



## AGM 2023 – Note 2

April 2023

*Dear Members,*

This is a short letter to update you on the latest AGM-related arrangements so that you can plan accordingly.

### **Date, Time and Venue**

This has not changed since the last announcement and is still as follows:

- *Date: Saturday 10 June 2023*
- *Time: 10:00*
- *Venue: Plot 35, 348 Cecil Avenue, Sinoville, Pretoria.*
- *Google Maps link to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/F2i4QmRT2qJK3q2c9>*

The venue indicated above is the regular place where the Pretoria Group meets. The venue will be open from 9AM for those who need to help with preparations, as well as for attendees who need to bring and setup exhibits, shells for the auction, sale items, and so on.

### **Shell Exhibits**

There has been interest from some of our Members to create and bring Shell Exhibits to the 2023 AGM, which, of course, is great news! The Committee will appoint an adjudicator to evaluate and score the Exhibits, so that trophies can be awarded. Remember that everyone bringing an Exhibit will receive an Exhibitor Participation Certificate, whether you've won an award or not.

There is no specific theme, but Exhibits can be prepared within any one of the following Categories:

- *Beginner*
- *Scientific*
- *Shell Family*
- *Artistic*

We will attach to the email our Exhibits guideline for those wishing to create one – especially if you want to go in all guns blazing to win an award.

#### **NOTE**

The venue provides easy access to attendees wishing to bring larger items, including large shell exhibits.

### **AGM Talk**

Our AGM Talk will be provided by Mr Anton Groenewald, who will be taking us on a deep dive into the *Olividae* Family.

### **AGM Voting**

AGM attendees will be voting for a new Committee at the 2023 AGM. Please remember that only active Members may vote, so if you are going to attend please be sure that you have paid your

annual Membership fee of R100. The call for payment was sent to all Members on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

If you would like to cast a vote, but cannot be there in person, you may still do so by utilising the proxy voting system. Simply complete one of the Proxy Voting Forms sent to everyone as part of AGM Note 1 on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, and forward it to our Society Secretary. Also remember to inform the attendee who will be casting votes on your behalf, otherwise, you know, things may not happen as you intended to... 😊

You may also pass onto our Secretary any nominations for the new Committee. Please note that some of the current Committee members will not be up for re-election into primary office bearing positions; only the following active Committee members will be up for re-election, should you wish to consider them:

- Ken Brown
- Alwyn Marais
- Anton Groenewald
- Gillian Petzer

Of course you are free to nominate any other current Members of the Society as well. Simply use the Nomination Form sent to everyone as part of AGM Note 1, and forward it to our Society Secretary.

Please ensure that Proxies and Nominations reach the Secretary by no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

#### **AGM Auction**

Our AGM Auction List is growing steadily! We have 51 splendid shells so far, with more on the way. And remember that some of our Members always have lovely shells and shell books for sale at competitive prices during the course of the event.

Attached to this email is a PDF of Version 1 of the Auction List, just to start whetting the appetites.

#### **Conclusion**

Arrangements for the 2023 AGM are progressing well. On a final note, please remember to read the Memo circulated on 13 April 2023, and indicate if you will be attending the AGM, as we need to plan for the lunch. We are certainly looking forward to seeing as many of our Members as possible. We will be updating you with additional information as time progresses.

*Until next time, happy shelling!*



President, CSSA  
18 April 2023