

Astronomical Society of Southern Africa

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2020

Carlisle Tax & Financial Services  
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# Astronomical Society of Southern Africa

## Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

### General information

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Country of Incorporation and Domicile	South Africa
Nature of Business and Principal Activities	Facilitate astronomical observing by members and astronomical outreach by the society
Responsible Council members at the date of this Report	C.A Stewart (President) Adv. A J Nel (Treasurer)
Registered Office	18a Gill Street Observatory Johannesburg 2187
Business Address	18a Gill Street Observatory Johannesburg 2187
Postal Address	P. O. Box 9 Observatory 7935
Bankers	Standard Bank
Auditors	Carlisle Tax & Financial Services
Financial Statements Prepared By	Henk Nieuwenhuis - CA (SA)
Level of Assurance	These Annual Financial Statements have been audited as required by the applicable requirements of the constitution of The Astronomical Society of Southern Africa - a Society to facilitate astronomical observing by members and astronomical outreach by the society.
Published	30 May 2022
Legal Form	Non-Profit Voluntary Association

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# **Astronomical Society of Southern Africa**

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### **Statement of Members Responsibility and Approval**

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The council is required in terms of the Companies Act of South Africa to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the society as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standard applicable to Small and Medium-Sized Entities.

The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard applicable to Small and Medium-Sized Entities and are based upon appropriate policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The council acknowledges that it is ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the society and places considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the council to meet these responsibilities, the board sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the society and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the society's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the society is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the society. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the society endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

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#### Statement of Members Responsibility and Approval


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The council is of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements. However any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The council have reviewed the society's cash flow forecast for the year to 30 June 2021 and the impact that COVID 19 will have on the association's ability to generate sufficient cashflows to meet its ordinary obligations as they arise. In light of this review, and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the association has, or will have access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

These annual financial statements have not been audited or independently reviewed in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 8 to 17, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by Council on 30 May 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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President

  
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### **Independent Compiler's Report**

To the Council of the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa

We have compiled the financial statements of the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa set out on pages 8 to 17, based on the information you have provided. These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020 and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

We performed this compilation engagement in accordance with International Standard on Related Services 4410 (Revised), compilation engagements.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to assist you in the preparation and presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements, including principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care.

These financial statements and the accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them are your responsibility.

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or review conclusion on whether these financial statements are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities.

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# **Astronomical Society of Southern Africa**

## **Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020** **Councils' Report**

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The council present their annual report on the annual financial statements of the society for the year ended 30 June 2020.

### **Main business and operations**

The society is an amateur astronomy association that was created by the merger of two societies in 1922 and changed its name to the current name in 1956.

No matter which is material to the financial affairs of the society and requires disclosure in the financial statements has occurred between 30 June 2020 and the date of the approval of the annual financial statements.

The operating results and state of affairs of the society are fully set out in the attached annual financial statements and do not, in our opinion require any other comment, save for those mentioned below.

### **Financial results and dividends**

The financial results show that the society has made a loss during the current financial year. The member expects that the society will perform adequately in the new financial year. The society is expected to have sufficient cash resources to meet its obligations.

The council have not declared dividends and none are recommended.

### **Going concern**

We refer you to note 18 in the annual financial statement that describes the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 epidemic. This indicates an uncertainty that is caused by factors that are out of management's control. However management still believes after reviewing the budgets and the resources available to the entity, that the entity will remain a going concern. Consequently the annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent liabilities and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business insofar as it is within management's control.

# **Astronomical Society of Southern Africa**

## **Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020** **Councils' Report**

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### **Reserves**

The society's reserves and any changes thereto are reflected in the statement of changes in equity in the accompanying financial statements.

### **Council Members**

The council members of the society during the year and to the date of this report are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Chris Stewart	President
Case Rijdsdijk	Vice President
Adv. A J Nel	Honorary Treasurer
Lerika Cross	Honorary Secretary
Wilmi Nel	Membership Secretary
Dr. Ian Glass	Council member
Clyde Foster	Council member
Dr. Pieter Kotze	Council member
Thinus van der Merwe	Bloemfontein Centre Chairperson
Marius Reitz	Cape Centre Chairperson
Piet Strauss	Durban Centre Chairperson
Dr. Pierre de Villiers	Hermanus Centre Chairperson
Carmen Ives	Johannesburg Centre Chairperson
Bosman Olivier	Pretoria Centre Chairperson

