

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS
RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA HELD AT KYALAMI RANCH ON
18TH NOVEMBER, 1971, AT 3.30 PM.

Chairman : Mr. J.W. Grobbelaar
Secretary : Dr. J.D. Roode

The meeting was attended by 55 members of the Society.

MINUTES OF THE 1970 GENERAL MEETING:

The minutes of the 1970 General Meeting were read and approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The chairman handed the chair to the vice president of the Society, Mr. D.D. Masterson who asked Mr. Grobbelaar to deliver the chairman's report for 1971. (See Appendix A).

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The audited accounts of the Society were tabled (See Appendix B) and approved by the meeting.

EDITOR'S REPORT:

The editor, Mr. M.C.F. King, delivered his report (See Appendix C).

REPORTS OF THE CHAPTERS:

The chairman of the Johannesburg and Pretoria Chapters of the Society reported to the meeting (See Appendix D).

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

The Amended Constitution (Appendix E) was tabled and unanimously approved by the meeting.

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The chairman reported that the following members, duly nominated, were elected unopposed to the different offices of the Executive Committee.

Vice president : Dr. G.J. Rudolph
Secretary : Dr. J.D. Roode
Treasurer : Mr. M.C.F. King
Editor : Mr. M.J. Venter

Mr. N.J. Breytenbach and Dr. D.M. Hawkins were elected unopposed as members of the Executive Committee.

The chairman thanked the members of the outgoing Executive Committee for their willingness and co-operation during the year. He also conveyed the Society's best wishes to prof. J.E. Kerrich, a founder member of the Society, who, after a long and distinguished career as professor of Statistics at the University of the Witwatersrand, was retiring at the end of 1971.

The president for 1972, Mr. D.D. Masterson, took the chair and expressed his appreciation towards Mr. Grobbelaar for the efficient handling of the affairs of the Society during 1971.

GENERAL:

Miss Virginia Marting suggested that the possibility of applying for membership of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies be investigated. She mentioned that the CSIR could be approached to provide financial support for this.

The meeting was terminated at 4.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - VOORSITTERSVERSLAG

1971

J.W. Grobbelaar

1971 Is slegs die tweede jaar in die bestaan van die Operasionele Navorsingsvereniging van Suid-Afrika. Dit was dan ook nog tot 'n hoë mate 'n vormende jaar gewees en baie aktiwiteite was eenmalige aktiwiteite wat in die beginjare van 'n sodanige vereniging verwag kan word.

Lidmaatskap:

Tans het die vereniging 93 volle lede en 61 mede-lede teenoor 74 en 40 respektiewelik tydens die 1970 kongres. Dit toon 'n groei van 35% op die totaal wat as gesond en verblydend beskou kan word. Daar is egter nog heelwat belangstellendes en potensiële lede wat nog nie aangesluit het nie soos geïllustreer deur die groot aantal nie-lede wat die 1971 kongres bygewoon het en dit is die ernstige begeerte van die Uitvoerende Komitee dat sodanige persone ook sal aansluit en hulle gewig ingooi by die vereniging.

Wat Korporaat- en Institusionele lede betref is dit vir my 'n groot genoeë om aan te kondig dat in reaksie op uitnodigings wat uitgestuur is, die volgende lede verwelkom kan word en bedank word vir hulle ondersteuning:

African Explosives and Chemical Industries Ltd.
Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Ltd.
Mobil Oil (Southern Africa)(Pty.) Ltd.
Rand Mines Ltd.

Uitvoerende Komitee:

Die Uitvoerende Komitee soos gekies en aangekondig op die 1970-vergadering het gedurende die afgelope jaar in hulle verkose hoedanighede gefunksioneer.

Aangesien 'n behoefte gevoel is aan 'n Afrikaanssprekende persoon in Johannesburg omgewing om die redakteur behulpsaam te wees, het die Uitvoerende Komitee sy prerogatief volgens konstitusie uitgeoefen en mnr. J.L. Marais as mederedakteur gekoöpteer. Verder het die voorsitters van Johannesburg- en Pretoria-takke hulle takke op dié Komitee verteenwoordig. Die sameroeper van die 1971 kongres reëlingskomitee het by latere vergaderings sitting en 'n spreekstem gehad om verslag te doen oor die reëlings van die kongres.

My hartlike dank aan al hierdie here vir hulle samewerking gedurende die afgelope jaar en die blymoedige bereidwilligheid waarmee hulle hul take, soms onder moeilike omstandighede verrig het. Om name uit te sonder sal onregverdig wees want almal het hulle gewig ten volle ingewerp.

Aletesame nege komiteevergaderings is gedurende die jaar gehou wat baie selde voor middernag afgesluit is.

Takke en vergaderings:

Die reeds gekonstitueerde takke Johannesburg en Pretoria het gedurende die jaar vlot gefunksioneer en veral Johannesburg moet geluk gewens word met 'n lewendige en vol lesingsprogram. Ook in die Kaap is een vergadering gehou en die masjinerie in werking gestel om 'n tak te stig. Ons beste wense aan hulle in hierdie onderneming.

