

**OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH ON 1 OCTOBER 1992**

PRESENT:**Full members:**

R Benvenuti	J Burger	K Clarke
J Dean	HC de Kock	A de Villiers
A Diegel	E Dixon	A Drewes
G Erens	E Ferreira	LP Fatti
G Geldenhuys	WR Gevers	L Haines
K Hamman	JM Hattingh	A Heynike
HW Ittmann	KC Jordi	W Klerck
I Meyer	I Olivier	A Pothas
HL Prekel	P Salemink	K Sandrock
M Sinclair	TJ Stewart	T Steyn
J Swart	J van Vuuren	P Uys
FE van Dyk	LA Visagie	J van Zadelhoff
JS Wolvaardt	N Lamprecht	D Geldenhuys

Associate:

LF Dannhauser	R van der Walt	C Sippel
M la Grange	A Immelman	B Turner

Welcoming:

Lukas Visagie welcomed everyone present.

1. Approval of Minutes: 8 August 1991

The minutes were approved after the following corrections had been made:

5.2: A loss of R8 000 was made due largely to membership fees written off.

11: Prof JS Wolvaardt has been appointed as a representative of the Mathematical Scientists in SACNAS.

Proposer: T Stewart Seconder: HW Ittmann

2. Matters arising

None

3. Chairman's Report

Lukas Visagie delivered the chairman's report for 1992.

4. Financial Report

- 4.1 Erica Ferreira read the report for the year ending 30 June 1992.
- 4.2 The income for 1992 was R37 101 and the expenditure was R22 446. A nett profit of R14 655 was made.
- 4.3 Membership fees will not be increased for the current financial year.

5. Newsletter

Ilze Olivier reported that three newsletters were sent out during the year. The editors thanked all the contributors for their contributions.

6. ORION

Marius Sinclair reported that 2 editions of the journal appeared during 1992, and that they contained six papers. Elsbeth Dixon and Anny Pachyannis were thanked for their assistance as referees.

7. Chapter Reports

The following people gave reports on activities within their respective chapters:

E Dixon	-	Pretoria
K Jordi	-	Johannesburg
M Sinclair	-	Western Cape
J Swart	-	Natal
J v Zadelhoff	-	Vaal Triangle

8. Changes to the Constitution

8.1 The criteria for membership was reconsidered and it was proposed that clause 4(c) of the constitution be amended as follows:

- (i) Full membership may be conferred on anyone who has either a four year degree (or equivalent) in the natural, computational or business sciences with three years' experience in OR (as a discipline) or in managing OR. In the second case, the validity of the experience claimed should be certified by two full members of ORSSA and the society reserves the right to ask for more information; in the first case, support of full members should not be necessary. Certified copies of degrees and certificates must accompany the application form. An application with a three year degree and MBA must be supported by two full members as it is not on the same level of a four year degree in OR.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the provision of (i), full membership may be granted, on the proposal of five full members, to any

person who on the opinion of the executive committee (by at least a two-thirds majority of those members of the full executive committee who have voting rights) has contributed substantially to the application of the philosophy of OR to problem solving in South Africa.

Proposer: G Erens
 Seconder: L Visagie

The proposal was accepted.

- 8.2 The marketing working group proposed the following name for the society:

Operations Research and Management Science Society of South Africa

An alternative proposal of no change of name was submitted.

Proposer: T Stewart
 Seconder: H Ittmann

The alternative proposal was accepted unanimously.

9. Working Groups

The following people reported on the activities of working groups:

E Dixon	-	Marketing of OR
M Sinclair	-	Core syllabus
K Jordi	-	Short Courses

An amount of R5 000 was approved for the Core Syllabus working group for travelling expenses and the possible use of a consultant.

The full reports on the activities of the working groups would be published in the newsletter.

10. Election of the Executive Committee for 1992/1993

The following members were elected:

Vice President:	E Ferreira
Secretary:	I Meyer
Treasurer:	E Ferreira
Newsletter Editor:	I Olivier
ORiON Editor:	M Sinclair
Additional members:	H Ittmann G Erens

11. General

None