SANIRE
SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ROCK ENGINEERING

SANIRE MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY at 09H00 on 1 NOVEMBER 2019 2019 at the IVANPLATS BOARDROOM, SANDTON

Present:	P Couto – President (PC) R Armstrong (RA) F Essrich (FE)	J Maritz (JM) L Prinsloo (LP) Y Rajpal (YR)
Apologies:	A Cooper (AC) A Esterhuizen (AE) J Lucas (JL)	M du Plessis (MdP) D Neal (DN) P Mosiane (PM)
In Attendance:	R van der Berg (MPAS)	

ITEM		SUBJECT	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1.		**WELCOME**	PC
		The President welcomed members present and thanked members for attending the meeting. Apologies were noted for members not present. As a quorum was present the meeting was duly constituted.	
2.		**MATTERS ARRISING & MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**	PC
		Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled and discussed and accepted as a true reflection of the meeting held	
3.		**NEW MATTERS**	
		The President advised that new matters will be dealt with during the meeting.	
4.		**COUNCIL MATTERS**	
	4.1	**EDUCATION**	
		Education Workshop • Feedback was given on the workshop that was held on 14 August 2019 and it was noted that the meeting was well received and attendees found value in the hosting of the workshop **SCO Exams** • Feedback was given on the SCO exams that were hosted • 62 candidates wrote and 22 passed • A feedback form to be created for feedback to be received from candidates of the examinations • A meeting will be scheduled to align the levels/standards in February/March 2020	

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RE Exam

It was noted that the practical examination will be scheduled for 11 November 2019 at IMPALA Platinum
It was noted that the final marks will be released by 5 December 2019
Members were advised that portfolios were distributed and moderators complained about the time of receiving the information
It was requested that the spreadsheet used be revised to ensure that all information is captured correctly

General

Members were advised that the current exam administrator is due to retire
An examination meeting is scheduled for 7 December 2019
Members were advised that the current ticket will still be going ahead
University of Leoban feedback was given and members were advised that 13 people have started the course and that the first class is scheduled for October 2020
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The following feedback was given on events:

2nd SANIRE Rockburst

Event planned for 8 November 2019
Members present were advised that the programme has been finalised

Pillar Workshop

Event is planned for February 2020
It was suggested that the venue be Witbank, Mpumalanga
Further information to be shared at next meeting

Banquet

Members were advised that this banquet was successful and that it was the first banquet hosted by SANIRE
It was noted that a loss of R60,000 Rand has been recorded. Members agreed that loss is acceptable as it was the first banquet held
The President noted that only in limited number of council members were in attendance and that majority of the attendance were from suppliers and that the feedback was positive and that members are looking forward to the next event

AGM

Feedback were given on the AGM and it was noted that the meeting was not well attended
It was suggested that the meeting returned to the format of the morning meeting

2020 Diary

The president requested counsel to finalise meeting dates in order for the 2020 diary to be finalised and communicated to members

The following events to be finalised:

Council meetings - three a year
Rock bowl
Golf Day
Constitution meeting
SANIRE symposium – Eastern bushveld

Members present agreed that the banquet will be only hosted every second year

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	4.3	**FINANCE**	

The treasurer reported back on the following:

Financials:

- R246 306 - current account
- R390 567.56 - investment account
- Members were advised that the services of C Peterson will be ended and that the audit will be started
- Members were informed that a collection ratio of 70% is currently noted against a ratio of 35% the last year
- Members were advised that the cell phone contract will also be cancelled as a landline already exist for the current administrators. F Essrich to send contract to the treasurer
- It was noted that the ISRM subscription fee will be due in January 2020
- Members were advised that payment is due from the SAIMM for the deep mining conference
- Members were informed that the one account solution will be up to the branches to take advantage of or manage their own accounts
- One Account Solution authorisation process will require
  - Quotation
  - Authorisation
  - Two Signatories to have payment commenced

	4.4	**MEMBERSHIP**	

Membership

- Members present were informed that the process is working well

Membership Statistics:

Membership Type

Associate	**465**
Correspondence	**1**
Fellow	**21**
Honorary Fellow	**21**
Honorary Member	**3**
Member	**214**
Retired	**8**
Student	**5**
	738

ISRM 2019 Congress Rockbowl

- Feedback were given on the rock bowl hosted in Brazil
- it was noted that the event was well organised and the President thanked all for the participation

	4.5	**SOCIAL MEDIA/ NEWSLETTER/ WEBSITE**	

No feedback received

The President advised that he would contact the allocated representative to finalise participation as no feedback has been received

The website will be managed until further notice by P Couto & A Esterhuizen

- The following items to be reviewed on the website
  - Financial statements – members discussed and it was noted and voted that only five years will be published

