

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting of IPPS Southern Africa Region**

Thursday 5 March 2026 at 10:30 – 11:30  
Goedgedacht Farm, Riebeeck Kasteel

1. All attendees were welcomed by Andy Hackland.
2. No apologies were received. Attendance register was signed by all and is available from the secretary.
3. Acceptance of minutes of AGM Cumberland Hotel, Worcester on 27 March 2025. Proposed by Hans Sittig and seconded by Miranda Deutschländer.
4. The President's report 2025 was sent out by email and is available on the IPPS SA Website. Andy Hackland shared that more nursery visits and workshops will be taking place in 2026 with a visit to Vredendal Nursery planned for May 2026. This Society can only be held together if members remain involved, your help is needed, please offer to host nursery visits and workshops, it is not only up to the Board to make things happen. Please let us know what type of activities you would like to see more of in the future.  
He encouraged members to become involved in the hosting of the Australian & New Zealand young horticulturists visiting South Africa as part of the Exchange program. They must be met and welcomed with the same enthusiasm that our young horticulturists are being received with overseas. The Australian exchangee could unfortunately not attend our conference this year, but a young New Zealander will be visiting South Africa in October/November. Andy thanked the members who have assisted with hosting in the past year: Miranda Deutschländer, Franzél Gruber, Liezel Nel, Richard Faber, Mpendulo Gabay, Jenny Liedtke.
5. Membership update – Hans Sittig.  
Hans thanked members who have paid their membership subscriptions which has resulted in an increase of 22 members to the current 65 members. We trust that we can encourage more members and ex-members to renew their membership and aim to grow the Society back to a membership of 100+.  
Gauteng used to have the most members, but Cape Town, under leadership of Clive Mullet and Andy Hackland stepped up and grew the Society and Cape membership over a number of years. Gauteng membership has declined and will receive attention. Membership list attached.
6. Financial report & prepayment of US \$ membership dues – Hans Sittig.  
Financial report is attached, indicating last year's budget and actuals, showing that we ran at a loss. Contributing factors were that two delegates had to attend the International Board Meeting in 2025 in New Zealand and that the 2025 conference was run at a loss.  
On the right of the report is a future break-even budget scenario (the 2026 budget)  
Income could be increased by growing membership numbers. Local Conferences should aim to make a 10% profit. We rely heavily on sponsorship. The enthusiastic support of our auctions also contribute towards the Exchange Program. Surplus funds were invested after the successful hosting of the International Conference in 2024 & 2014 and these funds are generating a monthly interest income. These funds are used for the International travel for designated Board Member (International Director) and the Exchange program.  
International dues at \$US 41 per member are paid over to IPPS International office for the running of the Society on a global level. This normally happens in July but the exchange rate for the Rand / \$US is being closely monitored and we may make part payments when the rates are in our favour. This has successfully been negotiated in the past.

See attached report for more details

Membership fees will not be increased in 2026 and businesses are encouraged to make use of the group members discounts.

The auction on 4 March 2026 generated an income of R30 355 + Sponsorship of R82 500.

Andy thanked Hans for all the financial admin and control, as well as his roll in sending out newsletters.

7. Election of board members. See attached Board member diagram.

7.1. Election New Vice President to head 2027 conference program in Gauteng March 2027.

Only one nomination was received. Karen Eichholz will take on this roll in addition to the secretarial roll.

7. 2. Annual confirmation of appointed officers – no objections were received so members will continue in the following rolls:

Secretary – Karen Eichholz

Treasurer – Hans Sittig

Editor – Elsa du Toit

7.3 The two elected officers, Liezel Nel and Richard Faber, were confirmed to complete a second term.

8. 2027 Conference to take place in Gauteng in the first week of March.

9. 2026 International Board meeting and short tour will be hosted by the Southern Region USA.

Miranda Deutschländer as International Director, will attend the conference in September 2026.

IPPS International covers the transport cost, but local IPPS must cover the short tour and conference cost.

10. International Board meeting and tour report, 2025, New Zealand – Dr Miranda Deutschländer.

New bonds and friendships were formed. Miranda appreciated seeing how many of the South African plants were being cultivated in New Zealand.

Globally the Society is facing decreases in membership and we as members must promote the Society and explain the advantages of membership to potential members. The International Board has agreed not to increase the membership fees at present.

Emphasis was placed on nursery visits and sharing experiences on Social media.

