

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA
HELD AT GOLDEN GATE ON THE 8TH AUGUST 1991**

Members Present:

Full:

SJ van Rensburg	TJ Stewart	MJ Jonbert
R Benvenuti	A Pachyannis	HC de Kock
LP Fatti	T Purdham	PD Pretorius
EJ Roux	HPH Marais	M Sinclair
T Steyn	K Clarke	G Erens
JM Halkingh	LA Visagie	I Olivier
J van Zadelhoff	JS Wolvaardt	J le Roux
J Tredoux	JW Hearne	P Salemink
GJ Wessels	KC Jordi	A Diegel
WR Gevers	HW Ittmann	VJ Dladla
WH Richnath	NJ Breytenbach	AK Drewes

Associate:

M London
I Meyer
LA Cartier
T van Dyk

Student:

SA du Plessis
E Botha
L van Colter

Other:

KE Hamman

1. Welcoming:

A Pachyannis welcomed all present.

2. Approval of Minutes: 15th August 1990

The minutes were approved.

Proposer: TJ Stewart
Secunder: HW Ittmann

3. Matters arising

Tom Rozwadowski award: H Ittmann gave a report on the changes in the rules for this award. The main changes are:

- a) The award will be made only to written contributions to OR.
- b) Books and theses are not eligible anymore.

c) The selection committee will be appointed by the executive committee of ORSSA.

d) In the case of co-authors only the OR author will be awarded.

4. Chairman's Report

A Pachyannis read the report.

5. Financial Report

5.1 H Ittmann read the financial report for the year ending on 30 June 1991.

5.2 A loss of R9 000 was made due to membership fees in arrears.

6. Newsletter

6.1 The editors thanked all those who contributed articles to the newsletter.

6.2 A report on the strategic planning session will be published in the newsletter.

7. ORION

7.1 Volume 7.1 will appear in August.

7.2 M Sinclair thanked all the referees.

8. Chapter Reports

8.1 Pretoria

8.1.1 The following committee members have been elected:

Chairman: Miss J le Roux
Secretary: Dr E Dixon
Treasurer: Mrs J van Vuuren

Additional members: Dr G Wessels
Prof G Erens
Mr M Cloete
Mrs E Ferreira was co-opted.

8.1.2 On the 6th February 1991 the chapter held a seminar on expert systems for financial management.

8.1.3 On the 3rd June 1991 the chapter held a seminar entitled "Operations Research in Conservation and Environmental Management".

8.1.4 The chapter has R16 800 in the bank.

8.2 Johannesburg

8.2.1 The chapter has held three seminars this year. The three seminars covered quality control, geostatistics and expert systems.

8.2.2 The committee for 1991 is:

- Chairman: Mr K Sandrock
- Treasurer: Dr K Jordi
- Secretary: Dr N Govender
- Additional members: Mr P Miles, Dr D Meyer

8.3 Vaal Triangle

8.3.1 The following committee members have been elected:

- Chairman: Mr J van Zadelhoff
- Treasurer: Mr W Richrath
- Secretary: Miss J Stanford

8.3.2 A meeting was held on the 2nd July where students presented their projects. This meeting was not well attended.

8.4 Western Cape

8.4.1 At the AGM held late last year, a working group was formed to investigate why there was no interest from the chapter members. One of the reasons that has been identified is that most companies in the Western Cape do not have OR departments.

8.4.2 The working group is still trying to get the members to be interested in the Chapter's activities.

8.5 Natal

It has been difficult to organise seminars because of very few members in this region.

9. Amendment of membership fees

9.1 Amendment of clause 17(a) of the constitution:

Members were asked to vote on the motion that clause 17(a) be amended to read as follows:

A quarter of membership fees may be remitted to each chapter in consultation with the chapter committees."

This motion was carried through.

9.2 Proposal to increase membership fees:

The proposal to increase membership fees to R80,00 was debated at length. After some discussion, it was proposed that the fees be increased to R60,00.

- Proposer: LP Fatti
- Seconded: M Sinclair

This proposal was accepted.

10. Strategic analysis

A Pachyannis gave a report back on the strategic planning session which was held on the 6th and 7th of August, 1991. The outcomes of this session were:

- 10.1 Name of the Society: Four possibilities have been suggested:
 - Operations Research / Decision Technology
 - Operations Research / Decision Support
 - Operations Research / Decision Science
 - Operations Research / Management Science

No decision regarding the name will be taken at the moment.

10.2 Four action plans which are going to be implemented in the near future. To implement these plans, members of the Society will be asked to assist.

11. General

Prof JS Wolvaardt has been asked to serve as a representative of the Mathematical Scientists in SACNAS.