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### MINUTES OF THE 95<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD ON THE 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 RIVERSIDE SUN, VANDERBIJLPARK

#### 1. WELCOME

The meeting was opened at 09h00 by the President, H Grobler who welcomed all members of the Institute and guests who have travelled from far, Mrs Elbè Janse van Rensburg (DRDLR) Dr Selo Ndlovu (SAIMM), Nape Mojapelo(Geomatics Council), Mr Peter Newmarch (SAGI), Past Presidents F T Cawood, J Visser D C Andersen, and A J Bals.  
It is noted that a quorum is present.

#### 2. NOTICE OF THE MEETING

All attendees indicated that the notice of the meeting had been received in good time.  
D C Andersen and A J Bals proposed and seconded, respectively.

H Grobler requested that one of the agenda point be moved, as some need to depart early.  
Point 13. Awards, is moved and will be followed by Point 3. Obituaries and so on, as per the agenda.

#### 13. Awards

H Grobler presented the following members of Council members honorary awards:  
Prof. FT Cawood  
AJ Bals  
CM Bennett  
J van Zyl Visser

#### 3. OBITUARIES

All attending observed a period of silence in remembrance of the passing away during the past year of Messrs:  
Piet Bloem  
Gerhard Ivan Suzor  
Sam Pete  
Gerrie De Wet  
Richard Skinner  
Martin Nel

#### 4. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The President requested all members and guests attending the AGM to add their details to the attendance register.

The following details were recorded on the attendance register:

**FELLOWS:**

A J Bals  
H Grobler  
C F Pretorius  
E Lubbe  
E Ramzan  
F T Cawood

D C Andersen  
G N Mojapelo  
C M Bennett  
J vz Visser  
F Barradas

**MEMBERS:**

J Scheepers  
PJ Els  
S Byleveldt  
P Mahlangu  
MC Smith  
A Lottering  
J Modise  
T Horak  
R Brokken  
M Hennings  
EJ Smit  
J Smit  
E Molefe

T P Machaba  
L Durow  
B Maseko  
F Reyneke  
J Modise  
V Eno  
B Palmer  
E van Schalkwyk  
K Schmidt  
L Komape  
P Jonker  
L Koorsse  
G A Mokhitli

**SENIOR ASSOCIATES:**

HG Thomas  
S Crous  
C Kgosi

**ASSOCIATE:**

P Ratshefola  
M Tyeni  
T Tsotetsi  
A Donald  
S Mbanjwa  
K Stone  
L Mokonyane

**AFFILIATES:**

C Jendrissek

**VISITORS:**

P Newmarch  
E Janse van Rensburg  
S Ndlovu  
G McGill  
M Matloga  
Z Njembo  
T Mlotshwa

B Selebogo  
M Mkhwanazi  
S Samaka  
BF Magubane  
A Masumwu  
K Mashego

**Apologies were received from:**

R Kock, G Kock, I McGill, M Letsosa,  
C Radebe, N Mphathiwa, N Atkinson

**5. FINALISING THE AGENDA**

No items to be added under General.

**6. CORRECTIONS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

L Durow, placed twice on the attendance register.

The minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting were taken as an accurate reflection of the proceedings and was proposed and seconded by C Bennett and D Mafoko respectively.

**7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

No Matters arising.

## 8. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer E Ramzan delivered the Audited Financial Report for 2017 (July 2016 – June 2017) and Budget 2018.

See attached Appendix A – IMSSA Treasurer’s Report – June 2017 and Budget Calculator revised.

### Proposed

- Acceptance of the Financial Statement for 2017 – DC Andersen and J Visser.
- Maintain current Auditors – Genesis Chartered Accountants (S.A) – FT Cawood and GA Mokhitli
- Acceptance of the Budget for 2018.

A collective decision has been made by Council to maintain 1 years worth of funds in the current account, and the remaining funds to be invested in Satrix40. A policy has been drafted by D Andersen, which will be implemented in 2018.

