

**MINUTES OF THE 30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
ENGINEERING PROFESSIONS ASSOCIATION HELD AT
THE BAUERNSTUBE FAMILY RESTAURANT
ON 17 OCTOBER 2006 AT 18:00**

EPA COUNCIL MEMBERS

<u>PRESENT:</u>	S Tekie	President
	G Seydack	Honorary Secretary
	H Weinert	Self-employed
	J Hennes	Namit division
	E Albrecht	Technical discipline
	U C Wilson	Administration / Secretary

EPA MEMBERS

<u>PRESENT:</u>	B Rust	E A M de Paauw	H Schommarz
	H Hess	F F Kuchling	P Heyns
	B Cilliers	O'B Hekandjo	

<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	F Jeske	J Bierberg	N Theron	H Bader
	W Hepkema	D Reed	H Oberprieler	W van der Vyver
	J Taylor	W G Schulte	G M Pritzen	A van der Merwe
	H Bruce	J Lamprecht	H Lerch	G Brettschneider
	L Redecker	G Diehl		

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

The President, Mrs. S Tekie, opened the 30th Annual General Meeting and welcomed all members present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

No matters arose from the previous AGM minutes.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. 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 scheme administered by the EPA.

She further reported that an Annual Report had been compiled on the previous year containing more details on the various events and activities, but that due to delays at the printers copies of this report could not be available for the AGM.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

In the absence of a Treasurer Mr. G Seydack presented a brief financial report based on the financial statements for the year March 2005 to February 2006. He reported that the EPA currently had assets of N\$225,000, including an amount of N\$80,000 still owed to the EPA by the now dormant Sida/MWTC Bursary Fund. Approval for the release of these funds was awaited from the Ministry of WTC.

It was evident that the EPA reserves were declining, while expenses were increasing. Ways and means needed to be considered in order to increase the EPA's income. The administration fees for the RA Bursary Fund kept the EPA afloat to a great extent.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Having received a resignation from Mr. H Weinert from council and four nominations Mrs. S Tekie announced the EPA council as follows:

President	Mr. Günter Seydack
Vice-President	Mr. Jürgen Hennes
Past President	Mrs. S Tekie
Honorary Secretary	Mr. Fritz Jeske
Civil Discipline	Mr. Braam Cilliers
Technical Discipline	Mr. Erich Albrecht
Technical Discipline	Mr. Vernon du Preez
Co-opted	Mr. O'Brien Hekandjo

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No matters were raised under this item.

8. GENERAL

Mrs. S Tekie opened the floor for discussion and invited proposals for increasing the EPA membership.

Mr. P Heyns proposed to approach managers of private firms and parastatals in order to ensure and encourage young engineers to join the EPA. He further proposed that regular luncheons should be arranged again, during which presentations could be made on current topics (i.e. floods in Windhoek after heavy rains) and not only on engineering subjects.

Mr. G Seydack posed the question of how to apply the funds held in the EPA Bursary Trust Fund, i.e who to sponsor, a first or second year student, an engineering student or a technician, a full bursary or only supplementary bursary.

Mr. H Hess emphasized that the right candidate should be selected, but that at the same time the standard of the institution of study should be evaluated. Having lectured at the Polytechnic of Namibia for some time he reported of shortcomings at this institution and suggested that the EPA and the ECN look into the standard of education.

Mr. F Kuchling added that the Association of Consulting Engineers (ACEN), upon request by Government, had initiated a programme on how to identify suitable candidates for engineering at school level already. He proposed that the EPA, ECN and ACEN work together closely on producing a "capability statement" for this purpose.

9. CLOSURE

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