statisticians at universities, a joint delegation comprising of the Chair of the Statistics Council (Howard Gabriels), the Statistician General, selected members of the Statistics Council and representatives from the SASA executive met with HESA for discussions on the matter. After a presentation by the Chair of the Statistics Council, the HESA board suggested that further discussions should be raised with the Department of Education to address the present crisis. This initiative will be pursued further next year.

The President and Chair of the Education Committee (Delia North) attended the Africa Statistical Harmonization and Statistical Capacity Building Integration Workshop held in East London between 8 to 12 Dec 2009, hosted by Stats SA. The focus was on the need to build capacity in Official Statistics in Africa and with the broad aim to assist governments toward evidence-based decision making and in addressing the Millennium Development Goals.

A second meeting to address building statistical capacity in Official Statistics was held in July 2010 by Stats SA. The meeting was attended by some members of the SASA EC and Heads of Departments (and representatives) of universities in South Africa. Discussions took place between the South African Statistical Institute (SASI), formed by Stats SA and these stakeholders

on the curriculum presently offered in official statistics at the various institutions. The idea of a coordinated effort between these parties to address the lack of capacity in official statistics was favoured by all parties and we look forward to interactions in this regard. The EC also welcomed Yandiswa Mpethseni (from Stats SA) as the Official Statistics Committee representative on the EC. This has facilitated better communication on the needs and activities in Official statistics.

SASA is appreciative to SAS and Stats SA who have been loyal sponsors of SASA for many years now. The SASA President and Vice President (Pravesh Debba) held discussions with Murray de Villiers (SAS) and on a separate occasion with the Statistician General (Stats SA) to formalise the relationship between the parties, to seek solutions that would benefit each organisation and to address the issue of statistical capacity building in general. Subsequent to the meeting, a memorandum of understanding has been drawn up detailing the commitments from each party on various joint initiatives with the vision that it will be finalised and signed.

The SASA Education committee has been occupied with the Honours project competition and the Postgraduate paper competition and the awarding of bursaries and scholarships. Congratulations to the winners! In addition, the outreach programme for the teaching of statistics at school level has offered a lecture series (covering the content pertaining to the Mathematics paper 1 and 2) at UKZN in data handling with future plans to run a lecture series at UCT to train school teachers on the paper 3 content. To ensure that a career in statistics is better marketed to school children, the Careers and Education committees have committed to addressing the lack of sufficient marketing of the subject in schools. Statbank, an extensive set of multiple choice questions for introductory statistics courses, is now available to members on the SASA website.

Thanks to the team responsible for the Journal: Nelis Potgieter, Managing Editor, Max Finkelstein, Editor and the Associate Editors: Tertius De Wet, Samuel Manda, Noel Veraverbeke, Robert Schall, Khangelani Zuma and Carl Lombard. Further thanks go to our Past President, Herrie van Rooy, and our Treasurer, Paul Mostert, for assisting with the local administration and publication of the Journal while the Managing Editor, Nelis Potgieter, is on a post doc in the USA which ends in May 2011. Edna Shultz is also acknowledged for her role in the journal process. Lesedi-Litho, who handled the printing of the journal previously, went out of business just as the second issue had to be printed and distributed. The printing of the newsletter is being handled by Spektrum presently. In an attempt to increase the impact factor of the SASJ, the EC is finalizing arrangements for the hosting of SASJ on Sabinet.

The newsletter has had a fresh facelift after Sonali Das has taken over as the editor. The regular careers column featuring a young statistician and a description of his /her job is sure to inspire and educate student members on the various areas that they can work in. Congratulations to Martie Muller, Chair of the Careers committee on obtaining a 3-year scholarship to study for

a PhD in Copenhagen. The EC would like to wish her all the best on this endeavour and to also thank her for all the effort that she had put into this portfolio.

The SASA chapters were active and provided an opportunity for members to interact with others in their regions. However, there is still a need for members in the Limpopo region to assist in reviving this chapter's activities. The EC thanks Henry Mwambi for communicating with the chapters on behalf of SASA and for the detailed reports on the chapter activities.

The SASA 2010 conference promises to be a stimulating experience. The EC thanks the Subject Group Statistics and the Centre for BMI and Statistical Consultation Services at the North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus for their immense effort in planning an exciting program. This will be the first time that the program features **peer-reviewed conference papers arising out of the initiative started and driven by the Vice President (Pravesh Debba)**. The inclusion of peer reviewed papers has been a success with 14 papers being accepted for publication. The EC is appreciative of the work undertaken by Pravesh in this regard.

One of the initiatives outlined for 2009/2010 was to promote communication between SASA and statistical associations in the African and SADC regions. The African Development bank has decided to assist in the formation of an African Association of Statisticians and they have requested the assistance of the President of SASA to chair the interim committee to take this process forward. The first discussions on the way forward were held in late October 2010.

