



MINUTES OF THE 20th SAASTEC AGM MEETING

Held at the **Porche-Villa Conference Centre, Thoyhoyando, Limpopo**
Wednesday 28th November 2018
14h00 – 16h30

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mondli Mnguni (MM) SAASTEC Chair welcomed everybody to the SAASTEC 2018 Annual General Meeting.

There were apologies from Tebogo Gule, Phumezo Kwinana and Mike Bruton

2. Attendance Register

A list was circulated to be signed by members attending the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM – held at the ArcelorMittal Science Centre, Sebokeng, Gauteng on Thursday 19th November 2017

MM went through the minutes page by page. It was pointed out that Phumezo Kwinana's name was misspelled on page 4. The minutes were then adopted. (Moved by Akash Dusrath, Seconded by Jerry Mafereka).

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Changing of constitution – there was some discussion around what had arisen about the matter of changing the constitution as agreed at the last AGM. Thami Mphokela pointed out that SAASTEC had been advised by lawyers that they were bound by their Memorandum of Incorporation and as such was unable to change the constitution.

5. Chairman's Report

Mondli Mnguni presented the report for 2018. (Attached herewith – Annexure A).

5.1 SAASTEC would continue with capacity building workshops.

5.2 Fruitful discussions had been had with the DST and SAASTA.

5.3 One of the resolutions from the previous conference was that the conference should be held in different provinces, hence the 20th SAASTEC Conference being held in Limpopo

5.4 The Chair had attended 2 IPC Meetings, planning for the next world congress in Mexico.

That the term of office for the SAASTEC Board should be 3 years – in line with the world summit.

- 5.5 That after a year of having no Khoroni, SAASTEC has successfully applied for and received funding for 4 issues – 3 had been distributed already, a 4th would be produced in the new year. He encouraged the SAASTEC Community to submit articles so that the newsletter represented and reflected the whole community, and not just a few SC's who had good marketing strategies in place.
- 5.6 He reiterated that the 6SCWC held in 2011 in Cape Town's funds had dwindled and the coming board had to take fund raising very seriously. The current board had not raised anything and that the DST should not be depended on for funding.
- 5.7 He thanked the out-going board, SAASTEC members and the Department of Science and Technology.
- 5.8 MM cautioned the new board to take their duties seriously. It required a large amount of team work and dedication. He said that he hoped the best, and most hard-working team was selected.
- 5.9 He then opened the floor for questions and comments:
 - 5.9.1 Jerry Mafereka said that he agreed 100%, SAASTEC should be self-sufficient and specific resolutions need to be incorporated to this effect.
 - 5.9.2 Kabelo Pheena queries how many meetings there were and what was discussed. MM said that he would take this up with the incoming board and inform them.
 - 5.9.3 Daniel Motsapi pointed out that to address the issue of funding, SAASTEC should move forward to national marketing strategies and International links.
 - 5.9.4 It was asked if it would be possible to have a breakdown of the board members including tasks that they had been allocated and what had been done.
 - 5.9.5 Johan van Rooyen was scathing about the chair's report, saying that it should have dates and minutes should be circulated of meetings, It was not how a National organization should operate. The report should have included membership statistics, including where SAASTEC is now, and where it is going.
 - 5.9.6 Phillip Mushena suggested that the entire board should attend a strategic workshop and the minutes should be available.
 - 5.9.7 Jeff Makopole commented that the funding model had been discussed and agreed on and that the incoming board should look at it and make changes if necessary. He reiterated that the current position of secretary should be de-linked from treasurer. He pointed out that the comprehensive report should have come from the secretary rather than the chair. Also that the secretary (GS) had taken it upon herself to approach the lawyers and had sabotaged the changing of the constitution when she did not have such a mandate.
 - 5.9.8 The meeting then degenerated somewhat and was saved by Jerry Mafereka (GwOT) who pointed out that GS was just doing her job and he thanked her for being SAASTEC Secretary all these years. He thanked DST and SAASTA for the part that they play in assisting SAASTEC. He said it was admirable that there had been no malicious damage in the media as far as SAASTEC was concerned and that it was imperative that SAASTEC reach self-sufficiency in the next 5 years.

6. Financial Report and Annual Financial Statements

Ginny Stone presented this report. (Financial Report attached herewith – Annexure B).

GS briefly explained the following:

- SAASTEC's financial year stretches from 1 April to 31st March.
- Standard Bank Business on-line is used for all banking.

