

**MINUTES OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
ENGINEERING PROFESSIONS ASSOCIATION HELD AT  
THE BAUERNSTUBE FAMILY RESTAURANT  
ON 27 OCTOBER 2005 AT 18:00**

**EPA COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

S Tekie	President
F Jeske	Vice-President
H Weinert	Electrical Discipline
J Hennes	Namit division
E Albrecht	Technical Discipline
U C Wilson	Administration / Secretary

**EPA MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

B Rust	P Heyns	G Brettschneider	G Seydack
G Diehl	H Lerch	J Lamprecht	

**APOLOGIES:**

H Oberprieler	R O'Malley	A van der Merwe
H Dedekind	A Raw	F Biederlack
F Marx	N Theron	

**1. WELCOME AND OPENING**

The President, Ms. S Tekie, opened the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at 18:10 and welcomed all members present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Ms. S Tekie read the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting. The minutes were approved as being a true reflection of the proceedings of the previous AGM on the proposal of Mr. P Heyns and seconded by Mr. H Weinert.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

No matters arose from the previous AGM minutes.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. S Tekie presented her president's report, a copy of which is attached hereto. In her report she touched on the various events that had taken place during the year, i.e. The Young Engineers Construction Project (Bridge Building Competition), the EPA Golf Day and the situation regarding the bursary schemes administered by the EPA.

Referring to the recent publicity in newspapers regarding her position at the Roads Authority she explained that until the findings of the commission of enquiry had been made public no reports could be regarded as official.

## **5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. F Jeske presented the financial report for the year March 2004 to February 2005. From the draft financial statements, a copy of which was handed to all present, it was evident that expenditure exceeded income. Income had dropped mainly due to shrinking membership, low membership fees and lack of income through other sources like seminars or workshops. Mr. F Jeske stressed that Council was reluctant to increase membership fees at this stage as the EPA needed to offer their members something meaningful in return. He was of the opinion that only once the Engineering Council of Namibia instituted a compulsory CPD programme, the EPA could play an important role in facilitating training courses.

Mr. G Seydack commented that a lot of assets were tied up as "receivables" and that it was questionable whether the EPA would receive these. This matter needed attention to be resolved.

The Financial Statements as presented were approved on the proposal of Mr. H Weinert, seconded by Mr. G Diehl.

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Only one nomination for council member was received, i.e. that of Mr. G Seydack to serve in the position of Honorary Secretary. Mrs. S Tekie added that she was awaiting confirmation from a further member who was prepared to serve on council. The following council members offered to continue serving in the respective positions:

President	S Tekie
Vice-President	F Jeske
Electrical Discipline	H Weinert
Technical Discipline	E Albrecht
NAMIT	J Hennes
Honorary Secretary	G Seydack

The President, Ms S Tekie thanked all council members for offering their services for yet another year.

## **7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No matters were raised under this item.

## **8. GENERAL**

Mr. G Seydack raised the question as to when the ECN would introduce the CPD (Continued Professional Development) programme and whether this would be included in the amended Engineering Act. It was agreed that the finalisation of the Act with the inclusion of the CPD matter should be speeded up. The meeting further agreed that the level of CPD training should be compatible with the standards required in South Africa.

Mr. P Heyns commented on the lack of young engineers joining the EPA as members. He proposed that efforts should be increased to improve the image of the association by disseminating more information on a regular basis and by more interaction with other instances. He also proposed that local engineers should be encouraged more to publish papers.

Mr. H Lerch expressed concern about the standard of tertiary education for engineers in this country and about the fact that too few students studying at South African universities returned to Namibia after completion. It was generally agreed that the competency level of young engineers should be raised.

**9. CLOSURE**

There being nothing further to discuss Ms. S Tekie thanked all members present for attending the meeting and invited them with their partners for a social dinner.

The meeting closed at 19:10.

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PRESIDENT

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VICE-PRESIDENT

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Attached:      President's report  
                    Financial Statements