Although the South African statistical dictionary project came to a close last year due to the dissolution of the Terminology workgroup, with the help of Mardi Jankowitz (UNISA), the project has been adopted by Stats SA with the intention to continue and extend on the terminology project. The contact person, Lufuno Netshitomboni, is also involved in the Multilingual Statistical Guide.

Further thanks go to the Treasurer, Paul Mostert, and the Secretary, Marie Smith, whose tireless efforts ensure that the association runs efficiently. After a proposal by the Treasurer, SASA approached Statistics Departments, Research Councils and businesses for a sponsorship of R 5 000. Many institutions have responded favourably to the offer and have placed adverts in the newsletter featuring their institutions. SASA would like to thank Rhodes University, Stellenbosch University, Wits University and North-West University for the sponsorships received thus far.

Albeit, a busy year for the EC, I am happy to report that we have managed to address a number of initiatives that were set out for the 2009/2010 year thanks to the tremendous support received from the SASA EC members.

Yoko Chhana (President 2009/2010)

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The SASA Education Committee has once again had a most productive year, with competitions, sponsorships and outreach activities running smoothly due to the efficient systems that have been developed in recent years. Each committee member has played a valuable role in some of the various activities run during 2010, with members primarily focusing on areas as follows:

Delia North	Chair, Outreach to Schools, Education Workshop
Bettie Basson	Statbank, Workshop, Outreach to school
Hannah Gerber	Honours Projects, Marketing
Raphael Kasonga	Statbank, ICCSSA, SGB
Martie Muller	SASA web and AMESA articles, Marketing
Gary Sharp	Bursaries and Scholarships, SASA newsletter
Verena Nolan	Secretary, Student Membership, Post Grad Competition

Verena is our secretary and continues to do a wonderful job in this portfolio, from updating and distributing posters for student notice boards to re-designing the certificate for the winner of the SASA bursary competition. Verena not only performs the secretarial duties but is also in charge of the post graduate paper competition for MSc and PhD students. This competition, for MSc and PhD students of Statistics, is fully sponsored by Stats SA and three prizes are awarded (R12 000, R7 000 and R7 000). In addition to the monetary prize, the winner is fully sponsored to attend the SASA conference. The winners this year were L.Werner (UKZN), W. Robbertse (UJ) and N. Yende (UKZN).

Candidates studying towards a major in Statistics at a tertiary institution are invited each year to apply for the SASA bursary/scholarship, either in the category of merit or need. Gary Sharp handles all matters relating to bursaries and scholarships, so was in charge of these awards and once again did an excellent job. The competition is fully sponsored by SASA, with two bursaries of R10 000 each being awarded to the students with greatest need and excellence, while the top student is awarded a scholarship of R5 500. Winners for 2010 were H.M. Nortje and T.J. van Rooyen (US) for the bursary and the scholarship went to H.E. Maartens (UJ). Gary is further responsible for the steady flow of information in the Education section for the SASA newsletter.

The SASA student project competition was sponsored by SAS® for the 4th consecutive year. Great news is that SAS® has now agreed to fully sponsor this event for the period 2010 – 2014. Hannah Gerber runs the SASA student project competition which is sponsored by SAS®. The winner of this competition is also sponsored to attend the conference. This year the competition was won by D. Pienaar from UP, while T. Padayachee from Wits came second and T. Petousis from UCT was in third place. The judges once

again remarked on the high level of entries received. Many thanks to SAS® for their continued sponsorship of this competition.

Delia and Bettie jointly plan teacher outreach activities and the annual education committee workshop at SASA. The committee remains fully committed to assisting DoE/Stats SA by running workshops for school teachers to come to grips with the Data Handling component of the school syllabus. The lecturers at UKZN have this year run a series of workshops for school teachers on Saturday mornings. This was a pilot program that will continue in 2011 and is the launch of the maths4stats roll-out in KZN. It is planned to have launches around the country, coinciding with where ever the SASA conference is held. In this regard, there will be a teacher workshop during the annual conference in North-West University this year, where the workshops will run from around 15h30 – 18h00 daily, so as to make it possible for local teachers to attend without disrupting their teaching activities in the class room.

Martie Muller is responsible for linking with AMESA and for compiling news for the SASA website. She has gathered all sorts of interesting bits of news under the SASA Education Committee News banner and supplies material for the AMESA newsletters. Martie and Hannah have further worked on a poster with information about Statistics as a career choice, aimed at high school children. The SASA Education committee workshop for 2010 is dedicated to advising young statisticians on building up a research profile. The workshop is being conducted by Willie Conradie and Paul Mostert from US.

Raphael Kasongo continues to do work on extending and improving the STATBANK of multiple choice questions and it is hoped that this will soon be ready for the next phase. He is also the committee representative for the SGB.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each member of this committee for giving up their very valuable private time to further statistics education in South Africa – it is a pleasure to chair a committee of such dedicated and able people and I am sure that 2011 will be even more productive for our committee than 2010 was!

