

SASHT AGM

1. Welcome to delegates present.
2. Introduction to the outgoing committee and a vote of thanks to members who have served the past 4 years. Special vote of thanks to Dr Pieter Warnich – member of SASHT for the past 20 years, member of SASHT committee for past ten years and past editor of Yesterday and Today Journal, currently deputy president. Pieter has provided much support and guidance to me in the past two years, and I want to thank him for all he has done for this organization and wish him a happy and long retirement.
Kate Angier – outgoing treasurer who cannot be with us tonight,
Gil Sutton SASHT member for past 20 years and also long standing exec member.
Dr Marshall Tamuka Maposa, current exec member, and
Leah Nasson – current exec member.
An introduction to Prof Johan Wasserman editor of Yesterday and Today Journal and ex officio member of the exec.
3. Thanks to Rob Sieborger Emeritus Associate Professor, long term member of SASHT, past exec member for his willingness to step into the breach and maintain the website this year, after an exec member Rika Kroon resigned due to work commitments.
4. Report
5. Elections from nominations received, and portfolios

Report of SASHT president 1 October 2021, SPU SASHT conference.

Good afternoon fellow delegates. I hope you have enjoyed the first day of the Conference, and I want to thank all the presenters from today for very thought-provoking sessions. It has been wonderful to have a SASHT conference again, after a gap last year due to covid. The exec committee members have, like everyone else, taken great strain during this time, with our own work challenges, conducting blended learning and the added challenge of trying to hold the organization together.

Last year, SPU was going to host the conference on site, and this proved impossible. We then decided to have an online webinar on the challenges of teaching the TRC to youth today. The panel had excellent speakers ranging from past TRC commissioner, a teacher, a TRC investigator, and an author and relative of an Apartheid victim.

A fair amount of effort went into cleaning up and merging membership lists of SASHT and adding an option on the website for uploading resources for teachers. This is new and needs developing.

In the absence of a conference and papers that usually feed into articles for the Yesterday and Today Journal, Prof Wasserman solicited articles for an excellent edition of Y&T on Teaching in a Time of Covid. Prof Wasserman continues to play a very active role in SASHT and we thank him for advising Dr Fru in the conference organization.

A survey was circulated and I encourage all delegates to fill this in as this will assist the new exec with its priorities.

There was extensive discussion on the exec for the need to develop the website during and post covid, to provide resources to teachers. In the past SASHT relied primarily on its annual conference and during the year on enthusiastic members in regions organizing workshops or tours to Historical sites or such activities. It is acknowledged that the website could play more of a role as an educational resource and a hub of news, sharing of great books on the subject of history, and information on developments in educational departments regionally and provincially with regards to History teaching. As a result, there has been a re- shaping of portfolios for the incoming exec, as follows:

Portfolios will be:

Chair – Nominated Marj Brown(Roedean High school SA)

VC- Marshall Maposa? (UKZN)

Treasurer- Nwenti Raymond Fru (SPU)

Secretary- Gil Sutton

IT coordinator of website and facebook page- Dr Byron Bunt (UNW)

Resource coordinator and developer – Kirstin Kukard (Herzlia High school)

Education department liaison coordinator- Mahunele Tsotsi (Univ of Limpopo)

I now call on delegates to vote for the following nominees, and I also want to say that as a SASHT member, we welcome your participation. IF you are an enthusiastic resource developer, please get involved ins haring resources or if you have links to education departments please liaise with the relevant SASHT exec member. We also hope that the IT coordinator will be able to build a team of knowledgeable people such as Rob Sieborger, and hope that any graphic artist or anyone who would like to help develop the website and facebook page, please step up and offer to assist the IT coordinator.

Voting:

Congratulations to the new exec, and thanks to all delegates. I wish you goodnight and hope you enjoy tomorrow's event. Thanks to SPU for assisting with voting online.