

# WATER INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held on Monday, 16 May 2016 at 17h30  
At Hall 2C, Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre, Durban

<b>Present:</b>	Dr Jo Burgess	Chair
	Dr Valerie Naidoo	Vice Chair
	Manu Padiaychee	Chair: Finance, Risk and Audit Portfolio Com
	Dr Lester Goldman	WISA CEO
	Achim Wurster	Director: Divisions
	Prof David Taylor	Director
	Paradise Shilowa	Director: Branches
	Gary Brown	Chair Small Wastewater Treatment Division
	Chris Swartz	Chair Water Reuse Division
	Dr Manjusha Sunil	Chair Water Innovation Technologies
	Prof TG Barnard	Elected Council Member
	Jonny Harris	Chair Community Water Supply and Sanitation
	Vishnu Mabeer	KZN Branch Chair
	Dr Henry Roman	Chair IWA-SA Division
	Shanna Nienaber	Chair Young Water Professionals
	Selby Thabethe	Chair Eastern Cape Branch
	Sabelo Mkhize	Chair Central Branch
	Gordon Borain	Chair Anaerobic and Sludge Process Division
	Koos Wilken	Chair Management and Institutional Affairs
	Shakera Arendze	Chair Water Science Division
	Farouk Robertson	Elected Council Member
	Sydney Armoed	Chair Process Controllers
	Carlos Bezuidenhout	Member
	John Clayton	Member
	Boris Vassilev	Member
	Dewald van Staden	Member
	Marina Kruger	Member
	Peter Thompson	Member
	Bongani Ncube	Member
	Jean-Marc Mwenge Kahinda	Member
	Adesola Ilembe	Member
	SJ van Staden	Member
	Dan Naidoo	Member
	Nora Hanke-Louw	Member
	Nqobile Mgoza	Member
	Suvritha Ramphal	Member
	Jasmitha Soondarjee	Member
	Dumisani Gubuza	Member
	Basetsana Mathibe	Member
	Nonhlanhla Kalebaila	Member
	Dr Jennifer Molwantwa	Member
	Leana Esterhuizen	Member
	Richard Holden	Member
	Sue Freese	Member
	Virginia Molose	Member

Suhayl Rawhani	Member
Savia Marais	Member
John Petzer	Member
Christopher Maduma	Member
Dr Ralph Heath	Member
Prof Fred Otieno	Member
Tony Bowers	Member
Bobby Naidoo	Member
CJ Coomans	Member
Mpeto Msimanga	Member
Mzimkhulu Monapathi	Member
Jaco Seaman	WISA Marketing and Events Manager
Adrie Krugel	WISA Operations Manager
Anita Pillay	WISA Training and Accreditations Manager
Melissa Wheal	WISA Branches and Divisions Manager

## **1. WELCOME**

Dr Jo Burgess, WISA Chair, welcomed all to the AGM of the institute.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

The following apologies were received:

- Johan Wagner
- Susan van Heerden
- Tikologo T. Makhoana
- Graham Keppie
- Gareth McConkey
- Peter Fischer
- Philani Khumalo
- Siobhan Jackson
- Elias Nkuna

## **3. ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES**

The AGM accepted the following proxies:

- Ms Blanche Postma - proxy to Mr Richard Garner
- Dr Jean Mulopo – proxy to Prof David Taylor

## **4. APPLICABLE WAIVERS**

There were no applicable waivers.

## **5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the Agenda.

## **6. CONFIRM APPROVAL OF THE AGM MINUTES FOR 2015**

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted without any amendments.

## **7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

## **8. PRESIDENTIAL REPORT**

Dr Jo Burgess presented her report to the members. The full annual report can be downloaded from [http://www.wisa.org.za/Show\\_Document.aspx?DocID=1102](http://www.wisa.org.za/Show_Document.aspx?DocID=1102)

## **9. ANNUAL REPORT**

The CEO presented his report to the members.

## **10. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Chair of the Finance, Risk and Audit Portfolio Committee presented his report to the members.

## **11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The Chair of the Finance, Risk and Audit Portfolio Committee presented his proposal to appoint Morar Incorporated, as the auditors.

### ***Resolved***

The AGM agreed to the appointment of Morar Incorporated as WISA's new auditors.

## **12. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL AND/OR ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions to consider.

## **13. GENERAL**

### **13.1. Membership Fees**

A concern was raised by the members regarding the cost of the Professional Process Controllers fees. Further the issue was raised that members are being charged interest on their membership fees.

The Chair noted the concerns raised and informed the members that the WISA Board would consider these concerns at their next Board meeting.

The CEO stated that the Rules of the Company allows WISA to charge interest on overdue accounts and is it an accepted practice in many other organisations .In order to prevent being charged interest , a member should ensure that their fees are paid by 31 January of every year.