Delia North (Chairperson)

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ICCSSA TASK TEAM

1. Introduction

At the beginning of 2009 a group of statisticians met in Johannesburg to discuss the formation of a professional body that can represent the interests of professional practising statisticians in the private sector. At the original meeting a Task team was elected with Mr. Howard Gabriels (of the South African Statistics Council) as the chair. After much deliberation it was decided that the Institute of Chartered and Certificated Statisticians of South Africa (ICSSA) will seek to affiliate itself with SASA and a formal application was made to SASA to this effect. SASA accepted the request and agreed that chairperson of the ICCSSA Task Team will serve on the Executive Committee on an ex-officio basis.

2. Task team

The following members serve on the ICCSSA Task Team:

Names	Representative	Function
Mr H Gabriels	Stats Council	Chairman
Dr V Micali	Eskom	Deputy Chair
Ms D Ratlhagana	Eskom	Secretariat
Mr P Engelbrecht	Sasol	Councillor
Ms Y Chhana	SASA President	Councillor
Prof. D North	UKZN	Councillor
Dr P Debba	SASA Vice President & CSIR	Councillor
Dr R Coetzer	Sasol	Councillor
Prof. I Litvine	NMMU	Councillor
Ms V Litvine	African Bank	Councillor
Dr H Van Rooy	Nedbank	Councillor
Mr P Steyn	Multisoft	Councillor
Prof. D De Waal	University of Free State	Councillor
Dr D De Wet	ABSA	Councillor

Extensive consultations were held with Mr AJ De Klerk, the representative of SACNASP about the relationship with SACNASP. It was agreed that SASA would apply to register as a voluntary association with SACNASP. The Task Team met on six occasions during the past year.

3. SASA Constitutional Amendments

The Task Team made detailed proposals on the amendments of the SASA Constitution. The main proposal is to amend the constitution to allow an Associated Society to register with SASA as such. It is further proposed that ICCSSA is recognised as an Associated Society. ICCSSA also reviewed all the constitutional amendments proposed by the Constitution Sub Committee of the Executive Council and supported the amendments.

4. Drafting of Bye-Laws

The Task Team drafted the Bye-Laws of ICCSSA, which is presented with the constitutional amendments.

The purpose of ICCSSA is articulated in the Bye-Laws as follows:

- To promote the status of professional Statisticians in the South African private and public sectors;
- To provide a forum for the exchange of Statistical knowledge among members, for the benefit of South Africa;
- To promote publications and other works pertaining to practicing Statisticians and to recognise merit in such publications and works;
- To lead, direct and influence policy in Statistics for the public, private and educational sectors;
- To promote and advance education and training of Statistical Sciences in South Africa;
- Through effective financial management, ensure that maximum feasible short, medium and long-term advantages accrue to the Members of the Institute in the form of its stability, facilities, benefits and activities;
- To preserve the rights of statisticians of Professional status in the publications of statistics (data, forecasts, estimations, confidence intervals, etc...) and statistical models utilized in the derivation of statistics in concordance with the *Act No. 27 of 2003 of SACNASP*; and
- To forge alliances with similar International entities.

Membership categories amongst other include:

- Chartered Statisticians, who at least have an honours degree in Statistical Sciences or equivalent at an NQF Level 8 qualification from a South African university and who have served an internship in a relevant field of statistics.
- Certificated Statisticians, who at least have a bachelor's degree in Statistical Sciences or equivalent at an NQF Level 7 qualification.

Members would be expected to maintain their professional status through continuous professional development.

5. Current initiatives

The Task Team is attending to the following issues at present:

- Preparation of a budget for the first year of operation and fundraising.
- Preparation of the launch of ICCSSA, provisionally scheduled for May 2010.
- Preparation of a website.
- Planning the schedule of continuous professional development activities.

6. Conclusion

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the hard work of all members of the Task Team during the past year.

Howard Gabriels (Chairperson: ICCSSA Task team)

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CAREERS COMMITTEE

Careers brochure: the brochure entitled *You, Statistics and your Career* is due for a major update.

SA Women in Science awards are awarded annually by the Department of Science and Technology. Ms Sibusisiwe Khuluse from the CSIR was awarded a Tata Africa Scholarship to complete her M.Sc. studies at Wits. The closing date is in July and statisticians are encouraged and reminded to enter. A conference on *Women in Science* took place during the week of 19-23 April 2010.

Young statisticians starting their careers: Ms Koleka Rangaza from Stats SA was featured in the December 2009 newsletter, as well as the Isibalo Capacity Building Programme. Mr Steve Newman from the IQ Business Group was featured in the June 2010 and Ms Rahab Makwela from the University of Limpopo in the September 2010 newsletters respectively.