		• Audited statements proceedings - members discussed and it was noted that only three years will be reflected • AGM Minutes - members discussed and it was noted that five years would be done • Council minutes – members discussed and it was voted that no Council minutes will be published (Vote 5 against publishing / 1 for publishing (F Essrich) The Facebook page will be managed by A Esterhuizen The newsletter for January will be managed by Y Rajpal • Members discussed the newsletter and it was noted that a newsletter will only be published six monthly and that the following will be featured • Rockstar • President corner • Personality • Statistics • Education • Birthday list	
	4.6	**ISRM / RETC / MRAC**	
		ISRM • Feedback was given and report will be signed by P Couto and L Prinsloo • P Couto thanked W Joughin for his duty as representative for Africa and congratulated M du Plessis on his appointment as representative • Members discussed the formation of a branch for Zambia /DRC • M du Plessis to present Council worth an action plan **RETC** • No Feedback **MRAC** • No Feedback	
	4.7	**ORGANISATIONAL LIAISON**	
		SAIEG The following is currently under discussion: • Euro code • Design and building codes • Civil codes **SANCOT** • The representative reported that SANCOT is currently being revived and more information will be provided at the next meeting **SAIMM** • No feedback **GSSA** • The representative reported back that the GSSA is currently busy with accreditation of some of its courses and will provide more feedback at the next meeting **MOSH/COPA** • The representative reported back on the Good Ledging Leading Practice workshop that was hosted on 27 September 2019 **MQA** • The representative reported back on the following:	

		• OFO Occupational Profiling Work Groups reviewed professions & work plans on 17 & 18 September:
		  • >240 review applications received
		  • Main task: change titles, add/remove specialisations
		  • Review required qualifications, accreditation and licences
		
		• In the Rock Engineering field:
		  • 132202001 Rock Engineering Manager
		  • 311701000 Rock Engineering Technician / Officer
		  • 311701005 Strata Control Observer (u/g hard rock)
		  • 311701006-8 Strata Control Practitioner (hard rock, surface, coal)
		  • 311701009 Geotechnical Engineering Practitioner (completed in Aug-2017, not yet profiled)
		
		Rockburst Task Team
		• Last meeting: 31-May, next planned for 2nd half of November
		• 3 RETC research proposals to be presented to MHSC for 2021/22 programme (15, 22 or 26 November):
		  • Gap analysis of the SA Mining Industry's Seismic Systems.
		  • Causes and factors that contributed to rockburst accidents after 2014.
		  • What are the factors influencing the success rate of predictive technology?
		
		Mine Seismology
		• Latest R-fall and R-burst fatality trends were presented
		• No recent rockburst accidents reported
		• 2nd SANIRE Rockburst workshop on 8-Nov (38 registered):
		  • Latest safety trends in the Rf and Rb area
		  • Summary of Rb Task Team achievements/failures
		  • CGS web site with mine seismic data in public domain (SIM170301)
		  • Rockburst risk updates from AG-A, Sibanye, Harmony and Northam
		  • New rockburst induced PPV modelling s/ware from IMS.
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5		**SANIRE SUGGESTION BOX**	
		Suggestions received being addressed by a Cooper, L Prinsloo & P Couto	
6.		**ETHICS COMMITTEE**	
		The President informed members that the establishment of ethics committee needs to be addressed and reported that a discussion took place with a past presidents and the following feedback we received: • None of the past presidents are willing to stand as the ethics officer • Although seen as a good plan it was questioned who will be financing the initiative SANIRE is a voluntary association The President advised that as per the constitution the Council is the ethics committee and that in his discussion with other associations the establishment of an ethics committee will not be entertained F Essrich presented document on ethics committee The constitution and code of conduct were quoted: *"2.15 The council shall have the right either to suspend from participation in the privileges of membership, subject to such conditions as it may deem fit, or to expel from the Institute, any member who may have committed any offence or has been found guilty of any conduct, which, in the opinion of the council, renders him/her unfit to remain a member."*	

		The President requested from Mr F Essrich why the documents on the ethics committee was circulated prior to being discussed on Council level. Members present agreed that the constitution makes provision for it as a mechanism and that any further changes needs to be addressed by the bylaws/ Past Presidents Forum Members agreed that the following will be put in place: • Constitution review will be done on the clause 2.15 • A mechanism will be put in place for the accused/complainant • No formal ethics committee will be established • Matters arising will be dealt with facts and not emotion Members present all agreed that the item of an ethics committee has been addressed and has been dealt was and no longer needed to be placed as part of the agenda.	
7.		**GENERAL**	

		<u>**Past President Forum**</u>
		• The President informed members that a Past President Forum has been established
		• The Forum is scheduled to meet two / three times a year and will discuss items of concern of SANIRE
		• The President reported that the meeting held at the AGM went well and that the forum is now established
		
		<u>**Presidential Term**</u>
		• The President informed members that the presidential term for the ISRM is for years and suggested that the Senate Constitution be amended to also now for the SANIRE presidential term to be amended to for years
		• A proposal be finalised for submission for change of constitution
		
		<u>**MHSC**</u>
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		<u>**SANIRE Constitution**</u>
		• The President confirmed with members present that a constitutional review needs to be done as per discussion at the strategic meeting
		• The constitution to be distributed to Council, past presidents for review
		• Items to be reviewed and insert it into the constitution:
		  • Round-Robin Voting
		    • Sent to **X** for voting with options: **S**upport, **R**eject or **A**bstain (X=S+R+A)
		    • Option 1: Approved if S>0.5X (absolute majority)
		    • Option 2: Approved if S>R (simple majority).
		• A meeting will be scheduled for February 2024 changes to be discussed
		
		SAIMM
		• The President informed members that discussions will be held with the SAIMM to negotiate a rate for events to be assisted with.
		• The SAIMM will also be approached to assist with paper publishing, referee processing and technical events when required.	

8.		**CLOSURE**	
		The President thanked all members present for the attendance. The President requested if there were any further matters for discussion.	

		There being none the meeting was closed at 12h15	