11. General. International dues currently \$41 per member.

12. Closing. Andy thanked everyone for the high spirit with which they joined and supported the conference.

Status	User Type	Company	Title	Name	Surname	Email	Tel	Mobile	
1	Active	Group membership - Main member	Arborea Nurseries CC	Ms	Greta	Empedocles	greta@arboreta.co.za	021 8643857	0829777443
2	Active	Additional group member 1	Arborea Nurseries CC	Mr	Warwick	Bayer	ta@arboreta.co.za	021 8643857	+27 72 199 9915
3	Active	Group membership - Main member	Arnelia Farms	Mr	Hans	Hettasch	hans@arnelia.co.za	022 7231022	0825605921
4	Active	Additional group member 1	Arnelia Farms	Mr	Inus	Mostert	inus@arnelia.co.za	022 7231022	+27 83 234 5883
5	Active	Additional group member 2	Arnelia Farms	Mr	Ruben	Dedekind	ruben@arnelia.co.za	022 7231022	+27 84 624 8255
6	Active	Additional group member 3	Arnelia Farms	Miss	Katrien	Van Zyl	katrien@arnelia.co.za	022 7231022	+27 78 120 3727
7	Active	Group membership - Main member	CND Nursery	Mr	Andy	de Wet	andy@cndnursery.co.za	010 0355212	0835008888
8	Active	Additional group member 1	CND Nursery	Mr	Quinton	Bevan	quinton@cndnursery.co.za	010 0355212	0829535313
9	Active	Group membership - Main member	Du Roi	Dr.	Eugenie-Lien	Louw	eugenie.louw@1stfruits.co.za	0835453699	0835453699
10	Active	Additional group member 1	Du Roi	Mr	JD	Botma	JD@ctnursery.co.za		083 403 2848
11	Active	Additional group member 2	Du Roi	Mr	Roche	Malan	roche@duroi.co.za		082 522 9948
12	Active	Additional group member 3	Du Roi	Mr	Duncan	Reynhardt	duncan@duroi.co.za		076 944 4655
13	Active	Additional group member 4	Du Roi	Ms	Franzel	Gruber	franzel@duroihalls.co.za		071 044 6009
14	Active	Group membership - Main member	Greenhouse Technologies	Mr	Francois	de Kock	francois@ghtech.co.za	0116133103	0825633359
15	Active	Additional group member 1	Greenhouse Technologies	Mr	Stan	Durand		0116133103	
16	Active	Group membership - Main member	Malanseuns Pleasure Plants - Vat #4200 164 582	Mr	Jimie	Malan	jjm@malanseuns.co.za	0823376788	0823376788
17	Active	Additional group member 1	Malanseuns Pleasure Plants - Vat #4200 164 582	Mrs	Jolindi	Kat	jolindikat@gmail.com	0823376788	+27 82 922 6680
18	Active	Group membership - Main member	Polkadraai Nursery Pty Ltd T/a Shadowlands Wholesale Nursery	Mrs	Gaye	Thorpe	gaye@shadowlands.co.za	0219030050	0824949880
19	Active	Additional group member 1	Polkadraai Nursery Pty Ltd T/a Shadowlands Wholesale Nursery	Ms	Jenny	Liedtke	jenny@shadowlands.co.za	0219030050	0609592926
20	Active	Additional group member 2	Polkadraai Nursery Pty Ltd T/a Shadowlands Wholesale Nursery	Mr	Siya	sanga	siya@shadowlands.co.za	0219030050	0789262045
21	Active	Additional group member 3	Polkadraai Nursery Pty Ltd T/a Shadowlands Wholesale Nursery	Mr	Annastansia	Nyirenda		0219030050	0789262045
22	Active	Group membership - Main member	Samgro Pty Ltd	Mr	Sizwe	Ndabeni	nthandisizwesiphenkosi@gmail.com	021 873-4377	0676407377
23	Active	Additional group member 1	Samgro Pty Ltd	Mr	Kyle	Woolton	kyle@samgro.co.za	021 873-4377	0764880344
24	Active	Additional group member 2	Samgro Pty Ltd	Mr	Guy	Woolton	guy@samgro.co.za	021 873-4377	0829749375
25	Active	Group membership - Main member	Sittig Nursery (Pty) Ltd	Mr	Hans	Sittig	flowerfun@me.com	0122590900	0824557603
26	Active	Additional group member 1	Sittig Nursery (Pty) Ltd	Mrs	Carol-Ann	Sittig	carol-ann@primegenetics.co.za	0122590900	0825523415
27	Active	Group membership - Main member	Tulbagh Nursery	Mr	Bredell	Roux	bredell@icloud.com	0232300694	+27 82 214 2520
28	Active	Additional group member 1	Tulbagh Nursery	Mr	Roy	Laing	roy.laing@icloud.com	0232300694	+27829528127
29	Active	Additional group member 2	Tulbagh Nursery	Mr	Pieter Bredell	Roux	pieterbroux@icloud.com	0232300694	0716229286
30	Active	Group membership - Main member	UNISA	Dr	Miranda	Deutschlender	deutsms@unisa.co.za	0114712286	0827810394
31	Active	Additional group member 1	UNISA	Ms	Queline	Bersik	bersiq@unisa.ac.za	0114712265	0729203312
32	Active	Additional group member 2	UNISA	Ms	Angeliq	Swarts	swarta@unisa.ac.za	0114712265	0815877843