Martie Muller (Chairperson)

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Since my taking over as the newsletter editor in Oct 2009, we have published 4 issues, namely December 2009, March 2010, July 2010 and September 2010. We have made an effort to feature, in addition to the regular sections, an article of relevance to make the newsletter more readable, and for that we particularly want to thank the contributions of Professor S Yadavalli, Mr Howard Gabriels and Dr Raphael Kasonga. We also thank both our corporate sponsors and the various departments of statistics at the universities who have volunteered to sponsor various issues. Finally, I would like to extend a very big 'thank you' to Ria van Zyl of *Graphcom Design Studio* for making many exciting design suggestions in each issue. It's a pleasure to work with her. We hope to get continued support from everyone for making the SASA newsletter a success.

Sonali Das (Newsletter Editor)

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR

Online hosting of the journal:

During the previous year, the contract for online hosting of the journal with Ingenta Connect was cancelled due to high cost factors. However, online exposure is both necessary and vital for the longevity of the journal. After negotiations with Sabinet, a new agreement for online hosting has been reached. SASA members will have full access to all content hosted online with Sabinet. Non-members will also be able to purchase articles, resulting in increased exposure of the journal and a marginal increase in income. The agreement was recently finalized and Sabinet is in the process of indexing content going back to 2006 issues of the journal.

Change of printers:

Lesedi Litho, who has handled the printing of the journal for several years, unexpectedly closed earlier this year. Unfortunately, this information only came to light as the September 2010 issue was ready to go to press. The work done by both Paul Mostert and Herrie van Rooy in securing new printers for the journal was invaluable. A new agreement has been reached with Spektrum printers.

Content:

From a content perspective, 2010 was a good year for the journal. A total of ten articles were published. It seems that 2011 is also going to be a good year in terms of content.

Nelis Potgieter (Managing Editor)

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JOURNAL SCIENTIFIC EDITOR

Since the last AGM meeting in 2009, the journal has received 45 papers, which is fairly good:

9 papers were accepted;

29 papers were rejected;

7 papers are currently under review.

The 2010 issues (published timely) contain 5 papers of good quality each.

The editorial board consists of the following Associate Editors: Tertius De Wet, Samuel Manda, Noel Veraverbeke, Robert Schall, Khangelani Zuma and Carl Lombard. My advice as an editor is that the Journal should be published by a major publishing house (e.g. Wiley) and this should be discussed at the meeting.

Max Finkelstein

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN CAPE CHAPTER

The Western Cape Chapter of SASA had two meetings in 2010. The first meeting was hosted by UCT on Friday 30 April and the speaker was Prof. Trevor Hastie from Stanford University. Trevor Hastie was a Mellon Scholar at the Department of Statistical Sciences, UCT, for a year. The title of the talk was "Coordinate Descent Algorithms for Variable Selection". The second meeting was hosted by Stellenbosch University and took place on Monday 1 November. The speaker was Prof. Winfried Stute from the University of Giessen, who is one of the invited speakers at the SASA conference this year. The talks were both very much enjoyed by those who attended.

This Chapter would like to extend their gratitude to SASA for financial assistance, without which these meetings would not have been possible.

Kerry Leask (Chairperson)

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREE STATE CHAPTER

Since this chapter's large-scale participation in ISI2009 and the subsequent satellite conference, the Department of Mathematical Statistics and Actuarial Science of the University of the Free State has hosted about 25 research seminars. Speakers include not only members and students of the Department, but also the occasional guest from industry. Other Chapter activities include:

Statistics and Probability in Energy, Finance and Actuarial Science: WORKSHOP 4-5 March 2010: The Department of Mathematical Statistics and Actuarial Science annually presents the above workshop in collaboration with ESKOM. For the past couple of years Energy matters was the main theme. In a time where the natural resources are being depleted, global warming, carbon emissions and food shortages, we are in dire need of new friendly sources of energy. This workshop is only part of various efforts in this direction and provides an opportunity to present valuable research in this field.

Due to the dual nature of the department, they incorporated some actuarial presentations from three internationally acclaimed actuaries, two from Belgium and one from the USA. The department also provided input of a high standard in both fields.

On behalf of the University of the Free State and the Department of Mathematical Statistics and Actuarial Science, we would like to thank ESKOM

and FORTIS chair for their valuable contribution and generous support in making this workshop possible.

Be sure not to miss out on the next workshop in March 2011, which will be an even greater success.

Sean van der Merwe (Chairperson)

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL CHAPTER

The KwaZulu-Natal chapter has been active in organizing interested groups in Biostatistics, Official statistics and Statistics education.

A one-day workshop was held to launch official statistics research groups. This workshop was well attended by UKZN and Stat SA staff members. The workshop was held at the Westville campus of UKZN. The Biostatistics group is a well established group and a half-day workshop was conducted in Pietermaritzburg. In October 2010 a statistics education group conducted a half-day workshop in Durban.