# Astronomical Society of Southern Africa

## Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 R	2019 R
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		804,178	810,787
Other financial assets	3	804,178	810,787
<b>Current Assets</b>		201,006	234,819
Cash and cash equivalents	4	201,006	234,819
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>1,005,184</u>	<u>1,045,606</u>
<b>Equity and Liabilities</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		1,005,184	1,041,267
Reserves	5	1,041,267	1,093,024
Retained loss		(36,083)	(51,757)
<b>Non-Current liabilities</b>		0	4,274
Other financial liabilities	6	0	4,274
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		0	65
Trade and other payables	7	0	65
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>4,339</u>
<b>Total Equity and Liabilities</b>		<u>1,005,184</u>	<u>1,045,606</u>

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## Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 R	2019 R
Comprehensive income	8	111,526	136,280
Cost of revenue earned		(63,109)	(22,893)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>48,417</b>	<b>113,388</b>
Other income	9	14,674	0
Other operating expenses		(97,554)	(166,905)
<b>Loss from operations</b>		<b>(34,463)</b>	<b>(53,517)</b>
Investment income	10	29,945	1,760
<b>Loss before taxation</b>		<b>(4,518)</b>	<b>(51,757)</b>
Taxation	11	0	0
<b>Loss for the year</b>		<b>(4,518)</b>	<b>(51,757)</b>
Other comprehensive income		(31,565)	0
Fair value adjustments		(31,565)	0
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>		<b>(36,083)</b>	<b>(51,757)</b>

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## Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2020

	<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Retained</b>	
	<b>R</b>	<b>Loss</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>Balance at 01 July 2018</b>	1,093,024	0	<b>1,093,024</b>
Total comprehensive loss for the year	0	(51,757)	<b>(51,757)</b>
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<b>Balance at 01 July 2019</b>	1,093,024	(51,757)	<b>1,041,267</b>
Total comprehensive loss for the year	0	(36,083)	<b>(36,083)</b>
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<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<b><u>1,093,024</u></b>	<b><u>(87,840)</u></b>	<b><u>1,005,184</u></b>

# Astronomical Society of Southern Africa

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 R	2019 R
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Operating loss before taxation		(34,463)	(53,517)
Adjustments for :			
Fair value adjustment		(31,565)	0
Changes in working capital	12	(65)	0
Cash utilised by operating activities		(66,093)	(53,517)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Decrease in other financial asset		6,609	0
Investment income	10	29,945	1,760
Cash generated by investing activities		36,554	1,760
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Decrease in other financial liabilities	17	(4,274)	0
Cash (utilised) / generated by financing activities		(4,274)	0
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(33,814)</b>	<b>(51,757)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>	4	<b>234,819</b>	<b>286,577</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	4	<b>201,006</b>	<b>234,819</b>

# **Astronomical Society of Southern Africa**

## **Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020**

### **Accounting Policies**

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#### **1. Basis of preparation**

The principal accounting policies used in preparing these financial statements are set out below and are consistent with those used in prior years, unless otherwise disclosed. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost and fair value bases as disclosed in these policies, using South African Rand, which is the functional currency of the society.

These financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards applicable to Small and Medium-Sized entities.

#### **1.1 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty**

In preparing the annual financial statements, management is required to make judgements that affect the amounts represented in the annual financial statements and related disclosures. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates which may be material to the annual financial statements.

#### **1.2 Critical judgements in applying accounting policies**

Management did not make critical judgements in the application of accounting policies, apart from those involving estimations, which would significantly affect the financial statements.

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### **Accounting Policies**

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## **2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

### **2.1 *Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

### **2.2 *Financial Instruments***

#### *Initial Recognition*

The society classifies financial instruments, or their component parts, on initial recognition as a financial assets, a financial liability or an equity instrument in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

Financial assets are recognised when the society becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the respective instrument. Such assets consist of cash, a contractual right to receive cash or another financial asset, or a contractual right to exchange financial instruments with another entity on potentially favourable terms. Financial assets are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or has been transferred and the group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation to transfer benefits and that obligation is a contractual liability to deliver cash or another financial asset or to exchange financial instruments with another entity on potentially unfavourable terms. Financial liabilities are derecognised when they are extinguished, that is discharged, cancelled or expired.