A Bals stated that EE Publishers has been approached in order to combine efforts in the Geomatics Indaba going forward. Discussions are in progress.

The Budget for 2018 is set to have a deficit of R 300 000, with a 0% return of Geomatics Indaba.

AJ Bals proposes that the Budget 2018 be accepted with negative deficit, GN Mojapelo seconded the proposal.

FT Cawood stated that a project will be developed which will be controlled by a steering committee established by Council, in which post graduate students will be selected in order to assist in developing modules of the Mine Valuation Book or other publications.

## 9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

### 2017 Institute of Mine Surveyors of South Africa President’s Report

#### Welcome

Welcome to you the members and Fellows of the Institute of Mine Surveyors of South Africa to this the, 95th Annual General Meeting. I wish to welcome the equipment and service suppliers who have supported our activities during this year.

I would like to welcome the following representatives of our fellow institutes

Patience Ndlovu, The incoming President of the South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy  
Elbè Janse van Rensburg representing the DRDLR, on behalf of Dr. D. Clarke.

Nape Mojapelo representing the South African Geomatics Council

Morena Letsosa the President of GISA

Peter Newmarch President of SAGI

Claire van Zwieten from EE Publishers

Patience Ndhlovu the President of the Association of Mine Surveyors of Zimbabwe

#### Introduction

During 2017 we experienced a number of interesting events in the mining industry. The introduction of and the ongoing controversy around the new mining charter, the increase in the scale of illegal mining and the scale of development of new technology has been some of the major talking points during this year. We were fortunate to participate in a successful Geomatics Indaba in Durban where a number of new innovations including Mixed Reality technology was introduced.

From a quick survey of the current surveying journals and magazines, “reality augmentation” in various forms appears to be the new direction in which innovation is being developed. At the same

time the concept of “big data” appears to be questioned by some thinkers. Is it possible that computing and analytical applications are still not able to deal with the ever increasing amount of data that is being produced and collected from all manner of smart devices? The progress from information to intelligence and analytics are in some cases still in it’s infancy.

The manner in which we as members of this institute will embrace these technologies to add value not only in our own sphere of influence but to the benefit of the entire value chain of the mining industry will dictate the impact of Industry 4 on the development and continued survival of our profession.

It is heartening to learn that an agreement was reached between the minister of mineral resources and the Chamber of Mines, in which the Minister made a written undertaking to await the judgement on the chamber’s review application has been made (Mining weekly, 2017). The issue of illegal mining and the drive to allow some form of legalization of illegal mining is a concern to me. It is doubtful that current illegal mining activities benefits the greater communities in which this illegal mining takes place in any manner, which should be the guiding principle described within the mining charter. In addition to this, the conversations around this matter ignores fundamental health and safety issues which mining companies must comply with. The amount of fatalities of illegal miners that reach the media is a sobering statistic and begs the question of how many of these fatalities goes unnoticed and unreported. What would be the solution to ensure health and safety compliance if the problem of illegal mining cannot be policed properly? Issues such as water rights permits and rehabilitation plans are certainly not considered, but for the mine surveyor a larger problem remains. If illegal mining is allowed, how is the excavations mapped and monitored? Surely such unguarded and unmapped excavations will leave a lasting hazard to future generations and potential future operations. In addition the issues surrounding mineral rights, boundaries and safe mining layouts remain unaddressed.

Recently a discussion at all levels of the Institute highlighted the increase in the number of “multiple appointments” of certificated surveyors on various mining operations. A concern is that the appointed surveyor does not have sufficient oversight in the intricacies of each operation to ensure that issues are identified before it becomes a risk?