The Biostatistics journal club is active and hold joint meetings of biostatisticians in UKZN. The meeting takes place at alternate venues between the MRC and CAPRISA.

Furthermore, there were a number of activities involving outreach to schools. The staff of members of the School of Statistics and Actuarial Science, in collaboration with Stats SA, conducted a series of a statistical training to teachers. The training sessions were held for 10 weekends in Pietermaritzburg and Durban.

Temesgen Zewotir (Chairperson)

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN CAPE CHAPTER

The Eastern Cape Chapter met on two occasions during 2010.

The meetings were held on 5 and 6 August at Rhodes University and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, respectively. Dr Isabelle Garisch, Deputy Director, Directorate for Institutional Research and Academic Planning at the University of the Free State, presented three lectures on: “*Using Data Mining to integrate Institutional Research and Academic Activities to enhance institutional effectiveness*”, “*Decision-Makers reaching consensus using Expert information*” and “*Assigning weights to Decision-Makers*”.

The meetings were well attended by colleagues from NMMU, RU, and UFH. Unfortunately colleagues from Walter Sisulu University were unable to attend.

We are again indebted to SASA for financial assistance, without which these meetings would not have been possible.

Sarah Radloff (Chairperson)

October 2010

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIMPOPO CHAPTER

The Limpopo chapter has been inactive during the year 2010, therefore there is nothing to report.

Alphonse Amey (Chairperson)

October 2010

STATISTICAL TERMINOLOGY PROJECT

1. I met with Lufuno Netshitomboni, Manager: Publishing Services of Stats SA and informed her of the English-Afrikaans and Afrikaans-English glossaries done by the statistical terminology committee of SASA.
2. A meeting with government stakeholder, SABS TC37 SANS 704: Terminology work – Principles and methods, was attended where they were informed about the glossaries available.

The multilingual statistical guide, 2008 on the Stats SA web page was investigated. It contains one chapter on statistical terms, chapter 16 –

Statistical Processes/Methodology/Metadata. This chapter consists of 55 terms, mainly used by Stats SA, in English, Afrikaans, IsiNdebele, IsiXhosa, IsiZulu, Sesotho sa Leboa, Sesotho, Setswana, Siswati, Tshivenda, and Xitsonga.

Mardi Jankowitz

October 2010

INITIATIVES FOR 2010/2011: INCOMING PRESIDENT

Over the past two years on the SASA EC, I have observed that success lies not in what an individual does but in the efforts made by all executive members and in the support from SASA members and various institutes/organisations. Hence the success of the initiatives proposed relies strongly on the contribution and participation of all SASA members. SASA has a key role to play in South Africa to support the study and knowledge of statistical theory and its application towards improving the quality of life of all South Africans. It is important for SASA members to realise that they are part of this association and that they should actively contribute to the goals and mission of the association. Without the support of its members, SASA will soon become a thing of the past. We cannot afford this. The initiatives presented here are impossible to achieve in one year but with the help of SASA members we can over time eventually address all of these.

1. Expanding the scope and visibility of the South African Statistical Journal (SASJ)

It is important to realise that the SASJ is one of the flagships of SASA, hence every effort should be made towards making the SASJ more professional and to attract more local and international readers and submissions. SASJ maintains a high standard with a rejection rate of around 65% indicating that quality articles are selected for publication in this journal. Although we need to maintain this quality, we also need to increase the number of articles being submitted to the journal both locally and internationally. This could have long lasting consequences of even increasing the number of issues published per year and accredited as part of ISI rated journals. In 2006, the SASA president at the time mentioned that we should try and regain the accreditation of SASJ as an ISI rated journal. Over the four years effort has been made towards achieving this, however much more have to be done before this is achieved.

Over the past year we also experienced problems in getting the journal to members before due dates and SASA EC will be looking at ways to streamline the process so that the journal is published and posted on time.

SASA EC is currently investigating including the articles published in the SASJ within the SABINET online publishing service. This will allow more

visibility of the journal and its articles and could even increase the impact factor of the journal through citations of the articles published in SASJ.

2. Attracting international participation in the annual SASA Conference and international subscription of SASA membership

The Annual South African Statistical Association Conference is the second flagship of SASA. Although we have good attendance and participation at the SASA conference, we need to expand to attract more international participation. We also need to attract international statisticians to apply for SASA membership.

Over the last few years, we did not have volunteers to host the SASA conference and have had to approach universities to do so. Although hosting the conference requires true dedication from the hosting organisation and sacrifice from certain members, the conference is a flagship of SASA and therefore we need to maintain this. We appeal to organisations who have not hosted the conference in a while to help in making sure that the annual conference continues by volunteering to host the conference in the near future. We also ask government departments, science councils and industry to get involved in hosting the conference. This will also give a different flavour to the conference.

