

## MINUTES OF THE WISA WC AGM

**DATE** : 18 February 2016

**VENUE** : GIBB Consulting Engineers

**TIME** : 15h30-16h00

**PRESENT** : Ms Natasia Van Binsbergen (NvB) (Chairman)  
Wilma Grebe (WG) Secretary

Messrs John Clayton (JC)  
Dave Crombie (DC)  
Raymond Baker (RB)  
Boris Vassilev (BV)  
Gareth Mc Conkey (GM)  
Farouk Robertson (FR)  
Jason Mingo

**APOLOGIES** : Messrs M. Botha (MB)  
A. Maherry (AM)

1. **WELCOME**

1.1	The WISA Western Cape chair, Ms Natasia van Binsbergen welcomed all to the meeting.
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2. **EVENTS/BRANCH MEETINGS FOR 2015**

2.1	<p>NvB: Mentioned that the Western Cape branch elected committee members during 2015 and that these committee members all confirmed that they were willing to serve another year, 2016. These members are as follows:</p> <p>Natasia van Binsbergen- Chair Wilma Grebe – Secretary Gareth Mc Conkey – Committee Member Farouk Robertson – Committee Member Jason Mingo – YWP Representative Boris Vassilev – Committee Member Raymond Baker – Committee Member John Clayton – Committee Member Dave Crombie – Committee Member Mike Botha – Southern Cape Representative Ashton Maherry – YWP chair and Western Cape committee member</p> <p>The committee members were all introduced to the WISA members attending the meeting.</p>
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2.2	<p>NvB gave a recap of the meetings which were held during 2015.</p> <p>On <b>5 March 2015</b> a meeting was held at CPUT in Cape Town on Urban Water Systems: Alternative design strategies that are shaping our city.</p> <p>At this meeting an election of members was held by Chair: Gareth Mc Conkey.</p> <p>Gareth Mc Conkey's term as chair had ended and a new chair, Ms Natasia van Binsbergen was elected for 2015.</p> <p><b>18 June 2015:</b></p> <p>Presentation: Eutrophication and cyanobacteria in South Africa's standing water bodies: A view from space. Speaker: Dr Mark Matthews, Cyanolakes (Pty) Ltd</p> <p>Presentation: Cape Flats Aquifer and False Bay- Opportunities to Change Speaker: Ms Rowena Hay, Founder and MD, Umvoto Africa &amp; Mr Fanie Botha, Umvoto Africa</p> <p>Both presentations were uploaded to the eWISA website as well as photos of the event.</p> <p>This event was sponsored by Gibb Consulting Engineers.</p> <p><b>20 August 2015:</b></p> <p>Presentation: Membrane Technology used in rural water supply applications. Speaker: Dr Ian Goldie, IKUSASA Water, Somerset West.</p> <p>Presentation: Berg River Improvement Plan – new strategies for a changing environment Speaker: Mr Jason Mingo (YWP), Directorate: Pollution Management, Department Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.</p> <p>Presentations and photos of this event were uploaded to the eWISA website.</p> <p>This event was sponsored by IKUSASA WATER</p> <p><b>19 November 2015</b></p> <p>Presentation: Aeration Blower replacements at five different City of Cape Town WWTP's. Progress update. Speaker: Mr John Clayton</p> <p>Photos on the eWISA website.</p> <p>The event was sponsored by INENZO Water</p> <p><b>All the above events were very well attended.</b></p>
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3. **Workshops**

3.1	No workshops were held during 2015
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4. **Involvement in other activities**

4.1	<p>Attended a one-day Water Symposium in Stellenbosch on 08 October 2015</p> <p>Participated in a 'walk and talk' event held by WAMTechnology for two local schools on 09 October 2015.</p> <p>Held a site visit at Mitchell's Plain WWTP – Topic: Blower technology as part of our event for 19 November 2015</p>
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**5. Recruitment and retention of Members**

5.1	Invites and notices were sent to WISA members and non-members to attend events. Announcements were made at each event inviting non-members to become WISA members. Membership forms and other information was made available at each event.
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**6. Financial Report (Appendix 1)**

6.1	See attached
	Surplus R17 020

**7. Upcoming events for 2016**

7.1	14-22 March – National Water Week- Planning a You Tube video with careers in the water sector
	21 April – Full day seminar – Use of groundwater to augment potable water
	23 June 2016 – to be confirmed

**8. Newsletters**

8.1	WISA Western Cape circulates a newsletter bi-monthly.

**9. Election of committee members and chair for 2016/2017**

7.1	Mr Ralph Richards was nominated as a new committee member. This was seconded and accepted by all present.
	The rest of the existing committee made themselves available for another term.
	Ms Natasia v Binsbergen also made herself available to serve another term as chair. This was also seconded and accepted by all present.

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**N. VAN BINSBERGEN**  
**CHAIRMAN**