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## **Accounting Policies**

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### **2.2 *Financial Instruments - Continued***

The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading and/or designated by the entity upon initial recognition as fair value through profit or loss. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets (trade and other receivables), except for maturities of greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets.

The society assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

### **2.3 *Capital and reserves***

Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

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### **Accounting Policies**

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#### **2.4 *Revenue recognition***

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all the following conditions have been satisfied:

- the society has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods;
- the society retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the society; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably

When the outcome of a transaction involving the rendering of services can be estimated reliably, revenue associated with the transaction is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the end of the reporting. The outcome of a transaction can be estimated reliably when all the following

- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the society;
- the stage of completion of the transaction at the end of the reporting period can be measured reliably; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

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## Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

	2020 R	2019 R
<b>3. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Sanlam Unit Trust Investment	804,178	810,787
	<u>804,178</u>	<u>810,787</u>
<b>4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Current account	201,006	234,819
	<u>201,006</u>	<u>234,819</u>
<b>5. RESERVES</b>		
Reserves consist of the following:		
General Fund	562,724	562,724
PEPO Ringfenced	323,112	323,112
Retained earnings	155,431	207,187
	<u>1,041,267</u>	<u>1,093,024</u>
<b>6. OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>		
Unrealised capital gains	0	4,274
	<u>0</u>	<u>4,274</u>
<b>7. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Income received in advance	0	65
	<u>0</u>	<u>65</u>

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## Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

	2020 R	2019 R
<b>8. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		
Income from trading activities	111,526	136,280
	<u>111,526</u>	<u>136,280</u>
<b>9. OTHER INCOME</b>		
REIT - Salam Unit Trusts	3,193	0
Dividend income	7,839	0
Sundry income	3,642	0
	<u>14,674</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>10. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Interest received from financial institutions	29,945	1,760
	<u>29,945</u>	<u>1,760</u>
<b>11. TAXATION</b>		
S.A. Normal Taxation		
- Current	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
No provision has been made for taxation. The Society is in the process of registering and applying for exemption from Income Tax in terms of Section 10(1)(d)(iv)(bb) of the Income Tax Act.		
<b>12. CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL</b>		
Decrease in accounts payable	(65)	(65)
	<u>(65)</u>	<u>(65)</u>

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### Details of other operating expenses for the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020 R	2019 R
<b>Other operating expenses</b>	<b>97,554</b>	<b>166,905</b>
Accounting fees	<b>8,551</b>	4,428
ASSA award	<b>0</b>	10,023
Bank charges	<b>14,358</b>	278
Bursaries expenses	<b>40,000</b>	100,668
Computer expenses	<b>0</b>	3,564
Gift vouchers	<b>0</b>	500
Honoraria - Honorary members	<b>18,074</b>	23,477
Legal fees	<b>0</b>	550
Motor vehicle expenses	<b>0</b>	6,226
Printing, postage & stationery	<b>1,569</b>	2,853
Staff welfare	<b>125</b>	304
Subscription - Sky & Telescope	<b>1,238</b>	65
Subscriptions - Honorary member claims	<b>382</b>	0
Travel & accommodation	<b>13,257</b>	13,970

This Statement does not form part of the Financial Statements.

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## Supplementary information for the year ended 30 June 2020 Detailed Statement of Comprehensive income

	2020 R	2019 R
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>111,526</b>	<b>136,280</b>
Advertising income	0	6,400
Bursary income	0	30,220
Internal sales	(1,371)	2,500
Membership	12,445	32,373
Royalties	59,342	56,098
Subscriptions	0	8,690
SkyGuides	41,110	0
<b>Other income</b>	<b>14,674</b>	<b>0</b>
Donations received	3,642	0
Dividends received	7,839	0
REIT and Other Income - Sanlam Unit Trusts	3,193	0
<b>Investment income</b>	<b>29,945</b>	<b>1,760</b>
Interest Received - Current account	6,875	1,760
Interest received - Sanlam	23,070	0
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>	<b>(31,565)</b>	<b>0</b>
Fair value adjustments	(31,565)	0
<b>Cost of revenue earned</b>	<b>(63,109)</b>	<b>(22,893)</b>
Sky Guide Editor Costs	(63,109)	(22,893)
<b>Other operating expenses</b>	<b>(97,554)</b>	<b>(166,905)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	<b>(36,083)</b>	<b>(51,757)</b>