

SANDTA Treasurer's report

Financial Year end 30 June 2017

Sandta has a surplus of funds and as such member fees have remained low over the last years. Our financial year runs from July to June. Annual subscriptions for 2016-2017 were R285.00 per annum. The membership fee allows access to online CPD articles, local branch activities at nominal rates and sometimes even free attendance at specific Sandta branch meetings. Courses run by our Edcom committee are also discounted for members.

As at the 30 June 2017 we had a total of 510 paid up members.

Our member numbers have remained relatively stable over the last 3-4 years with approximately 500 members. This year 70 new members joined but we lost 62 members.

Our primary sources of income are membership fees, paid advertisements for jobs and neurodevelopmental related courses through the website/ sms and email and interest earned on our money market account. Our total income for the year was R324 941.00

Major expenses for the organisation are administrative and book keeping costs, auditor fees, and IT related costs. Our annual face to face meeting where NEC and branch representative come together to discuss the running of the organisation, branch developments, plan for the forthcoming year and agree to the new budget is also a significant but necessary expense.

In 2011 two "funds" were set up to offer our members the opportunity for financial assistance for CP and neuro related research as well as continued professional development. Any paid-up member may apply through the chairperson of the NEC for funding with terms and condition so that ultimately all Sandta members can benefit from the training and / research undertaken.

The procedure for application for funding and terms and conditions are on the Sandta Website. This financial year we could assist only one member for her research as there was no more than one application. Marissa Venter has just completed her research report titled The effectiveness of a parent training program on the use of communication functions in young children with cerebral palsy. We await the results and feedback from her work.

As there were no applicants requesting assistance from the CPD fund for training, conferences or workshops NEC sponsored two members full congress fees. We will ask Chris Barber to do the draw for the lucky delegates later in the AGM.

The roadshow with Vardit Kindler and Christa Scholtz in November last year was an overall success and the loss of R1814.00 was because of one applicant not attending the course and fees lost as a result.

Our "safety net" budgeted for international tutors and tutor training in the face of a Edcom committee who was under extreme pressure to train new tutors, in light of the fact that there was no OT tutor in the committee locally who could assist with training was utilised to the amount of R42 700.00 for air tickets, training, and courses. This, we believe, has been money well spent.

Finally, we had bad debts of R 16620.00 (Members who did not renew their membership.)

Our total expenses for the year was R335 479.00 thus creating a loss of R10 538.00.

We are not concerned about this loss as we had a healthy bank balance as at 30 June 2017 of R377 384.00

I would like to thank Sandta and in particular the NEC for all the support and encouragement during my term as treasurer. Thanks to Marianne Oosthuizen in the office for the backup and day to day management of financial matters. My 6-year term as treasurer has come to an end and I wish Tamar Koekemoer all the very best going forward as treasurer. This is not good bye to Sandta for me even though I will no longer be sitting on the NEC!

Carol Brenner

Treasurer