3. Building statistical capacity

One of the biggest challenges is to build statistical capacity. It is important to realise that we need to build capacity in academia, government departments, science councils and industry. To build statistical capacity in academia, SASA is currently engaged in discussions with the Statistics Council and the Higher Education of South Africa (HESA), specifically to find ways to

- attract and retain staff in academia,
- fast-track current staff to be able to replace the large number of retiring staff, and
- replenish the pool of postgraduate supervisors.

In the past, many individuals tried to address the above issues within the university without much success. There is now a need to address the above at national level. At a national level it is important to realise that highlighting the problems will not provide a solution. We have to come up with innovative solutions to these complex problems and present them to the Department of Higher Education and Training, who has the power to implement these. The EC calls for SASA members who have good ideas and experience to come forward and participate in the discussions so that we can arrive at possible solutions.

There is also the need to build statistical capacity in general. Government's drive for evidence-based policy making through the establishment of an evaluation, monitoring and planning commission within the presidency, and in government departments from national to local level, has led to an increase in the demand for expertise in monitoring and evaluation. There is also growing demand in business for monitoring and evaluation to obtain information about the performance of

programs and projects. StatsSA is leading discussions through the South African Statistical Institute (SASI) to address the issue of building statistical capacity in Official Statistics. Issues regarding official statistics courses in the university curriculum are also being discussed. SASA calls on all stakeholders to jointly participate in this initiative. Furthermore, there is a drive to review the curriculum for mainstream Statistics degrees and for service courses offered in Statistics.

The education committee is addressing ways to meet these demands, and needs the support of members. In addition, the EC is engaging with StatsSA and SAS to offer more bursaries for students to complete postgraduate studies in statistics. Most science councils in SA are also offering studentships to encourage postgraduate studies and to create an environment for students to gain more practical knowledge of their field of study. Capacity in science councils and industry can also be used for co-supervision of postgraduate students at the university and even presenting courses at the university.

4. Creating and supporting a closer relationship between SASA and statisticians working in industry

Over the last year, SASA EC and the Institute of Certificated and Chartered Statisticians of South Africa (ICCSSA) have been working towards forming Associated Societies within SASA to serve the needs of statisticians working in industry. A proposed revised version of the SASA constitution accommodates such associated societies. Once the constitution is accepted, the EC would need to work on the mechanism to accommodate such associated societies and the conditions for accepting an associated society as part of SASA.

This initiative is not only to the benefit of industry but also for academics. The conference will have a fair distribution of presentations from the academics, government departments, industry and science councils. This could create opportunities to collaborate and produce even better solutions to applications which affect the lives of the people of South Africa, thereby increasing the impact of research. At government departments, science councils and industry one sometimes may not pay proper attention to being rigorous in the statistical methods used. Academics could play an important role to fill this gap. For the academics potential advantages could be increasing the number of publications, attracting external funding, developing areas of expertise, creating their own sub-venture system to be partly financially self sufficient and finding topics of relevance for their own research and for postgraduate students.

One of the goals of the current constitution is to be “accessible to, and supportive of, the users of statistics in the broader community”. SASA has the opportunity to really demonstrate this by being the parent body that houses associated societies of statisticians as well as users of statistics from government departments, science councils and industry.

5. Ensuring longevity and growth of the association and encouraging greater collaboration amongst the membership

Members do participate in the competitions held by the Education committee. However, in some of these competitions participation is low. The EC appeals to supervisors and heads of the statistics department to encourage their students and researchers to participate actively. With regard to the careers column, the chairperson of the careers committee or newsletter editor has to approach individuals to contribute and the EC would prefer candidates with a good story to approach the chairperson of the careers committee or newsletter editor voluntarily. We also intend to advertise in each newsletter a call for young statisticians who are progressing in their careers to volunteer themselves or for someone to nominate a person to write such a column in the newsletter. Members can also benefit from discussions and activities within other special interest groups, for example, Official Statistics, Financial Statistics and Biostatistics.

There is an initiative to encourage young statisticians to participate in the ISI conference in 2011 and 2013. There is need to revive activities of the Official Statistics special interest committee and to form special interest committees in Financial Statistics, Biostatistics and other fields of statistics.

The lack of support from SASA members is clearly evident when a request goes out in the newsletter for nominations of EC members or other matters and the EC receives few responses or no response at all. The EC is investigating ways to communicate with SASA members aside from the newsletters because it is felt that the newsletters are not always read. Possibilities include sending emails to all members on important issues and easier and quicker processes to nominate candidates on the EC via the website.

As a start to addressing the issue of greater collaboration between the SASA EC and its members, the EC has placed a suggestions/concerns/comments/ ideas box at the conference, where SASA members are free to contribute their suggestions, concerns, comments or ideas anonymously. The EC encourages you to make use of this.

