



President's Message

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As the time for the 80th Annual General Meeting crept closer I found myself reflecting on the journey we've taken together—what we've accomplished and what we continue to build.

Many of the projects we set out to complete have been successfully delivered, while others are progressing steadily. A key milestone has been the adoption of the Society's Strategic Plan by the National Executive Committee (NEC), which now serves as a guiding framework for our daily operations and long-term direction.

Our engagement with stakeholders has gained significant momentum, and it has been a time of continuous action as we strive to deliver on the promises made to our members.

The increased visibility of the PSSA has ignited a spirit of activism among pharmacists across the country. This renewed energy is evident in the growing number of colleagues who are joining the Society—proof that our collective efforts are resonating. It is deeply fulfilling to see the vision we set in motion becoming a reality, step by step, day by day.

The achievements of the past term are clearly reflected in the steady growth of our Society's membership—a development we are already witnessing. I often say that with increased membership, our collective voice becomes stronger and more influential among all stakeholders.

What's particularly inspiring is the diversity within our growing membership, especially the rising number of young pharmacists who are choosing to join the Society. This not only reaffirms our relevance today but also gives us great confidence in the future of the Society.

Their engagement assures us that the Society will continue to thrive for the next 80 years and beyond. It is also encouraging to know that with such promising participation, succession planning across national structures, branches, sectors, and the Young Pharmacists' Group will be both achievable and sustainable.

All these accomplishments have been made possible through the unwavering support I received from the Presidential Committee, National Executive Committee members, sector representatives, branch chairpersons, the Young Pharmacists' Group, the South African Pharmacy Student Federation (SAPSF), and every member of the PSSA. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

A special note of appreciation goes to the Executive Director of the Society, Refiloe Mogale; our COO, Michelle Bernard; and team members Anri Hornsveld, Famola Ngobeni and Nitsa Manolis. Your support throughout this journey has been truly exceptional.

To the entire national office team—thank you sincerely. Your passion, commitment, and energy keep the heart of the Society beating strong. You are the true pillars of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa.

I would also like to extend my best wishes to the incoming Presidential Committee and the National Executive Committee of the PSSA. May your term be both fruitful and fulfilling, and may you lead with passion, purpose, and unity.

Finally, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to my wife and children for their unwavering support and for allowing me the time and space to serve as a volunteer within the Society. I will always hold this opportunity in deep humility and appreciation—it has truly been an honour.