

**MINUTES OF THE 23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ENGINEERING  
PROFESSIONS ASSOCIATION HELD ON THE 16th NOVEMBER 2000 AT 18:00  
AT THE FÜRSTENHOF HOTEL**

**EPA COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

F Jeske	President
J Hennes	Namit Division
E Albrecht	Technical Division
H Weinert	Electrical Division
I-H Scholtz	Co-opted member
R Camby	Co-opted member
C Kutz	Admin/Secretary

**APOLOGIES:**

F K Sekandi	Mechanical Discipline
G Seydack	Past President

**EPA MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

I-H Scholtz	R Tobich
C Davy	B Rust
F Biederlack	F Mate
Dr-Ing Dierks	
B Cummings	

**APOLOGIES:**

R Steinbach	G Brettschneider
J Lamprecht	F Marx
N Theron	V Urich

K Detering  
H Seelenbinder  
H Hess  
H Matthaedi  
M Redecker  
F Nitsche  
H Oberpreiler  
G Howard  
G Nolting

P Weder  
G Burmeister  
G Diehl  
K Lund  
H Lerch  
D Reed  
J Taylor  
RA Alexander  
R Clough-Wilson

1. **WELCOME AND OPENING**

The President, Mr F Jeske, opened the 23<sup>h</sup> Annual General Meeting at 18:20 and welcomed all members present.

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

Mr F Jeske 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 a proposal by Mr J Hennes and seconded by Mr B Cummings.

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

No further matters to discuss.

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr F Jeske presented his president's report. A copy is herewith attached. Acceptance of the president's report was proposed by Mr E Albrecht and seconded by Mr R Camby.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr F Jeske presented the financial report, a copy herewith attached. A Neuhaus and Company has audited the accounts and their report was approved by the meeting, proposed by Mr B Cummings and seconded by Mr R Camby. It was agreed to keep the present auditors, A Neuhaus and Company. F Jeske thanked C Kutz for the comprehensive report she compiled on the financial matters.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President	R Camby
Vice-President	S Tekie
Past President	F Jeske
Electrical Discipline	H Weinert
Co-opted member	I-H Scholtz
Technical Discipline	E Albrecht
Co-opted member	J Runji
J Hennes	NAMIT

Mr R Camby thanked all council members for offering their services for yet another year on council.

Once again the president made an appeal to members to really consider offering their services to the EPA. For the past few years there has been very few members offering their services to stand on council.

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

7.1 No further matters were discussed.

8. **GENERAL**

8.1 **Council Matters**

The president, Mr R Camby mentioned that the council consists of the same members and it would be an advantage if other members offered their services. New ideas from young vibrant members would be an assist to EPA. He asked for members to consider offering an hour or two of their time each month to the association.

8.2 **Retired Members**

The matter of reduced membership fees for retired members was raised. The meeting decided that reduced membership fees, of 50% of the corporate membership fee rate, which is currently N\$ 240.00 would apply. The retired member would have to apply in writing for the retired membership fee.

9. **CLOSURE**

Mr R Camby thanked the members that were present for attending the meeting and invited everyone with their partners to dinner and social. He also thanked Dr-Ing Dierks for accepting our invitation as our guest speaker and introduced him.

The meeting was declared closed at 18:45.

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PRESIDENT

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VICE-PRESIDENT

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DATE

Attached:

- a) President's Report
- b) A Profit and Loss Statement 1999/2000 indicating the expenditure and income of the various activities that the EPA participates in.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT 1999/2000**

16 November 2000

In the name of EPA I welcome you all to this AGM of ours. EPA had another year of reasonable activity, as follows;

Functions that were held during the past year;

### **Rossing Careers Exhibition**

This took place at the Windhoek Show Grounds. EPA was represented by providing a stand that was manned by Chantel Kutz. The exhibition was in June, over a period of three days and was visited by 4500 Namibian scholars from Windhoek Senior secondary schools and several schools from towns like Rehoboth, Okahandja and Gobabis.

### **Young Engineers' Construction Project**

25 teams from various schools over the country participated. This event took place in March 2000 at the International School Hall. The competition was to construct a bridge out of wooden dowels, string and glue. The competition was won by DHPS, second PK de Villiers and third Windhoek High School. At the international Competition in Pretoria on the 13 April our Namibian team won. A thank you to Dirk Reed who accompanied the Namibian team to South Africa, as well as to Chantel Kutz and all the people who were involved in the organization. Another thank you to the sponsors who made this competition possible.

### **EPA Golf Day**

It took place on the 6 October to which 30 golfers participated. It was a very enjoyable day. We would like to thank all the sponsors as well as Rolf Trossbach, Claus Detering who assisted. A special thanks to Chantel Kutz for her organization of this day.

### **Luncheons, Courses and Seminars**

A course on Structural Steel Design was scheduled and organized for the 19 and 20 October, but unfortunately this did not realise due to lack of interest.

A Luncheon was presented on "Automatic Top Spillway gates" on the 30 May 2000, 13 members attended.

Another luncheon was presented on the 3 July 2000 on "Electrical Load Research" to which 12 members attended.

### **EPA Bursary Fund**

EPA is administering the MWTC Bursary Fund for Sida and the Ministry of Works Transport and Communication. 28 students are receiving bursaries amounting to a total cost of N\$1,2 million per annum. The first four students should graduate this year.

### **The Shell Environmental Award**

The council has tried to reinstate the Shell Environmental Award. Unfortunately the EPA is here in the hands of Shell Namibia.

### **The Council**

This has been my last term of office as President for EPA. I of course will remain on council. Mr Robert Camby has taken the chair, and his vice president is Mrs Sophie Tekie. We would like to thank these two members for accepting and offering their services to the EPA.

Further I would like to thank our committee members for their time, effort and spirit in all the EPA matters and to thank the new council committee members for offering their services, most of them once again.

A special word of thanks again to Chantel Kutz, who is assisting actively in all functions, activities, meetings what ever for the EPA and the engineering field.

### **Retired Membership**

It needs to be discussed what portion a retired member will be charged for their annual subscription fees. The grade of retired member was accepted in recent AGM but it was never stipulated was discount would be allowed. A suggestion from my side would be 50% of the corporate fee. I would like the meeting to discuss this matter further. It must be noted that a retired member must apply in writing for his reduced membership fee.

### **Participation**

It is still very disappointing that the participation of the EPA members is so poor. This can also be seen tonight at our attendance at the AGM. We all know that it not because we are not informed, Chantel and other council members phone a lot of members personally and fax and mail all the others. I hereby appeal to all members to become more active and support council in their attempts to offer something in return to the members. I ask of any person wishing to assist or serve on council to come forward. We look forward to the support of our members.