

Letter from the CEO



This newsletter is designed to keep you informed of key highlights, important updates and actionable items throughout the coming year.

Dear Members,

This past quarter has been both busy and productive for the Society. We continue to deliver strong year-to-date financial performance and have advanced most strategic priorities. Thank you for your continued engagement and support.



Operations and Examinations

- Exam registrations are higher year-on-year, reflecting robust demand and member engagement.
- The transition to revised IFoA examination formats, fees, and processes has required significant effort and, at times, affected student experience. ASSA also experienced high transaction and event volumes, including our largest-ever New Fellows Dinner on 18 September in Gauteng, and we introduced a new proctoring solution for virtual examinations.
- Despite structural changes and unfilled vacancies, the ASSA office responded with dedication and improved productivity. I am grateful to the staff, Council, and volunteers for their resilience and support. A special thank you to the President for engaging authentically in staff appreciation, including at the Cape Town staff event on 10 September 2025.

Climate Change Index

The ASSA Climate Change Index was launched at a well-attended sessional on 23 September. Developed by Prof. Rendani Mbhuva, Dr. Nadine van der Walt, and Prof. Willem Landman, with initial sponsorship from [Old Mutual Insure](#), the index and associated tool were warmly received and can be accessed [here](#). Enhancements and new use cases are planned as adoption grows. Further information, including a Clarity podcast discussion, is available on our [website](#).

Education

In the first semester, some candidates experienced technical challenges with virtual examinations, including device specifications and proctor availability. For semester two, many have opted to write in-venue; ASSA and our service providers have acted on feedback to improve the candidate experience.

Several students were disqualified in the most recent sitting for writing during the upload window, contrary to exam rules. Following deliberation, the Board of Examiners, supported by the Education Board, imposed firm sanctions to protect integrity and fairness.

It is worth highlighting that the Board of Examiners and the Society believe that most, if not all, of these cases were inadvertent, and I hope that the disqualifications should be seen in that light by managers and employers. Even though additional measures have been implemented to further prevent such cases, candidates must strictly observe timing rules.

Best wishes to all candidates writing the S2 examinations.

A comprehensive Education Newsletter is planned for circulation in October 2025.

Transformation

Transformation remains a core imperative for ASSA. To support Human Sciences Research Council research into differential exam pass rates across South African race groups, a survey is expected in early October. Please take a few minutes to complete it. Your participation will help drive meaningful, data-driven improvements for the Society.

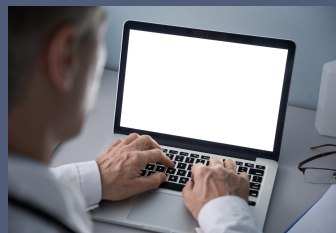


Convention 2025

[Registration is open](#) for the 2025 ASSA Convention on 5–6 November 2025 at the Sandton Convention Centre. We look forward to two days of insight, connection, and inspiration.

Website

[Our website](#) recently underwent a major refresh with an updated look and improved navigation. Further enhancements will roll out over the coming months to improve the member experience.



Volunteers: Disciplinary Committee and Tribunal

The Society's effective functioning relies on exceptional volunteerism. Thank you to everyone serving in tribunals, practice areas, task forces, boards, and committees. We extend special appreciation to Arthur Els for his service as Chair of the Disciplinary Committee and welcome Suleiman Tootla as Chair from 1 September 2025.

Council Elections 2025

Nominations for Council positions, including President-Elect, close on 3 October 2025. Voting opens on 10 October, with results to be announced at the Convention. Please participate by nominating and voting.



Thank you for your professionalism, generosity, and curiosity, especially to those who volunteer in the Society.

Warm regards,
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