33	Active	Additional group member 3	UNISA	Mr	Uriah	Mogale	mogalmu@unisa.ac.za	0114712293	0721366996
34	Active	Additional group member 4	UNISA	Ms	Petunia	Mashiane	mashiap@unisa.ac.za	0114712265	0723036170
35	Active	Group membership - Main member	Wetevrede Wholesale Nursery	Mr	Hugo	Carinus	hugo@nonkeplants.com	0218876972	0823781828
36	Active	Additional group member 1	Wetevrede Wholesale Nursery	Mr	Richard	Faber	richard@nonkeplants.com	0218876972	0722679843
37	Active	Group membership - Main member	Cape Peninsula University of Technology	Mr	Hlokane	Mabela	mabelat@cput.ac.za	0219595873	0721919864
38	Active	Additional group member 1	Cape Peninsula University of Technology	Mr	Chris	Daniels		0219595873	0605264900
39	Active	Additional group member 2	Cape Peninsula University of Technology	Mr	Timothy	Jasson		0219595873	0822006680
40	Active	Group membership - Main member	Vitroplant SA	Mrs	Annemarie	Van der Westhuizen	annemarie@vibewise.co.za	0827744163	0827744163
41	Active	Additional group member 1	Vitroplant SA	Mr	Henriette	Gresse	henriette.b@outlook.com	0846732500	0846732500
42	Active	Basic individual membership	Ballstraathof (Pty) Ltd	Mr	Sean	Goldfain	sean@ballstraathof.co.za	011 7942316	0824576966
43	Active	Basic individual membership	Blackwood Nursery	Mr	Craig	Howells	craig@blackwoods.co.za	033 3422191	0827749886
44	Active	Basic individual membership	Box Tree Company (Pty) Ltd	Mr	Gielie	de Waal	gielie@thetreefarm.co.za	082 6581882	0826581882
45	Active	Basic individual membership	Du Prins Nursery	Mr	David	du Toit	duprins@absamail.co.za	0828508019	0828508019
46	Active	Basic individual membership	Frontier Laboratory CC	Dr	Andy	Hackland	andy.frontierlab@gmail.com	(021) 982 2872	0722881031
47	Active	Basic individual membership	Haygrove Tunnels	Mrs	Jacqui	Heeks	jacqui.heeks@haygrove.co.za	+27 21 859 1026	0724476498
48	Active	Basic individual membership	Malmesbury Groothandel Kwekery BK	Mnr.	Johan	Retief	johan@kwekerysa.co.za	0716594634	0836511296
49	Active	Basic individual membership	Kraaibosch Nurseries	Miss	Liezel	Nel	liezel01n@gmail.com	+27 44 889 0092	0713725980
50	Active	Basic individual membership	Peebles Plants (Pty) Ltd	Mr	Ryan	Goodwin	rgoodwin@peeblesplants.co.za	(011) 708 2181	0828203338
51	Active	Basic individual membership	Private	Ms	Karen	Eichholz	keichholz7@gmail.com	0728250252	0728250252
52	Active	Basic individual membership	SANBI	Ms	Nomama	Mei	n.mei@sanbi.org.za	074 4450662	0744450662
53	Active	Basic individual membership	Sunshine Seedlings Services	Mr	Ken	Leisegang	ken@sunshinseedlings.co.za	0333903047	0828004148
54	Active	Basic individual membership	Sutherland Seedlings (PTY) LTD	Mr	Shaun	Biggs	shaun@sutherlandseedlings.co.za	(039) 834 1953	0825552201
55	Active	Basic individual membership	Trees South Africa	Mrs	Suzanne-Franco	Rossouw-Moss	suzanne@trees-sa.co.za	0218420003	0833604529
56	Active	Basic individual membership	Tshwane University of Technology	Mrs	Lana	Sanderson	lanasanderson8@gmail.com	0123824876	0828812202
57	Active	Basic individual membership	University of Pretoria	Prof	Elsa	du Toit	elsa.dutoit@up.ac.za		0823312873
58	Active	Basic individual membership	VREDENDAL NURSERY - VAT #4070157542	MR	Alan Walter	Van Niekerk	office@plantman.co.za	0272132253	0828002270
59	Active	Basic individual membership	Magic Garden Centre	Mr	Jason	Myburgh	jasond.myburgh@gmail.com	0833871471	0833871471
60	Active	Basic individual membership	Elands Nursery CC	Mr	Rick	Carter	rick@elands.co.za	(041) 955 5671	0825647062
61	Active	Basic individual membership	UNISA	Mr	Pierre	Adriaanse	adriap@unisa.ac.za	0116709043	0721932774
62	Active	Basic individual membership	De Fynne Nursery	Ms	Jacky	Goliath	jacky@defynne.co.za	021 869 8467	0842057300
63	Active	Basic individual membership	Cherish Plants	Ms	Cherise	Viljoen	cherise@cherishplants.com		
64	Active	Basic individual membership	Milkwoods Nursery	Mrs	Jane	Hobbs	helenjanehobbs@gmail.com		
65	Active	Student member	TuberFlora Wholesale Nursery	Mr	Wenza	Ngubeni	wenzleirvin@gmail.com	0116621954	0817053295

