



## National Secretary General's Update to Members

# Newsletter



May 2024

## Introduction

I am once again thrilled to update our constituency and the profession at large on activities and key events happening within the profession and our organisation. The general outlook remains challenging economically, but we continue to strive to effect solutions that continue to propagate the profession forwards.

## The ZIMA Office Manager

**Mr P P Mukahiwa**, our office manager for the past 8 years, announced his resignation from the organisation and officially ceased duty on 30/04/24. He has gone on to take up the position of deputy registrar for the MDPCZ. We are indeed saddened by his departure following the immense contribution he made towards meeting the organisations vision, mission, and values. We are also quite excited to have him in the echelons of administration at the MDPCZ, his strong background with our constituency will indeed work positively in helping the MDPCZ realise its objectives.



The executive leadership is extremely excited to have **Ms Victoria Akino** take up the position albeit on an acting basis, this will ensure continuity and we do wish her well in her new position as acting office manager for the ZIMA. Ms Victoria Akino has been working as an administrator for the ZIMA since 2012 and indeed her experience remains valuable in achieving her mandate during her tenure. Lets all support her.



## ZiMA National Congress 2024

This will happen this year from 28/08/24 to 01/09/24 at the Rainbow Towers hotel under the theme “**Towards Strengthening Health care systems in Zimbabwe**”. Our scientific committee has successfully made the call for abstracts to be reviewed for consideration for presentation at this annual event. Members are encouraged to submit abstracts for review by the Scientific Committee. Abstracts should be submitted to the following email address [scientificcommittee@zimazw.org](mailto:scientificcommittee@zimazw.org) the closing date of abstract submissions is 30 June 2024. Our congress convener, Dr Marlon Nyakabau, will be coordinating the congress committee activities. Please let's support him.

The annual general meeting this year is elective. The ZIMA elections committee has since started pushing for the electoral proceedings by encouraging branches to hold their AGMs and forward nominations. We also call for nominations from affiliate organisations. Positions vacant for nominations are for the **National President and Vice President, National Secretary General and National Treasurer**. Let's heed the call to action and participate in this important exercise. We welcome everyone to consider taking up the mandate by availing themselves for nomination for the election process. For any assistance with this please get in touch with Ms Victoria Akino.

## Membership

Subscription receipts remain suppressed. The call to affiliates to remit only USD 30.00 per member towards membership to ZIMA seems to have been ratified at the AGMs for most of our affiliates and we only await the remittance of these subscriptions from them. As the executive leadership we are seized with efforts for engaging our affiliates at their various scientific meetings to drum up the support needed to see this initiative through. The secretariat is urged to continue following up with affiliates. We are a registered nonprofit making private voluntary organisation (PVO) and solely depend on our membership

to continue steering the business of the profession in the right direction. United we stand, let's stand up and be counted.

## Updates

- \* **Affiliate engagements:** This exercise is ongoing, and the leadership has targeted affiliate CME meetings for 10-minute presentations focusing on reengaging their participation in ZIMA activities. I have also been ensuring regular updates to members via our email platforms.
- \* **Review of the Health Professions Act:** ZiMA did successfully submit their inputs to the review process for the health professions act. Engagements are still ongoing.
- \* **PSMAS:** We recently engaged with the interim manager PSMAS through a letter urging the organisation to expedite claim disbursements. The relevant key government organisations in the claims settlement chain were also copied in the communication.
- \* **Polio Outbreak:** We also successfully hosted a Polio response workshop at ZiMA house to help buttress government efforts to eradicate the disease.
- \* **Pain Symposium:** The association also held a pain symposium which was hosted Dr Nomaqwe Moyo and team. The meeting was well attended and had over a 126 participants physically meeting at ZiMA. We look forward to hosting more of these fruitful meetings.



- \* **Renovations:** The Gazebo has been completed and we would like to thank Dr Solanki and the Borrowdale Trauma Centre team for a wonderful gesture to the profession. It has been renamed "**The Solanki Pavilion**" in appreciation of what he has done for the profession. We will be updating you soon of the official handover ceremony scheduled for some time in May of 2024.



## ZiMA Activites

- 1) **CME HUB**  
We have made significant stakeholder engagements regarding our vision of making the ZIMA Gelfand Ritchken house a CME hub for all our affiliates. We would like to thank Dr Solanki and his Trauma group for completing work on the gazebo at ZIMA house- "The Solanki Pavillion. Please come through and make use of the facilities.
- 2) **Medical insurance**  
The CIMAS ZIMA fund is now up and running and we urge members to take advantage of this initiative. Please get in touch with our secretariat for assistance.
- 3) **ZiMA Nyaradzo Funeral Fund**  
This fund remains active, and we urge our members to make use of it. It has since been migrated to an affordable USD based fund to ensure services offered prevail.
- 4) **ZiMA Minerva Malpractice Fund**  
This fund has been here for years albeit poor uptake. The reasoning was to try and cushion our members from the rising costs of litigation that comes with the profession. Please visit our offices so that we can all take advantage of a fund created for doctors by doctors themselves.
- 5) **Corporate Partnerships**  
We have signed MOUs with National Building society and Genesis real estate for the acquisition and financing of housing stands and mortgages. We urge members to get in touch with our office manager, Ms Victoria Akino, for assistance with this initiative. We are continuing engagements with other key stakeholders to help assist with our welfare.

### Collaborations

The organisation continues to collaborate with various organisations and our PVO status has helped significantly in ensuring very smooth processes in our interaction with them.

### ZiMA Office business hours

Our business hours are as follows-:

Monday – Friday 8am – 4:30pm, Friday 8am – 1pm.

For assistance from the secretariat please use the following contacts-:

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Regards,

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