6. Encouraging voluntary peer review of papers delivered at conferences

For the first time in 2010, SASA conducted a process to peer review papers from authors who voluntarily wished to have their papers peer-reviewed. The process was a great success with 14 papers in total published in the peer-reviewed proceedings of the annual conference of the South African Statistical Association for 2010 (SASA 2010). Members are urged to contribute to this initiative for the next SASA conference and it is hoped that this initiative will help mentor 'young statisticians' and will also provide assistance and encouragement to authors to submit papers to high quality journals. We also wish to streamline the peer-reviewed

process from the experiences we gained in 2010 as well as comments from both the reviewers and authors.

7. Supporting existing projects within SASA

Over the years, the Education committee of SASA has been involved in an outreach programme for statistics by providing statistical training to school teachers. This has been an ongoing project, jointly done with StatsSA. In KwaZulu-Natal there is a massive roll-out launch of teacher training where teacher workshops are organised in the Pietermaritzburg and Howard College campuses of UKZN on a Saturday morning in the first semester (roughly one a month). With the help of SASA members, these could be extended to other universities in provinces around the country. Currently, classes are given by UKZN staff and the logistics are organised by StatsSA. This is done annually.

SASA will continue to invest in the SASA chapters. The Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape chapters are encouraged to continue with chapter meetings. Members in the Limpopo region can assist in reviving their chapter's activities. The EC has some suggestions as to how this can be done.

In the past, the Statistics Standards Generating Body (SGB) has been involved in the assessing of courses for the accreditation of Unit Standards and National Certificates from SAQA. A National Certificate in Official Statistics at NQF Level 5 has already been registered with SAQA. Since SAQA ran out of funds there does not seem to be much going on as far as unit standards and qualifications in Statistics. There is great concern that companies/firms/institutions could be drawing up their own unit standards/certificates in statistics without the Statistics SGB being informed. SASA intends to investigate this issue and will try to resolve the problem with SAQA since this could have serious implication for the future of statistics.

SASA EC intends to promote communication between SASA and statistical associations in the African and SADC regions. The African Development bank has decided to assist in the formation of an African Association of Statisticians and they have requested the assistance of Yoko Chhana (President of SASA 2009/10) to chair the interim committee to take this process forward. SASA will fully support this initiative.

8. Create an expert list of Statisticians in South Africa

There is an increasing demand for an expert list of statisticians in South Africa. SASA EC is currently investigating ways to create such an expert list so that the list contains updated and correct information. This could be helpful to students seeking supervisors in a specific area of research or researchers wishing to collaborate. SASA EC is also investigating where to house such an expert list.

9. Mechanisms to streamline sponsorships and joint ventures to build capacity

SASA EC is currently investigating mechanisms to streamline sponsorships and joint ventures with stakeholders for building statistical capacity. The three primary sponsors/joint ventures for capacity building currently is:

- StatsSA: The EC is writing a 5 year memorandum of understanding (MoU) and an operations manual between StatsSA and SASA as a joint venture to build capacity in statistics.
- SAS: The EC is writing a 5 year memorandum of understanding (MoU) and operations manual between SAS and SASA as a joint venture to promote analytics for business and the use of analytics in academia, to roll out the math4stats programme to other provinces and to offer more bursaries to students.
- Departmental sponsorships: The EC is engaging universities, government departments, science councils and industry to sponsor each newsletter. In return, these organisations can showcase their institute in the newsletter.

10. Mechanisms to enhance visibility, image building and marketing of the association

SASA EC will investigate mechanisms to enhance visibility, image building and marketing of the association. For visibility, we need to promote our discipline at various different levels. The levels should be school students, university students, various organisations and the public. Visibility could also be increased by placing important news and articles on the SASA website. SASA is considering placing older issues of the newsletter and the peer-reviewed proceedings on the website to give SASA more visibility. SASA EC will encourage organisations to invite special guests to promote the field of statistics and improve collaborations. SASA EC will approach various organisations to place free adverts of SASA and information on becoming a SASA member in their newsletters. SASA should be the umbrella that brings all stakeholders servicing the discipline together but often SASA is criticised as being divorced from these stakeholders. Hence the EC intends to market the association to various stakeholders who has interest in our discipline. SASA should be at the forefront and participate, nationally and internationally, in all activities related to our discipline.