**IPPS SA BUDGET SCHEDULE 2025**

YTD 31 DEC 25

	Budget 2025	Actuals 2025	excl 2nd Int del
<b>Surplus/Shortfall</b>	<b>-69 635</b>	<b>-244 610</b>	<b>-134 258</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>235 500</b>	<b>141 030</b>	
Membership - (based on 66)	115 000	101 050	
Conference (surplus/shortfall) (26 delegates)	0	-63 855	
Workshops (surplus/shortfall)	0	685	
Interest	85 500	81 305	
<b>Total Sponsorship</b>	<b>35 000</b>	<b>21 845</b>	
Sponsorship conference	30 000	15 000	
Auction	5 000	6 845	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>305 135</b>	<b>385 640</b>	
<b>International dues</b>	<b>50 635</b>	<b>40 489</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>62 000</b>	<b>65 757</b>	
Salary - secretary stipend	42 000	42 500	
Stationery	1 000	0	
Audit fees	14 000	19 850	
Bank charges	2 000	3 407	
Telephone, Postage & Internet	3 000	0	
<b>Marketing</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>0</b>	
Banners	1 000	0	
Printing	500	0	
<b>Travel</b>	<b>73 000</b>	<b>170 352</b>	
Local travel - secretary	3 000	0	
International travel: 1 x Int Dir	70 000	170 352	2 x delegates
<b>Exchange program</b>	<b>118 000</b>	<b>109 042</b>	
Flight, booking & visa - Aus	35 000	32 804	
Flight, booking & visa - NZ	35 000	40 502	
Australian Exchange local costs	15 000	15 796	
New Zealand Exchange local costs	15 000	5 980	
SA Conference nominees costs	18 000	13 960	
<b>Surplus/Shortfall</b>	<b>-69 635</b>	<b>-244 610</b>	

	Budget
<b>Break even future scenario</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>increase: membership, conference surplus and sponsorship (no increase in member fees)</i>	
<b>Surplus - break even</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>340 179</b>
<b>Membership - based on 66 + 36 main = 102</b>	<b>183 400</b>
<b>Conference surplus - (low costs &amp; increase delegates)</b>	<b>18 500</b>
<b>Workshops (surplus/shortfall)</b>	<b>1 279</b>
Interest	82 000
<b>Total Sponsorship</b>	<b>55 000</b>
<b>Sponsorship conference</b>	<b>50 000</b>
Auction	5 000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>340 179</b>
<b>International dues (higher due to member increase)</b>	<b>78 679</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>69 000</b>
Salary - secretary stipend	42 000
Stationery	1 000
Audit fees	20 000
Bank charges	3 000
Telephone, Postage & Internet	3 000
<b>Marketing</b>	<b>1 500</b>
Banners	1 000
Printing	500
<b>Travel</b>	<b>73 000</b>
Local travel - secretary	3 000
International travel: 1 x Int Dir	70 000
<b>Exchange program - AUS &amp; NZ</b>	<b>118 000</b>
Flight, booking & visa - Aus	35 000
Flight, booking & visa - NZ	35 000
Australian Exchange local costs	15 000
New Zealand Exchange local costs	15 000
SA Conference nominees costs	18 000
<b>Surplus/Shortfall</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Current Assets - 31 Dec 2025</b>		<b>1 095 748.00</b>
Nedbank current account	27 881.27	
Accounts receivable	1 900.00	
(Accounts payable)	0.00	
<b>Investments</b>	<b>1 065 966.73</b>	
JustInvest	1 063 005.00	
Electronic 32Day Notice Deposit	2 961.73	

<b>Current Assets - 09 Mar 2026</b>		<b>1 388 187.73</b>
Nedbank current account	106 151.00	
Accounts receivable	69 075.00	
(Accounts payable)	0.00	
<b>Investments</b>	<b>1 212 961.73</b>	
JustInvest	1 210 000.00	
Electronic 32Day Notice Deposit	2 961.73	