

OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL  
PIETERMARITZBURG ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1985

Present

Full Members

D W Evans (President)  
M Splaine  
J W Hearne  
T J Stewart  
L M Haines  
D G Hopkins  
P W Uys  
D D Masterson  
P J Kruger  
R Carlson  
G Erens  
R Hoekstra  
W R Gevers  
L A Visagie  
P D Pretorius  
J L Illingworth

C J Von Zadelhoff  
J Tredoux  
A O Oosthuizen  
N J Breytenbach  
D C Currin  
S G E Ashworth  
W J Armstrong  
S S Xulu  
J M Phala  
N J Royce  
P J Vermeulen  
M J Joubert  
H M Gerber  
H W Ittmann  
L P Fatti

Associate Members

J F Dean  
W H Richrath

C A Hunt  
G M Kennedy

Student Members

C J du Pleesis  
K Reich  
A K Drewes

M J Eagle  
A Schawerte  
J H Slinger

Apologies

M de Vries (Vice President)  
A de Wet

P Salemink

1. Minutes

1.1 The minutes of the 1984 Annual General Meeting were accepted.

Proposer : L Visagie

Secunder : W Gevers

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

2.1 There were no matters arising from the minutes

3. President's Report

In his report, the President, Mr D W Evans thanked the editor of ORiON, Prof T Stewart and the business editor Mr H Ittmann for their effort in launching the journal. He congratulated Dr L P Fatti on being invited onto the program committee for IFORS XI and thanked Mr D Masterson for his role in registering the Society as a professional body. The President expressed his appreciation for the support given to him from the Executive Committee.

4. Financial Report

4.1 The Financial Statements were circulated among the members.

4.2 Mr H Ittmann thanked the companies who had provided sponsorship.

4.3 Interest rates for the year ending on 30 June 1985 ranged from 17.5% to 19.5%.

4.4 Mr H Ittmann reported that there would be no need to increase the subscription rate but expressed his concern over the large number of unpaid subscriptions.

4.5 The Financial Statements were accepted.

Proposer : T Stewart

Secunder : M Splaine

5. Editor's Report

5.1 Newsletter:

Mr S Shapiro was unable to attend the meeting. The President thanked the editor.

5.2 ORSSA Journal:

Prof. T Stewart reported that information leaflets on ORiON were available and that the second issue would be published by December. Two editions would be published per year. The aim of the journal is to report on OR applications and useful lessons learnt within the Southern African context, but not excluding reviews in methodological areas. He appealed to members to make contributions to future issues.

He had still to investigate whether the journal satisfied the SAPSE requirements for academics publishing papers but did not foresee any problems.

6. Reports from the chapters

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

D Hopkins (Johannesburg),  
P Pretorius in the absence of A de Wet (Vaal Triangle),  
J Tredoux (Western Cape).  
P Salemink (Pretoria) was unable to attend.

7. Election of the Executive Committee

7.1 The following members were elected for 1985/1986:

|                     |   |                              |
|---------------------|---|------------------------------|
| President           | : | Mr M A de Vries              |
| Vice President      | : | Mr H W Ittmann               |
| Past President      | : | Mr D W Evans                 |
| Secretary           | : | Mrs A Sinclair               |
| Treasurer           | : | Mr D C Currin                |
| Newsletter Editor   | : | Mr D W Evans                 |
| Journal Editor      | : | Prof. T Stewart              |
| Additional Members: |   | Dr L P Fatti<br>Mr M Splaine |
| Ex Officio Members: |   | Chapter Chairmen             |

8. General

8.1 Proposal to Revise the Constitution

The motion was proposed  
That the Office bearers of the Society shall be as follows:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Newsletter Editor  
Journal Editor

Proposer : D W Evans (President)  
Seconder : M A de Vries (Vice President)  
The motion was unanimously accepted.

8.2 Mr D Masterson informed the members that the Society through liaison with the South African Council of Natural Sciences, is now officially recognised by law as a professional body.

8.3 Dr L P Fatti appealed to members to assist in suggesting a theme, plenary speakers, titles for invited speakers and tutorials/workshops for IFORS XI.