To report on the activities of our institute over the past year, I will now attempt to answer the same question that I have asked over the past two years, namely “*what have we as members of the Institute done to adapt to the requirements of the environment we now operate in, and what do we need to do in the coming year?*”. I will address these questions using the individual committee reports and the six Strategic outcomes as a framework here:

## **Overview of the activities of 2016/7**

### **1. Council Activities**

Most of the activities of Council will be addressed under the Specific outcomes and committee and headings. Four Council meetings was held with full attendance by all representatives. Given the difficult economic times we have encountered I wish to personally thank each of the Council members for their commitment and dedication to our institute. As this is my last official meeting I would also like to thank them for their support and guidance over the two terms that I served.

### **2. Branch Activities**

Membership of this Institute is voluntary and travel distances are sometimes vast. I would like to thank every member and supplier who during this year made a serious commitment to attend branch activities. Specifically we are encouraged by the turn around and growth of the Freestate branch and the strengthening of the Limpopo branch through the dedication of its branch committee and it’s members.

It is well appreciated that all our members are volunteers and in the current climate attendance of meetings are not supported as they should be by mine management in general. It is crucial to get the message across to management that interaction with their peers are crucial to the health and safety of mining operations and should be actively supported. Some progress has been made towards the successful introduction of the Botswana branch and the Central Gauteng technical forum.

### **2.1. North West Branch**

The objective of the branch for the past year was to attract members to the meetings to participate in the matters of the institute with the aim to promote new topics and technology. As a result, the members of the North West branch caught a glimpse of mining's digital future in the virtual reality centre at the University of Pretoria.

The branch has committed to a tangible plan to actively encourage participation in order to transform the IMSSA into a representative organization. The branch meetings focussed on knowledge retention and advancement in mine surveying. Members were encouraged to submit technical papers and case studies to the institute's journal. During 2017 the members presented papers at branch meetings on a wide range of relevant topics including the "Mine of the Future", Using hydropower in mining operations at Northam Platinum Mine, Underground software and various product ranges.

The AGM for the North West Branch was held during June 2017. The North West branch committee underwent a re-election, resulting in Impala Platinum's Sifiso Mdkane becoming chairperson of the branch. Council would like to congratulate Mr. Mdkane and thank Mr. Sybrandt Byleveldt for his contribution over the past two years.

### **2.2. Limpopo Branch activities**

The Limpopo branch is active. During this year a metallurgical plant visit of the Two Rivers Platinum Concentrators (PGMs and Chrome) was made to give non platinum miners an insight of platinum and ore delivery stream, stockpile management and processing at TRP. Council would like to thank Mr. Daniel Mafoko for his leadership and the commitment to attend council meetings in spite of the extreme travelling distances.

### **2.3. Mpumalanga Branch**

The chairman of the branch committee Mr. Karl Kaiser and his team has continued with the good work in this branch. Council would like to thank the branch for the great work they have been doing over the past year. The current committee was re-elected, with Mr. Oupa Mashele making himself available to stand for committee member in 2017/8. One of the presentations this year was around a discussion about the mine accident plan and the mine surveyor's role therein. It was noted that such a plan is not a prescribed mine plan as required in terms of Chapter 17 of the Mine Health and Safety Act but is an exhibit to be used by the investigating Inspector of Mines for the accident enquiry which carries the same legal status as evidence in a court of law. Further it was explained that, in terms of the Act, when a serious accident occurs on a mine it is the Mine's duty to assist the Inspector in carrying out his investigation. In this respect the Surveyor will be required to assist the Inspector in taking measurements of the accident scene and compiling a plan for use in the enquiry. This accident plan is there to assist the Inspector of Mines in his enquiry and therefore it belongs to the DMR. Presentations covered aspects such as "the different phases of development for autonomous drilling implementation at a mine site." new mining technology from Optron and Trimble, "an overview of the activities of the Mine Rescue Services (MRS or Proto and illegal mining activities" and check surveying techniques.

### **2.4. Freestate Branch activities**

This branch has made great improvements over the past year. I wish to thank Mr. Christian Radebe for volunteering to remain as chairman for last year in order to maintain the momentum in restoring this branch to its rightful place. The branch disused a number of issues amongst which multiple appointments of Mine Surveyors and training were the most prominent.

