

SANDTA Treasurer's report

Financial year end June 2016

The treasury portfolio is running smoothly and efficiently thanks to the support from the Sandta office and in particular Marianne Oosthysen for her continued proficiency with our bookkeeping and liaising with the auditors on financial and SARS issues on our behalf. After a very lengthy process we finally obtained status as an NPO in February this year.

Liaison and correspondence with NEC members and Edcom in evaluating applications for funding from the 2 funds which were established a number of years ago in order to utilise excess funds and provide financial support for paid up SANDTA members has aided me as treasurer in ensuring members funds are fairly distributed.

This current financial year R 17840.00 was spent to assist with CP/ NDT related research – applicants from this fund were Tami Van Aswegen and Faith Bishoff. R 20313.00 was used to assist members to attend conferences and workshops related to neurodevelopment overseas. The members who benefited from funding this year following their successful applications were Gillian Saloojee, Misty Weyer and Tami Brown who attended the CP congress in Stockholm and Marna Nel who attended a Prechtel training.

This current financial year we had a total of 483 members paid up. Joining fees come from new members who sign up. The number of members has remained relatively stable over the past years as new members join and there is natural atrophy.

Our income was made up of membership fees, joining fees, advertising through the organisation and interest earned on a money market account from which we access funds for member application for assistance with CP related research and continued professional development.

In total we had an income of R 173 744.00 which is a small amount more than what was budgeted due to additional income from advertising done through the organisation .

Our expenditure for the year comprised of office expenses which is the bulk of our expenditure R88 515.00. Web related expenses were R16 123.00 which is slightly less than the budgeted R18 000.00

Our branch expenses, including travel to the face to face meeting in KZN, was R8722.00, less than the budgeted R10 000 as KZN is relatively easy access and two members drove rather than flew. NEC expenses included were also less than budgeted. Accommodation and meeting were at the same venue and Durban is easily accessible as a meeting place. We were well under budget here.

We also had a budget of R50 000 to bring out international tutors and in order to assist EDcom with training new tutor trainees, should they have required assistance. This money was not utilised.

The net effect was a deficit of R27 582.00 which the auditors were satisfied with because as an NPO we have a healthy bank account and we need not budget for profits. We would like to continue assisting our members with professional development and stimulation within the field of neurodevelopment in order to improve the lives of the persons with neurodevelopmental difficulties.

Carol Brenner

Treasurer

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