- All deposits and payments are made via EFT
- The programme Turbocash is used by GS to generate the financials, which are then sent to Middle & Partner Auditors.
- Mondli Mnguni and Tebogo Gule are the designated financial officers when it comes to releasing payments, although TG has never activated her token and so all releasing has been done by the Chair.
- Total income generated from subscriptions R33,300.
- An income of R25,745 was generated from the 19th SAASTEC Conference held in November 2017. It was pointed out that the DST grant, which had dwindled down to an unexpected R100,000 for this conference, was only paid into the SAASTEC Bank account on the 5th November. The fact that the conference had to be moved to a hotel, because of unrest at the designated host venue, did not help the finances either.
- Current bank balance as at 31/10/2018 was R182,323. It was pointed out that less than R20,000 of that amount was not committed – the rest had been committed for the Khoroni newsletter and conference.
- GS pointed out that SAASTEC is seriously short of funds, the profit made from the 6SCWC had now been exhausted and said that for SAASTEC to continue, the new board would have to make a serious effort to raise funds.
- She also announced that due to the fact that SAASTEC was severely financially challenged, the financials had not been audited for the year.
- GS publicly resigned as SAASTEC secretary / treasurer for the third and final time.

Nomusa Keninda remarked that unaudited financials were unacceptable and that the last of the SAASTEC funding should be used to have them audited. They should then be put onto the SAASTEC website. She also queried how SAASTEC will move forward without a secretary/treasurer.

Kabelo Phena queried the whole financial report, seeing as it had not been audited.

GS assured the meeting that the reported financials were sound and not in any way corrupt. There simply had not been enough funds in the bank account to have them audited (usually in the region of around R12,000).

7. Voting for SAASTEC Board Members

MM explained the voting procedure – that nomination ballots had been circulated to the SAASTEC Network 3 weeks prior to the AGM as specified in the MOI.

Voting slips were distributed and institutions (only paid-up ones) were instructed that they would vote for 3 people, individual members could vote for one person – according to the constitution. A total of 8 people would be voted onto the SAASTEC Board.

It was requested that the floor be opened for additional nominations. This was agreed.

It was decided to do a roll-call of all the members of good standing to check they were present at the meeting at the time of voting. 32 people/SC's responded.

The following people had been already nominated:

Tebogo Gule (existing)
 Puleng Tsie (existing)
 Phumezo Kwinana (existing)
 Sampie Mathebe (existing)
 Daniel Maubane (Moipone)
 Tebogo Habedi (ArcelorMittal Newcastle)
 Daniel Motsapi (arcelorMittal Sebokeng)
 Silindile Mthembu (UniZulu SC)
 Tanja Reinhardt (STEC)
 Akash Dusrath (CTSC)

Additional people nominated from the floor at the meeting.

Armstrong Mashakeni (NZG)

Khangale Phillip Mutshena (Palabora Foundation)
Sandile Rikhotso (ULSC)
Elisa Fraser (SANSA Hermanus)
Kabela Pheeha (USET UNISA)

The counting of the votes was supervised by an independent delegate who is not a SAASTEC member– Mr Livhuwani Masevhe (DST).

The AGM proceeded whilst the votes were being counted.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Next Conference

MM mentioned that there were originally 2 applications to host the 20th SAASTEC Conference – Vuwani and SciBono. The conference was awarded to Vuwani.

The call for hosting the 21st SAASTEC conference had gone out in June 2018.

As a result, Sci-Bono Discovery Centre and Inkubeko Youth & Science Centre had both bid to hold the 21st SAASTEC Conference. It was decided to award the conference to Inkubeko Youth & Science Centre in George, Western Cape. The dates of the conference are still to be decided.

LM read out the results of the voting - there were a total of 32 Ballots. Three (3) were disqualified after voting had taken place due to the fact the members were no longer in the room after the voting had taken place. One (1) was spoilt and therefore disqualified. LM went on to report that there was a tie between Tebogo Habedi and Silindile Mthembu for the 8th place on the Board. A second round of voting ensued.

Mondli Mnguni read out the new board members who had been voted in and once again thanked the outgoing board very much for their work during the past two years.

Incoming SAASTEC Board Members (2018-2020)

Daniel Motsapi (ArcelorMittal Science Centre, Sebokeng) Chair
Sandile Rikhotso (University of Limpopo Science Centre)
Akash Dusrath (Cape Town Science Centre) Deputy Chair
Kabelo Pheeha (I-SET UNISA)
Sampie Mathebe (Vuyani Science Centre, UniVen)
Daniel Maubane (Moipoina)
Khangale Phillip Mutshena (Palabora Foundation)
Slindile Mthembu (UniZulu Science Centre)

KHANGALE PHILLIP MUTSHENA

The Meeting then closed at 16h30

Ginny Stone
SAASTEC SECRETARY/TREASURER