



YPG announces the 2025/26 steering committee

The Young Pharmacists' Group (YPG) of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa (PSSA) is elated to announce the new steering committee elected at the 8th Annual Business meeting on 16 July 2025, held online virtually in terms of section 27.5 of the PSSA Constitution.

The five-member steering committee:

- **Chair, Kevin Baloyi** – A passionate pharmacist currently working as a Junior Quality Assurance Pharmacist at a manufacturing company. Having served as the Project Coordinator in the previous term, he brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise harnessed from his experience in undergraduate student leadership and active participation in the SAAHIP Limpopo Branch. Kevin is motivated to see a united profession, and to ensure that YPG remains a vibrant and impactful platform for young pharmacists.
- **Secretary, Anele Khwela** – A young enthusiastic pharmacist currently working as a Responsible Pharmacist for a startup pharmaceutical manufacturing company. Anele is fuelled by a desire to contribute to the healthcare system of the country, and to improve access to medicines in underserved communities. He also participated in the student leadership, SAAHIP and is now re-elected for the second term for the YPG Steering Committee.
- **Project Coordinator, Sbonga Muthwa** – A committed and forward-thinking pharmacist who is passionate about professional development and community engagement. Sbonga started her leadership journey during her undergraduate at the University of KZN, serving as a class representative, academic mentor and peer educator. She served as the YPG project coordinator where she organised a number of projects and webinars, and now she is motivated to build onto the momentum and provide more impactful initiatives for YPG.
- **Liaisons Coordinator, Khanyisile Muyambu** – A young pharmacist with a passion for mentorship and advocacy. Khanyisile completed her internship and community service in the Limpopo province, where she actively participated in PSSA Limpopo Branch initiatives. She is deeply passionate in supporting the development of young pharmacists and fostering collaboration to bridge the gap between young pharmacists and the prominent pharmacy community stakeholders.
- **Public Relations Officer, Matladi (Stanley) Morapedi** – A recent Wits University graduate (2023), having completed his internship earlier this year at the Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital in the Northern Cape. Stanley has participated in student leadership during his undergraduate studies and has also served in the Presidential committee of SAPSF. Stanley is passionate and motivated to advocate for young pharmacists in the pharmacy profession, and believes this role is perfectly suited for his passion.

PSSA YPG Steering Committee 2025/6

Chair
Kevin Baloyi



Liaisons Coordinator
Khanyisile Muyambu

Secretary
Anele Khwela



Public Relations Officer
Matladi Morapedi

Project Coordinator
Sbonga Muthwa



A step in the right direction – Key takeaway from the 8th Business meeting

An improved interest in the YPG Steering Committee was apparent, compared to the previous business meeting (7th Annual Business Meeting). We saw an increase in the number of young pharmacists willing to serve in the YPG. This was reflected by 11 nominations received for the steering committee, with all positions being contested and some being contested by three candidates. We also saw an increase in the number of voters, which more than doubled – from 39 valid votes in 2024 to 91 valid votes in 2025.

This is a direct effect of a resolution agreed at the 7th Business Meeting (2024) and ratified by the PSSA NEC, to add two additional positions (Liaisons Officer and Secretary) to the steering committee. The aim of this resolution was achieved, as apart from all positions being contested, we also have two steering members being re-elected for a second term. This allows for a smooth transition and continuation in the activities and mandate of the YPG. The expansion of the steering committee also had a significant impact, considering that three elected members came from the subcommittee group.

We would like to thank the outgoing steering committee for their contributions, dedication and continued support. We wish them all the best in their next destinations in pharmacy and leadership.

The minutes of the 8th Annual Business Meeting can be viewed via this link - https://upload.ecatonline.co.za/_upload/pssa/documents/download/YPG_8th_BM_Minutes.pdf.

Yours in pharmacy,

YPG Steering Committee 2025/26

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