### **Committee Reports**

All the activities and outputs achieved by committee members are performed on a voluntary basis and is concluded in their own personal time. I would like to thank each individual as well as their families for the commitment and sacrifice made by each of them during this year.

### **3.1. Public Relations committee**

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Committee Chairman Mr. Alex Bals and the committee members for their energy and drive to manage this portfolio. Firstly, for arranging this event and ensuring the success of this colloquium and AGM. The focus this year has been on returning to the Institute's core events in order to bolster members' attendance at reasonable costs. Financially

the council has managed its PR commitments at no cost to the institute, achieved through appropriate scaling of events and sustained but smaller sponsorships. The President's Cup at the Eye of Africa was well attended with a full field of golfers, interspersed by numerous watering points hosted by our ever-valued sponsors. The Technical Talk at the Wits Mining Institute was scheduled twice but had to be cancelled. Although the event makes good sense the timing in the day will be relooked. This year's events calendar has been particularly loaded due to many seemingly competing if not conflicting events, and this is being addressed with the many parties that are involved in next years calendar. Discussions held with conference organisers, institutes, sponsors, and vendors, support our view that smaller, more focused events remain appropriate for the next year. The annual AGM and colloquium remains a mainstay in our agenda, and the intention is to vary its look and feel regularly whilst keeping its format familiar to the members.

### **3.2. Education committee**

I wish to extend my gratitude to the Committee Chairman Mr. Donovan Anderson and the committee members for their dedication towards education and successfully managing this portfolio. Prof. Cawood has volunteered to take on the South African Mine Valuation Book project, we are looking forward to the successful completion of this very important project. The new Bachelor of Mine Surveying degree at the University of Johannesburg has seen the first intake of students in this programme. An honours degree is currently in the completion phases and will provide another pathway to post graduate qualifications for Mine Surveyors. The IMSSA has also received an accreditation visit from SAQA for the renewal of our status as a Professional body. The outcome from SAQA is eagerly awaited. The integration of current Survey Drafting Certificate with GIS is the next point of focus. Further work is required to start with the formalisation of this proposal.

### **3.3. Technical committee**

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Committee Chairman Mr. Ebrahim Ramzan and the committee members for their dedication and commitment in managing this portfolio. A project has been initiated to update the IMSSA Technical Procedures Guideline. This project is extremely important to serve as a guideline to members and student members alike. cursory research into the origin of the guideline suggests it was historically a Code of Practice and subsequently updated as a Technical Procedure Guideline with contributions from the various mining groups. Much of the content has become either obsolete or outdated and new equipment, systems and solutions have been introduced. Greater focus will be put to this exercise, with particular emphasis to the update of the more recent technology not covered by guidelines previously. Applications such as RPAS and associated insight into the ancillary skills and equipment need to be addressed. Another prime example would be compiling appropriate aerial survey specifications for a vendor scope of works.

We appeal to individuals with specialist skills to volunteer their services in compiling pertinent contributions to this endeavour.

The new website has now been officially launched. The website boasts a modular architecture to cater for modifications and additions such as electronic membership, event registration and digital sales.

### **3.4. Treasurer**

The treasurer will provide feedback in his own time slot. The audit was returned just before the AGM and I am happy to report that the Institute's financial records has received a clean bill of health.

The alignment of the IMSSA strategic plan with the Council and Committee activities.

### **4.1. Strategic Objective 1 [SO1] Finance**

The issue of non-payment of fees have now been addressed with strict rules of engagement to suspend or cancel membership for defaulting members. Unfortunately a number of inactive and non-contributing members had their membership cancelled. The initiative has improved the health of finances. In accordance with the AGM decision last year the financial year-end has now been successfully moved to 30th of June of each year.

#### **4.2. Strategic Objective 2 [SO2] Transformation**

I am glad to report that we are meeting our transformation targets as is evidenced by our newly elected council. A drive to incorporate recently graduated individuals into the activities of the branches and council must be encouraged.