### **13.2. Patron Members Benefits**

A member raised a concern regarding the Patron Members benefits. Another concern raised was regarding the lack of visit to the Patron Members, as was done so in the past. The Chair explained that Patron Members are invited to the annual Patron Members event where they are able to engage with WISA. The costs associated with travelling to the various provinces for short meetings could not be warranted, and therefore it was agreed to rather do away with the Presidential Tour. The Chair noted the concerns and stated that these issues would be discussed at Board.

### **13.3. Conference fees**

A member mentioned his concern regarding the conference fees which are becoming increasingly higher, and this has led to many members no longer being able to attend. The Chair stated that the WISA has tried very hard to keep the costs reasonable through obtaining sponsorships. Unfortunately the conference has grown to the extent where suitable venues

for hosting the event have become limited, and WISA is only able to hold the Biennial Conference at the various larger ICC's which are more expensive in general. She added the WISA will continue towards ensuring they provide the best fee possible.

#### **14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUTGOING COUNCILLORS AND EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE**

The Chair thanked the outgoing Council and Board members for great work they have done in serving the institute during their terms. Board members who have completed their term are Mr Ronald Brown and Ms Shanna Nienaber. Council members who have completed their term are Mr Johan Wagner, Mr Farouk Robertson, Dr TG Barnard, Dr Harrison Pienaar, Mr Vishnu Mabeer, Mr Gordon Borain and Mr Koos Wilken. WISA is tremendously grateful for the hard work and dedication provided by these members to help WISA move forward and upward in the sector.

##### ***Resolved***

The meeting accepted that the following Directors would be exiting the Board: Mr Ronald Brown and Ms Shanna Nienaber.

#### **15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHAIR FOR 2016/2017**

Dr Valerie Naidoo was announced as the new Chair of the WISA Board for 2016/2017.

#### **16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE YWP CHAIR FOR 2016/2017**

Ms Nora Hanke was announced as the new Chair for the Young Water Professionals for 2016/2017.

#### **17. HANDOVER OF PRESIDENTIAL CHAINS**

Handover was completed.

#### **18. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS – WAY FORWARD**

Dr Valerie Naidoo addressed the members. Dr Naidoo thanked Dr Jo Burgess for her leadership and support during her tenure as the WISA Chair. WISA has made great strides in the past two years towards governance compliance, oversight and financial sustainability. We will continue to build excellence in these areas and look at alternate strategies in order to secure WISA's continued financial sustainability. WISA as an organisation is about people and connectivity, in this regard we really look forward to impacting three areas: growth in membership, being inclusive and representative and affording opportunities for all members and volunteers to grow within the WISA ranks; action through partnerships with Patron Members, government departments, private sector and international partnerships; we need to recognise the value of our volunteers and in courage growth there in. "Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart."

#### **19. ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL AND BOARD FOR 2015/2016**

##### **Board**

**President:** Dr Valerie Naidoo

**Vice President:** Mr Achim Wurster

**Immediate Past President:** Dr Jo Burgess

**Treasurer:** Mr Manu Padiaychee

**Director of Divisions:** Mr Chris Swartz

**Director of Branches:** Mr Paradise Shilowa

**Director:** Prof David Taylor

**Young Water Professionals President:** Ms Nora Hanke

##### **Elected Council Members**

Mr Richard Garner

Dr Shafick Adams  
Mr Dan Naidoo  
Dr Jennifer Molwantwa  
Mr Richard Holden  
Dr Jean Mulopo  
Mr Clint Stewart

#### **Council Branches**

**Eastern Cape:** Mr Selby Thabethe  
**Central Regions:** Mr Sabelo Mkhize  
**Gauteng:** Mr Ashwin Seetal  
**Kwa-Zulu Natal:** Ms Renelle Pillay  
**Limpopo:** Mr Paradise Shilowa  
**Mpumalanga:** New Chair required  
**Namibia:** New Chair required  
**Western Cape:** Ms Natasia van Binsbergen

#### **Council Divisions**

**Anaerobic Sludge Processes:** Chair to be confirmed  
**Community Water Supply & Sanitation:** Mr Jonny Harris  
**IWA-SA:** Dr Henry Roman  
**Management and Institutional Affairs:** Dr Nezar Eldidy  
**Membrane Technology:** Mr Achim Wurster – Chair to be confirmed  
**Mine Water:** Ms Blanché Postma – Chair to be confirmed  
**Process Controllers:** Mr Sydney Armoed  
**Small Wastewater Treatment Works:** Mr Gary Brown  
**Southern Africa Industrial Water (SAIWA):** New Chair required  
**Water Distribution:** Mr Peter Fischer  
**Water Technology Innovations:** Dr Manjusha Sunil  
**Water Reuse:** Mr Chris Swartz  
**Water Science:** Ms Shakera Arendze  
**Young Water Professionals:** Ms Nora Hanke

#### ***Resolved***

The meeting agreed to the appointment of Mr Chris Swartz and Ms Nora Hanke as a Directors of WISA. Mr Swartz will be serving as the Director of Divisions and Ms Nora Hanke will be serving as the YWP Chair.

## **20. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair officially closed the meeting of the AGM at 18h00.