

OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE KARRIDENE HOTEL,ILLOVO BEACH ON 13 AUGUST 1997

Present:

Full members:

J Hearne	E Dixon	H W Ittmann	AK Drewes	P Fatti
E Gilliland	C Dickason	L K Kanyama	M Turpin	J Swart
J Greben	L Scott	PJ Potgieter	F Beichelt	C Uys
J le Roux	G Hayter	A de Wet	A M Pothas	D Petkov
WR Gevers	I Olivier	HC de Kock	G Geldenhuys	
S J Janse van Rensburg				

Non members:

D Vuma P Storry C Smit T Ryan A Weintraub J van Vuuren

1. WELCOMING:

E Dixon welcomed everyone present. As notice of the AGM had not reached members in time, members present were requested to approve the holding of the meeting. Unanimous approval was received.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 9 OCTOBER 1996

The minutes were approved.

Proposer: G Geldenhuys Seconder: A Drewes

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 The question on the change of 'South' in the society's name to 'Southern' :
Letters were sent out to SAMSA members. No response was received.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

E Dixon read the chairman's report for 1997.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 5.1 The financial reports for the years ending 30 June 1996 and 30 June 1997 were tabled.
- 5.2 A proposal to increase membership fees from R60,00 to R80,00 as of next year will be conveyed to all members in writing.
- 5.3 E Ferreira was thanked for her services as treasurer.

6. EDITORS' REPORT

6.1 Newsletter

- 6.1.1 One newsletter was sent out and another is ready for posting. All contributors were thanked for articles and news items.

6.2. ORiON

- 6.2.1 Vol.11/1995 no. 1&2 was published
- 6.2.2 The special edition of the proceedings of the joint ORSSA/SASA conference on RDP was published as Vol. 12/1996 no. 1& 2.
- 6.2.3 The special edition on Decision Support Systems will soon be published as Vol. 13/1997 no. 1.
- 6.2.4 W Gevers was thanked for the work done as financial manager.
- 6.2.5 All the referees were thanked for their work done.

7. CHAPTER REPORTS

- 7.1 **JOHANNESBURG**
Two seminars were held.
- 7.2 **NATAL**
Three talks were given by overseas speakers.
- 7.3 **PRETORIA**
Two seminars, each with three speakers, were held.

- 7.4 **VAAL TRIANGLE**
Nothing to report.
- 7.5 **WESTERN CAPE**
The chapter is working on the proceedings of the MCDM conference.

7.6 **ALL CHAPTERS**

- 7.6.1 Notices of all events must go out to all members.
Chapters must be informed of visits by overseas guests.
- 7.6.2 It was proposed that chapters meet regularly on informal basis for lunch and a talk.
- 7.6.3 It was proposed that a schedule for meetings at fixed dates be set in advance.

8. **MARKETING**

- 8.1 Homepage for ORSSA is put out to tender in the forthcoming newsletter. **JH**
- 8.2 OR Brochure is being developed. **MT**
- 8.3 An addresslist with names other than members be set up.
Names of companies and individuals to be given to
E Gilliland von Breda.

9. **RDP**

- 9.1 A report from P Fourie was read.
- 9.2 It was proposed that contact with government be done personally and must be followed up.
- 9.3 Workshop in February: Organisers should ensure that the correct people attend.
- 9.4 Note on RDP activities to be published in newsletter. H de Kock and P Fourie to write on RDP in Western Cape **PF**
- 9.5 P Fourie to be invited to accompany CSIR (H Ittmann) on visit to Parliament.

10. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1997/1998

The following members were elected:

Secretary:	E Gilliland
Treasurer:	PH Potgieter
Newsletter editor:	A Pothas
ORiON editor:	P Fatti
Additional members:	P Fourie L Scott

11. GENERAL

- 11.1 A list of members' names, postal and e-mail addresses will be published in the newsletter.
- 11.2 Prof Weintraub made a call for papers for ITOR (International Transactions in Operations Research)
- 11.3. ORSSA was asked to identify people working in different Southern African countries in order to create a regional grouping. A sub-committee of the EC to discuss this. **JH**
- 11.4 ORSSA was requested to nominate a representative to the IFORS developing countries committee. **JH**
- 11.5 E Dixon was thanked for all the work done during her term as president. She was also thanked for the warm way in which she dealt with people.