#### **4.3. Strategic Objective 3 [SO3] Education**

A new suite of tertiary qualifications have now been developed for all levels of mine surveyors. Our editor of the 94 years old Journal had difficulty in obtaining sufficient paper content to produce one journal. The quality of papers presented on branch level is extremely encouraging. We hope to publish all of these presentations in the upcoming journal.

#### **4.4. Strategic Objective 4 [SO4] Legislation**

The current Technical committee will manage this portfolio and provide advice to Council on all related matters. The Chairman of the Technical Committee will be responsible for developing actions around the strategic objective and report on the following issues. IMSSA is representing it's members in the forums of the SA Geomatics Council, the SAMREC / SAMVAL reporting codes and SAMREC Standards Committee (SSC). In this year further representations regarding the Identification of Work (IDoEW) and SAQA accreditation was made. I wish to express council's gratitude to Alex Bals, Jurgens van Zyl Visser and Colin Bennett amongst others.

#### **4.5. Strategic Objective 5 [SO5] Professional Status of the Institute**

At the recent Geomatics Indaba where more than 550 persons were registered, only 15 mine surveyors were under the delegates. This is an indication of the pressure experienced by our members in these difficult economic times. The work done during the re-accreditation process by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), was extensive and Council would like to thank Mr. Colin Bennett for his patience and persistence. IMSSA maintains a strong representation at the South African Geomatics Council (SAGC) and the participation of it's members in this important council, in particular council would like to thank Mr. Nape Mojapelo for his work in the SAGC.

#### **4.6. Strategic Objective 6 [SO6] New Technology**

New technology seems to be developing overnight. It has to be studied, evaluated and embraced in all aspects of the Institute's activities as a matter of course. The development of procedures and introduction thereof should be with the Technical committee but in consultation with the Education Committee.

#### **Conclusion**

My sincere appreciation to the Executive Committee, the Past Presidents and Council members for the voluntary contribution of their personal time and effort in order to monitor the activities inside and outside our direct environment to provide advice and guidance of IMSSA activities in sometimes complex and difficult times. The branch committees and the sponsors that make the IMSSA activities possible and the support of each member of this institute. It is our goal to ensure the continued relevance of our profession in the coming year.

Thank you!

Dr. Hendrik Grobler (PhD) Pr.M.S.(SA) F.I.M.S.S.A. RICS  
President of the Institute of South African Mine Surveyors

A J Bals thanked H Grobler on behalf of the members, for his contribution made to IMSSA as the President.

## **10. INDUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT FOR 2017/2018**

H Grobler introduced E Ramzan as the new President for 2017/2018.

## **The President's Address**

Good day All,

First and foremost I wish to reiterate Dr Grobler's sentiment and bid each and every one of you a warm welcome and thank you for your attendance.

A heartfelt welcome to the Past Presidents, Members and the following special guests who will be attending the AGM:

- ✓ Mrs Elbè Janse van Rensburg (DRDLR)
- ✓ Dr Selo Ndlovu (SAIMM)
- ✓ Nape Mojapelo (South African Geomatics Council)
- ✓ Mr Peter Newmarch (SAGI),
- ✓ Past Presidents: F T Cawood, J Visser D C Andersen, and A J Bals.

I have often heard the question asked, "What does IMSSA do for me?"

I would like to draw your attention to this pamphlet which we have compiled which succinctly describes our key functions and proud achievements.

But in my case I can honestly say the Institute has done so much more.

It has provided me with the opportunity to network and meet and get to know so many of you and this is an important privilege we often underestimate.

The significance is the access to such a rich and diverse knowledge base throughout the industry – I have always been able to pick up a phone and ask for advice and there have always been people willing to assist.

Many of those present have been and are my mentors in various aspects of my career and even my personal life.

But enough about me.

More exciting times lie ahead for this organisation. My budget presentation includes a proposal for bursaries for initially one and then later two Post Graduate students.

(Perhaps I can twist Professor Cawood's arm to tell you more about his initiative).

