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## **Presidents Report 2010**

This has been a hectic yet exciting year for SAIF National Council. The Learning Centre with Di Milford doing training for beginners in fundraising in rural areas has taken off and proved to be very successful with lots of positive feedback. Training will continue in 2011 and hopefully expand. We will be actively marketing our training with The Department of Social Development and other NGO's.

As the newly appointed treasurer for 2010 could not due to work pressure attend to our books we had to postpone the AGM last year and pay someone to bring our books up to date for the auditors. Everything is now finalized and audited statements can be produced at this AGM

Much time has been spent on organizing and marketing the Convention. Although we have a Convention Committee, this Committee are all volunteer Council Members as well. Input has also come from other members of the National Council at our teleconferences. Although all involved in full time employment, there is still much to be accomplished after hours and it will get worse as convention gets closer. Bookings are proving to be very successful and we are all looking forward to a great convention and networking and learning this year at a wonderful venue.

All the branches have been doing very well with training programmes and in particular KZN that has provided training to fundraisers in areas outside of Durban to give them an opportunity to keep abreast with what is happening in the fundraising world. This needs to be implemented at all branches especially in Gauteng as many fundraisers from Pretoria, East Rand Soweto are unable to attend due to transport difficulties. National Council also needs to look at setting up satellite committees in Free State, Mpumalanga and Limpopo to provide a better service to all our members.

Due to the news that Oliver Quambusch Chair Gauteng Branch and George Pappas Ex President was diagnosed with cancer, the Gauteng Branch did not have as many training sessions as before. Rose Pollard has kindly stepped in to get things rolling again in Gauteng. We wish them both a speedy recovery and successful treatment.

I would like to thank all the Council members and various Committee members for their commitment and dedication without which SAIF will not survive.

Also, thanks to Noeleen Mullett, our Coordinator, for all her hard work and effort to make convention marketing a success in spite of her many other responsibilities in administering the Institute.

***Zai Miller***

President.