



SANIRE

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ROCK ENGINEERING

MINUTES OF THE SANIRE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2024 AT 08H00

TEAMS

Present:

K Le Bron	G Gainsford
M Wiggins	R Phadagi
S Mashile	G Nkosi
T Dlokweni	L Prinsloo
O Pillay	J Maritz

Apologies:

P Wessels
E Wessels
O Rakumakoe

In Office:

P Ntumelang
D Makondesa

ITEM	SUBJECT	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1.	WELCOME	
	The President welcomed Council members to the meeting. A quorum was noted, and the meeting was duly declared as constituted.	
2.	APOLOGIES	
	Apologies were noted for members not in attendance as below: P Wessels E Wessels O Rakumakoe	
3.	APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	The minutes were approved as presented with the below request: The minutes must be loaded on the website. Action: Prudence	
4.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES – 12 JUNE 2024	
	• Circulate the Constitution to the Council members for input. Action: Glorious (Completed) • Compile a list of membership benefits for inclusion in the constitution and seek input from Council Members. Action: Obakeng, Glorious and Prudence (Pending) • Finalise the MyMembership platform and ensure it is up and running by the AGM. Action: Prudence (On going) • Coordinate with the website team to clean up the website and incorporate the new administration platform. Action: Prudence, Glorious, Petrie and Pearl (On going) • Conduct a dry run of the membership application process before making it live. Action: Prudence and Glorious (On going) • Finalise the pin design and distribution process, including the decision on whether to award pins to Fellows and Honorary members. Action: Prudence and Glorious (On going)	

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		Glorious reported that Mr Wouter Hartman has applied for a membership transfer to a Fellow grade and requested Council members to vote. Majority of the Council members approved. Glorious provided a comprehensive update on the membership platform, detailing its features and the upcoming launch at the AGM. The discussion also included plans for a test run with interested committee members and the provision of blazers and pins for fellows. Membership Report July 2024 Total Members 776 New Members June 9 New Members July 5 Total Members per Branch <table><caption>Members per Branch</caption><tr><th>Branch</th><th>Members</th></tr><tr><td>Coalfields Branch</td><td>65</td></tr><tr><td>Eastern Bushveld Branch</td><td>136</td></tr><tr><td>Free State Branch</td><td>38</td></tr><tr><td>Gauteng Branch</td><td>260</td></tr><tr><td>International</td><td>33</td></tr><tr><td>Northern Cape Branch</td><td>57</td></tr><tr><td>Western Bushveld Branch</td><td>207</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>655</td></tr></table> Current Members by Membership Grade <table><caption>Current Members by Membership Grade</caption><tr><th>Grade</th><th>Members</th></tr><tr><td>Associate</td><td>320</td></tr><tr><td>Member</td><td>180</td></tr><tr><td>Honorary Life Fellow</td><td>37</td></tr><tr><td>Fellow</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>Retired Member</td><td>32</td></tr><tr><td>Student</td><td>33</td></tr><tr><td>Honorary Life Member</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>622</td></tr></table> Members per Country <table><caption>Members per Country</caption><tr><th>Country</th><th>Percentage</th></tr><tr><td>South Africa</td><td>99%</td></tr><tr><td>(b)rank</td><td>37%</td></tr><tr><td>Zimbabwe</td><td>1%</td></tr><tr><td>USA</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>United Kingdom</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>Tanzania</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>Australia</td><td>1%</td></tr><tr><td>Austria</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>Belgium</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>Botswana</td><td>1%</td></tr><tr><td>Canada</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>Namibia</td><td>1%</td></tr><tr><td>New Zealand</td><td>0%</td></tr></table> Members by Gender <table><caption>Members by Gender</caption><tr><th>Gender</th><th>Members</th></tr><tr><td>Female</td><td>334</td></tr><tr><td>Male</td><td>321</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>655</td></tr></table>	Branch	Members	Coalfields Branch	65	Eastern Bushveld Branch	136	Free State Branch	38	Gauteng Branch	260	International	33	Northern Cape Branch	57	Western Bushveld Branch	207	Total	655	Grade	Members	Associate	320	Member	180	Honorary Life Fellow	37	Fellow	15	Retired Member	32	Student	33	Honorary Life Member	5	Total	622	Country	Percentage	South Africa	99%	(b)rank	37%	Zimbabwe	1%	USA	0%	United Kingdom	0%	Tanzania	0%	Australia	1%	Austria	0%	Belgium	0%	Botswana	1%	Canada	0%	Namibia	1%	New Zealand	0%	Gender	Members	Female	334	Male	321	Total	655	
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11.		EDUCATION	
		Rofhiwa reported that 51 candidates passed the May exam. The 2 exams were re-done successfully and there is still an issue of availability of Examiners. Rofhiwa requested to make amendments to the SCO guidelines due to a shortage of Examiners, it was proposed that an SCO with 3 papers without a practical. He can be pared with a Rock Engineer. The Council members approved this proposal. Thandile reported that the results went out and 8 candidates were awarded tickets. The planning marks were not good. Thandile proposed that the Examiners for portfolios should be acknowledged. He will include this recognition on his AGM report.	
12.		SOCIAL MEDIA / NEWSLETTER / AWARDS	
		Nothing was reported.	
13.		ISRM/RETC/MRAC	
		Jannie announced that he will be travelling to India for SANIRE representation at the ISRM ARMS13 Conference. All arrangements have been done. Jannie mentioned that the ISRM membership is included in the SANIRE fees for a year. He suggest the members should invest their in ISRM activities to enhance their personal growth.	
14.		ORGANISATIONAL LIASON	
14.1.		SAIEG – Jannie mentioned that he put up his hand to represent SANIRE in the regional engineering geologist meeting in Namibia. SANCOT – Conference will be on 31 October 2024 and 1 November 2024 at Carnival Diamond Lodge. SAIMM – Kevin mentioned that the SAIMM is involved in organising MineSafe and requested that SANIRE should be part of the organising Committee. Action: Prudence GSSA – no feedback MHSC – To be invited to the Council meetings. RBTT – no feedback Seismicity - no feedback MoshCOPA – Kevin mentioned that SANIRE is well updated with the Minerals Council’s activities.	
15.		EVENTS AND SPONSORSHIP	

	Kevin reported the success of the Symposium held on the 13-14 June 2024 with a total of 19 sponsors. It was announced that the Banquet will be held on the 28 th of September and the awards nominations is a priority. All nominations should be sent to Prudence and Pearl.	
16.	GENERAL	
	The President thanked members present and requested if there were any further matters for discussion. There being none the meeting ended at 15:00	

Matters arising/Action Items

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