And then we have the privilege of introducing some new dynamic into the Institute in the form of our first lady vice president. Goapi Mokhitli as she is affectionately known will – with her enthusiasm -undoubtedly attract more younger, more diverse members to actively participate and contribute to IMSSA ; to survey; and to the industry.

On that positive note, I wish to thank you all once more for all the advice and assistance in the past and hope for even more fruitful cooperation in future.

## **11. INDUCTION OF THE NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS**

### **11.1 Senior Vice-President**

E Ramzan introduced the Senior Vice-President and Treasurer for 2017/2018, C F Pretorius, with a brief bio-sketch.

#### **Coenraad Frederik Pretorius**

##### **BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY**

Coenie started his mining career in 1978 as a Learner Surveyor at Impala Platinum Limited. From 1979 to 1981 he completed his National Service where after he returned to the mine. He obtained his Union Corporation Survey Certificate in 1983 and was appointed as a Senior Surveyor in 1985.

In 1989 he obtained the Mine Surveyors Certificate of Competency and was appointed as Responsible Surveyor on Bafokeng North Mine. He performed in various capacities

ranging from projects to ore accounting until he was appointed as Chief Surveyor in 2000. In 2005 he was appointed as Survey Manager and was promoted to Group Survey Manager in 2009; a position he still holds.

He studied part-time and obtained the National Higher Diploma in Mine Surveying from the Witwatersrand Technikon in 1991. In 1996 he completed the Programme in Principles of Business and Management at the Wits Business School and followed that up with the Management Development Programme at the Unisa School for Business Leadership in 1998.

In 1999 he enrolled for the Graduate Degree in Engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand and completed the program in 2000. In 2002 he was awarded the Master's Degree in Engineering from the same university.

Coenie has served as Secretary and Treasurer for the North West Branch since 1995. He was elected Branch Representative in 2004 and in 2005 he was elected as a Member of Council. He has served on the Education Committee since then and was the Chairman of the Education Committee in 2006. He was also one of the founder members of the Technical Advisory Committee.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Mine Surveyors and is also registered as a Professional Mine Surveyor with PLATO.

Coenie is married to Metilda since 1979 and has two children and two grandchildren who keep him very busy. He loves reading and camping and is an amateur golfer.

## **11.2 Junior Vice-President**

E Ramzan introduced the Junior Vice President for 2017/2018, GA Mokhitli, with a brief bio-sketch.

### **Gaopaleloe Mokhitli**

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY**

Gaopaleloe Mokhitli also known as Gaopi has over 17 years' experience in the mining sector, where she started her career as a learner surveyor and today holds the position of Survey manager at Sasol Mining. She started her career in 2000 at Anglo Coal, then went to further it in 2005 at BHP Billiton where she served as a senior surveyor. She took up the role of a Lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand from 2006 until 2008. She then returned to mining during November 2008 where she served as a senior surveyor at Shanduka Coal. She left Shanduka Coal in 2009 for Sasol Mining where she is currently working at Brandspruit Colliery.

Gaopi holds a National Diploma in Mine Surveying and NhD in Mineral Resource Management from Witwatersrand Technikon; she also holds a Graduate Diploma in Engineering and a Master's Degree in Engineering from the University of Witwatersrand. She is currently studying towards a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Pretoria, GIBS.

Gaopi successfully completed and obtained her Mine Surveyors Certificate of Competency in 2010 while working at Sasol Twistdraai Colliery.

Gaopi has served on various committees as a council member with the South African Geomatics Council and as a fellow of the Institute of Mine Surveyors. She has also been instrumental in making women in mining a force to be reckoned with as one of the founding members of the Women in Mining Forum at Sasol.

Gaopi is a single mother to a beautiful 14-year-old daughter Rethabile who completes her life. She loves cooking, travelling, and has taken up a new hobby of running. Her running hobby has not only afforded her a new healthier perspective about life but has also

afforded her the opportunity to be a cover star for Runners World magazine during February 2017. She will be running her first full marathon on 06th November at the Soweto Marathon.

