

CONSTITUTION 2023

South African Orthopaedic Registrars' Association (SAORA)

1. About SAORA

- The South African orthopaedic registrar's association was established in 2020, however COVID 19 caused a delay in its launch, with registrars signing on in 2022. It is a national orthopaedic association that is entirely managed by registrars across the nation with support from the South African Orthopaedic Association (SAOA) and universities.

2. Purpose

- To be proactive about the issues affecting orthopaedic registrars in SA.
- To establish a community forum amongst orthopaedic registrars.
- A voice to be given for the interests and concerns of registrars through the chairperson on colleges of medicine of South Africa (CMSA) and SAOA.
- A platform for registrars to transfer knowledge and orthopaedic leadership skills.

3. Objectives

- I. Promote continuous orthopaedic education for registrars.
- II. Promote improvement of orthopaedic surgical skills
- III. Promote registrar-driven research within orthopaedics.
- IV. Promote scientific meetings.
- V. Promote the improvement of registrars training programs.

4. SAORA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.1. The executive committee consists of 16 SAOA associate members, two of whom are elected by each of the eight universities with orthopaedic departments.

- University of Witwatersrand (Wits)
- University of the Free State (UFS)
- Sefako Makgatho University (SMU)
- University of Pretoria (UP)
- University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)
- Walter Sisulu University (WSU)
- University of Stellenbosch (SUN)
- University of Cape Town (UCT)

Past chairpersons

2022 Berry Kirsty (UCT)

2022/2023 Committee members

Chairperson	Nkosi Collen Sandile (Wits)
First chairperson	Strydom Jacobus Petrus (SUN)
Second chairperson	Kemp Johann(WSU)
Member	Bruwer Niel (WSU)
Member	Mabitsela Sllas (UP)
Member	Dlamini Yenziwe (Wits)
Member	Du Preez Johann (UP)

Member	Fuzy Edward (SUN)
Member	Kader Gerard (UKZN)
Member	Khoza Zakhele (SMU)
Member	Leslie Kenneth (UFS)
Member	Maimin Dane (UCT)
Member	Malaza Mthobisi (SMU)
Member	Mavuso Ndumiso (UKZN)
Member	Ndindwa Bayanda (UCT)
Member	Rabodietso Mathiba (UFS)

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Membership rules, category and application

- I. Rules: <https://saoa.org.za/saoa-constitution/> {6/2023}
- II. Category: SAOA associate member
- III. Application: <https://saoa.org.za/apply-for-membership/> {6/2023}

5.2. Membership fee

- IV. <https://saoa.org.za/categories-and-subscription-rates/> {6/2023}

5.3. Membership Benefits

- V. <https://saoa.org.za/membership-benefits/#1579796929280-6439ead3-622d> {6/2023}

5.4. Membership contact

- VI. membership@saoa.org.za {6/2023}

6. GOVERNANCE AND TERM OF OFFICE

6.1. Past chairperson

- I. Has an advising role.
- II. Has NO voting rights on the executive committee.

6.2. Chairperson

- I. Chairs FOUR meetings of the executive each year
- II. Acts as liaison between the SAORA, SAOA and CMSA other specialist societies or organizations
- III. Acts as the spokesperson for SAORA.
- IV. Is an overseer of all portfolios in the SAORA committee.
- V. One-year maximum term in office.
- VI. Looks for opportunities to promote the SAORA and increase the credibility.
- VII. Each year, the following order is used to rotate who serves as chair:
 - a. University of Cape Town
 - b. University of Witwatersrand
 - c. University of Stellenbosch
 - d. Walter Sisulu University
 - e. University of the Free State
 - f. Sefako Makgatho University
 - g. University of KwaZulu-Natal
 - h. University of Pretoria

6.1. 1st chairperson

- I. Presides at meetings in the chairperson absence.

- II. Sits in mentorship committee.
- III. Promotes membership.
- IV. Maximum of one year as first chairperson

6.2. 2nd chairperson

- I. Keeps accurate minutes of these meetings.
- II. Ensures that action items are carried out by committee members.
- III. Looks after SAORA records and clouds.
- IV. Looks after sponsors and keeps financial records.
- V. Maximum of one year as second chairperson.

6.3. Committee members

- I. Every second executive committee meeting, the committee reviews the committee structure and constitution.
- II. The committee accepts nominations from universities each November to replace departing members.
- III. The committee rotates the portfolios every November.
- IV. The first chairperson assumes the role of chairperson each November.
- V. The 2nd chairperson replaces the 1st chairperson each November.
- VI. A committee selects the 2nd chairperson each November in accordance with the procedure outlined in 6.2.VII.
- VII. At the annual general meeting, the committee members will be introduced to the associated members.
- VIII. Executive terms will be for two years, and an additional year can be granted if the university does not supply a new member.
- IX. Universities are urged to select a registrar that reflects their diversity.
- X. An executive member may resign by giving a one-month notice, and the chairperson will oversee the member's position until the portfolio is assigned to a new member.
- XI. In the event that the chairman steps down, the first chairperson will be in charge of managing the portfolio and position until a replacement is found.
- XII. There needs to be a quorum for a vote to be legitimate.

7. PORTFOLIOS

7.1. Each portfolio is handed to a university for a period of one year, and each university receives a different portfolio every year.

7.2. SAORA Portfolios

- I. Academics
- II. Fellowships
- III. Congresses
- IV. Sister associates
- V. Research
- VI. Media
- VII. Women in orthopaedics
- VIII. Member wellness