Pravesh Debba (Incoming President 2010/2011)

October 2010

2010 interim (up to end of September 2010) financial statements:

1. The "unbordered" cells are the budgeted values - column "2010"

2. The "bordered" cells are the actual income/expenditure: 1 January to 30 September 2010 - column "actual"

INCOME				actual	2010	EXPENDITURE				actual	2010	
	No											
Membership					64381	EC				46120	42500	
memb fees (less VAT)	326	219	62626	67801		Newsletter				26283	60000	
affiliated (less VAT)	5	400	1754	1754		Terminology work group				0	2000	
Newsletter					19018	Journal					42000	
Ads (sponsor)	8	1500	12000	6000		Typing, proofreading, printing and posting	42000	44123				
Ads (ad hoc less VAT)	4	2000	7018	800		Web hosting	0	0				
Journal					53956	Educom					37500	
Overseas	83	79	52456	49542		Bursary and Scholarship Awards	25500	25500				
Local (less VAT)	19	90	1500	1347		travel/general	12000	11866				
Visitors					25200	Careers				0	1000	
Day visits	3	900	2700	0		Visitors				8000	20000	
From sponsors	25%	90000	22500	12500		Off stats				0	500	
Sponsors					53500	Chapters				2519	9600	
StatsSA	50000		30500	30500		Admin					19944	
Platinum	40000		23000	0		Financial assistant	1200	0				
Institutional **	0		0	25000		bank fees	4544	3387				
Website buttons	2	1000		1000	2000	AGM	500	0				
Interest				8287	19000	accounting fees	8000	900				
						website	3700	1123				
						Stationary/postage	2000	1561				
					204531					171382	237054	
					237054							

Interim 2010 financial report and notes on 2011 Budget

Notes on the 2011 Budget

- The budget for 2011 includes expenses for only one official visitor. Each additional Platinum sponsorship will ensure more visitors.
- Each Platinum sponsorship will be utilised as follows:
 - 50% will be allocated towards the SASA official visitor's expenses
 - R6 000 will be regarded as newsletter income for advertisements in the four issues
 - R1 000 will be regarded as website income for advertisement button
 - The rest of the sponsorship will go to the conference organiser (the plenary session will be named after the Platinum sponsor).
- After discount, an overseas library pays US\$79 with estimated exchange rate of R6.60 = US\$1 and a domestic library pays R90.
- Drastic reduction in printing cost fee was negotiated with new printers.
- Recommendation: Ordinary membership fee to increase to R250 incl. VAT (14% increase given no increases last 3 years); senior membership increase to R125 and affiliated membership to R440 per annum.

Comments on the 2010 Interim financial statements

All amounts in the interim financial report represent transactions from 1 January 2009 to 30 September 2010 of all SASA bank accounts.

- Spiral account balance as on 30 September: R197 210 and on 1 January: R192 910.
- Cheque account balance as on 30 September: R65 985
- Participation bond balance as on 30 September: R10 000.

INCOME:

- A total of 49 new members join in 2010. SASA has lost 21 members, some resigned and others changed addresses, hence no payment received for 2010. Only 16 (of 21) membership fees are therefore outstanding for 2010 at this stage. All membership contributions (deposits) have been traced on bank statements.
- Some overseas Journal subscriptions have been cancelled. New avenues have been investigated to give more libraries electronic access, at the same time subjected to a minimum cost to SASA.
- A new initiative was launched this year whereby Statistical Departments at Universities or Research Institutions were invited to sponsor an edition of the newsletter. Five Departments have each given R5 000 sponsorships towards this (Institutional sponsorships).
- The full budgeted platinum sponsorship from SAS was transferred to the SASA2010 conference organisers.

EXPENSES:

- Estimated outstanding newsletter (one issue - December): R8 000.
- Estimated outstanding journal (volume 44 no 2): R22 000. The high amount to date also reflects volume 43 no 2 of 2009, which was only printed and billed in 2010.
- Bank fees also include cost on US dollar deposits for journal subscriptions.
- The R8 000 of “visitors” was an advance for the SASA2010 conference organisers.

Draft Budget: 2011					
INCOME			2011	EXPENDITURE	2011
	No				
Membership					71061
Memb. fees (less VAT)	317	250	69518		
affiliated (less VAT)	4	440	1544		
Newsletter					26000
Ads (sponsor)	4	1500	6000		
Ads (Institutional)	4	5000	20000		
Journal					44776
Overseas	83	79	43276		
Local (less VAT)	19	90	1500		
Visitors					23600
Day visits	3	1200	3600		
From platinum sponsors	50%	40000	20000		
Sponsors					62000
StatsSA	50000		49000		
Platinum (SAS)	40000		13000		
Website buttons	2	1000			2000
Interest					10000
			239438		
				EC	50000
				Newsletter	35000
				Terminology work group	0
				Journal	45000
				Typing, proofreading, printing and posting	45000
				Educom	37500
				Bursary and Scholarship Awards	25500
				travel/general	12000
				Careers	1000
				Visitors & Conference host	40000
				Off stats	500
				Chapters	9600
				Admin	18827
				Financial assistant	1200
				Bank fees	4827
				AGM	500
				Accounting fees	9000
				Website	1800
				Stationary/postage	1500
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Paul Mostert (Treasurer)

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