## 12. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR 2017/2018

### 12.1 Immediate Past President

H Grobler

### 12.2 Past Presidents

G N Mojapelo, D C Andersen, F T Cawood, U C Pfafferott and A J Bals accepted the invitation to serve on Council as Past Presidents.

The 4 Ex Officio Council members are:

F T Cawood

U C Pfafferott

A J Bals

DC Andersen

### 12.3 Branch Representatives

It is noted that the representative for the Branches are as follows:

- Northwest Branch – S Byleveldt
- Free State Branch – S Nagel
- Mpumalanga Branch – K Kaiser
- Limpopo Branch – D Mafoko

### 12.4 Council Members

For the information of the members, as per the Constitution, all Council Members have resigned and have signified their willingness for re-election to Council for the 2017/2018 session.

The Council members who have signified their willingness to offer themselves for re-election to Council for 2017/2018 are:

P J Els

P A Hislop

T P Machaba

D Mathuba

L Koorse

I McGill

MC Smith

G A Mokhitli

E Van Schalkwyk

T Horak accepted the proposed members.

Thus leaving 1 position available on Council.

Nominations put forward from the Members present to fill the 1 vacant position on Council are:

K Schmidt – 7 Votes

S Byleveldt – 14 Votes

E Molefe – 14 Votes

E Molefe and S Byleveldt had a tie in the vote and have thus both been nominated onto Council.

Council for 2017/2018 is as follows:

President:

E Ramzan

Senior Vice-President:

C F Pretorius

Junior Vice-President:

G A Mokhitli

Immediate Past President:	H Grobler	
Past President:	G N Mojapelo	
Ex Officio Pat President:	D C Andersen	
Ex Officio Past President:	F T Cawood	
Ex Officio Past President:	U C Pfafferott	
Ex Officio Past President:	A J Bals	
Council Members:	E Van Schalkwyk	
	P J Els	
	P A Hislop	
	T P Machaba	
	D Mathuba	
	L Koorsse	
	M C Smith	
Branch Representatives:	S Byleveldt	(Northwest)
	S Nagel	(Free State)
	K Kaiser	(Mpumalanga)
	D Mafoko	(Limpopo)

### 13. AWARDS

Mr Okney Mashabela a student at the University of the Witwatersrand was awarded the IMSSA award for the Best Mining Student in Surveying in May 2017.

### 14. GENERAL

#### 14.1 Business Membership

The matter regarding the Business membership was opposed in the last Council meeting held in August.

DC Andersen proposed that a presentation be done with the pros and cons, as well as an implementation plan be set up.

This matter will discussed and finalised at the next Council meeting.

Matters below recorded from the previous annual general meeting:

Two matters of argument were

Members were presented with the Business Membership, and were requested to vote on including it into the Constitution.

- Membership will entitle the organization to request the Administration Manager to distribute appropriate information via the IMSSA email distribution list, e.g. Open days etc.;
- Requests for emailing information will be limited to 4 per year; and
- Allow relevant business to be placed on IMSSA website;
- They will however not be entitled to a copy of members contact details;
- Proposed cost for membership should not be less than the highest grade of individual membership. After comparing cost of similar membership with other professional bodies, an annual subscription of R5 000 is proposed and accepted via email correspondence;
- A proposed category description is below:

Description: Business Member

Council may grant Business Membership to any organization which is either actively engaged in, or provides services to the geospatial industry. These would include business, academia and technical and professional bodies practising or associated to the mine surveying, mineral evaluation, mine sampling or mine survey draughting fields.

Majority of the members were in favour of the "Business Membership".  
Amendments will be made to the Constitution accordingly.

**15. CONCLUSION**

The President thanked the special guests and members for their attendance and contributions toward making the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting a success.  
The meeting closed at 11h20.

**PRESIDENT:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.

**DATE:**

**7 November 2017**