



“Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far.” *Theodore Roosevelt*

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It gives me great pleasure to write this last article after exiting my portfolio of President of the South African Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists for the past two years. Being elected in 2018 to assume the presidency till this year has been an honour and a privilege.

In the same breath, I congratulate the new President who is succeeding me and wish him well in his role and future endeavours. I would also like to thank the Executive Committee of SAAHIP – they served at a high level of dedication. They offered their time and effort and resources attending to the Association's business.

There is a dynamic platform of people amongst us who are passionate and willing to go an extra mile on any issues that crop up. They are not part of the daily operations of the Association; however, they are always available to offer guidance, expertise and knowledge. Every drop of their sweat goes towards strengthening the foundation of SAAHIP. May their open-handedness be blessed because when hands are closed tightly, they are not free to help others.

To all members of SAAHIP, without you, there is no Association. One is only a leader when followers stand beside them. No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all by himself to get credit for doing it. This simply means we need each other, and we all have a role to play for the development and success of our Association. Many thanks to everyone involved in making sure that the Association continues the journey of giving back to the profession.

One does not become an appointed leader on the first day of the job. One grows into the position where a sense of preferences is

developed for the complexity of leading an Association with more than 2 000 members. The job is non-stop, and one is charged with having the ability to balance a never-ending series of competing requests. The ability to maintain impartiality is a large responsibility and thus requires one to stay consistent with decision-making and judgements. I hope the work we have done during my tenure has succeeded to indicate the amount

of work that has been done by the executive committee. With that, I would like to urge everyone to avail themselves when assistance is required. It is noble to be a loyal member through service and steering SAAHIP in the right direction. More has to be done and still needs to be done to build on the reputation, expertise and stakeholder engagements in our sector. Some standing responsibilities include growing our membership, active participation, presidential health compact, NHI, expanding and sustaining our conferences and the changes that the COVID-19 pandemic will bring about.

I have enjoyed my tenure thoroughly and will continue to be a loyal member of SAAHIP, mentor and give others an opportunity to grow. I wish everyone a new chapter with boundless opportunities, continued forward progress and great positivity. Even when we fail or fall, may we have enough courage to keep pushing on. May fortune favour SAAHIP this day and forevermore.



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