Die gebruik is gehandhaaf dat die vereniging nie self lesings reël nie maar aan die takke laat om te organiseer. Daar was gedurende die jaar egter een uitsondering toe 'n gesamentlike vergadering met die Statistiese Vereniging gereël is tydens die besoek van Prof. J.D. Walsh van Southern Methodist University aan die Rand en Pretoria. Die belangstelling hierin was lewendig en ek wil die hoop uitspreek dat dit nie die laaste gesamentlike byeenkoms van sodanige aard sal wees nie.

Change of Constitution:

At the 1970 meeting the Executive Committee was instructed to set in motion the machinery to obtain legal status for the Society. Discussions with Commercial Law experts revealed that it is not necessary for the Society to register with the Registrar of Companies in order to acquire legal personality but the Society can be a body corporate by conducting itself as a legal person in compliance with certain requirements. Such conduct may appear from the contents of the constitution of the Society. A draft of changes in the constitution has therefore been drawn up in consultation with the said law experts which complies with these requirements whilst still preserving the character of the present constitution. This draft has been sent to all members and was presented at the meeting for approval.

Tom Rozwadowski Award:

At the 1970 meeting the chairman announced the principle of establishing an annual Tom Rozwadowski Award. It was decided that the award be in the form of a 2" Sterling Medal with the Society's Logo on the observe side flanked by the words Tom Rozwadowski and ONSA - ORSSA. On the reverse side there is a laurel wreath with space for the name of the recipient and the date. Quotations were obtained and Metal Art (Pty.) Ltd. was instructed to mint the medal.

Formal rules for eligibility were drawn up which basically lay down that only papers of persons who are actually members of the Society when presenting the paper will be eligible. Presenting implies that the paper was delivered at a chapter meeting or conference during the previous year or was sent in for publication to a recognized journal. Furthermore, papers must be available in writing and formally nominated for election by a member or members. The Selection Committee will consist of the President as convenor, two immediate past presidents and two members elected by the Executive Committee. The Selection Committee is under no obligation to award it in any particular year.

The appreciation of the Society goes to Control Data (Pty.) Ltd. for the generous offer to contribute towards deferment of the cost of the medal.

Logo and Letterheads:

With the decision to have the logo on the medal the choice of an appropriate logo became urgent. A call for suggestions went out, a subcommittee was formed to go into proposals and finally a design was adopted.

A new letterhead was designed incorporating the logo. Letterheads and envelopes were printed.

APCOM:

Our society is represented by our past president, Prof. H.S. Sichel on the organising committee of the tenth international symposium on the Application of Computer Methods in the Mineral Industry. This symposium will be held in Johannesburg from April 9 to April 14, 1972. Sixty-seven papers will be read of which a number are of an O.R. nature.

Publications:

During the year it was decided to change the name of our regular publication from Bulletin to the more appropriate Newsletter. It was also decided to publish a "Conference Proceedings and Annual Report" in which this report is included.

Acknowledgements:

Finally may I express my appreciation to all who worked together to make my year in office an enjoyable and memorable one. My best wishes go to the new President.

EDITOR'S REPORT - 1971

M.C.F. KING

I will not discuss in detail the successes and problems of the newsletter during the past year. We all receive copies and are aware of these.

During the year it was decided to alter the name of the publication from bulletin to newsletter to better suit its content. The re-producing process was changed to offset-litho, giving a much clearer print.

Two main problems encountered are that the newsletter is sometimes late, and members find the loose papers awkward to file. In view of this, a decision was made towards the end of the year, to limit the content of future newsletters to notices of meetings and general news. It will no longer contain papers.

Instead there will be an annual publication called "Conference Proceedings and Annual Report 19..". It will be available free of charge to everyone who attended the conference. Members who did not attend the conference will receive only the annual report part of the publication; however, it will be generally available at R5-00 per copy. The publication date will be approximately February each year. Its contents are planned to include reports of office bearers presented to the AGM, proceedings of the conference, and selected papers from those presented to chapters during the year. It will also include an article about the current winner of the Tom Rozwadowski medal.

I now ask this meeting to express a strong vote of thanks to our co-editor, Mr. Wikus Marais, who handled translation and shared the general editorial load during 1972.

Our thanks go also to Miss Isabel Theron of Control Data, for typing and controlling the production of the newsletters.

REPORT OF THE JOHANNESBURG CHAPTER

DR. D.M. HAWKINS

1) Chapter Meetings

A total of 9 chapter meetings were held this year. Two were joint meetings with the Pretoria Chapter addressed by Prof. Eilon and Prof. Walsh respectively. The remaining seven were monthly local meetings addressed by Dr. Hawkins, Dr. Avidan, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Fatti, Prof. Henderson, Mr. Rademacher and Prof. Starfield.

The first local meeting was held at the University of the Witwatersrand. Thereafter, the venue was changed to the Casa Mia Hotel, in an effort to encourage attendance by enabling members to interact before and after the meeting in a socially conducive environment. The average attendance at these meetings was about 20. Problems were experienced in liaison with the General Committee on the newsletter and a number of notices of meeting went out later than was desired. In future, it is recommended that members be notified two meetings ahead.

2) Congress

A major part of the work of organising this Congress fell on the Johannesburg Chapter. Full credit for the organisation must go to the convener, Mr. Jon Miller. I am sure you agree that he has done a tremendous job in organising Congress, and join me in thanking and congratulating him.

3) Finance

The finances of the Chapter are healthy, the current balance being in excess of R300-00.

4) Acknowledgements

I would like to express my appreciation to the Chapter committee for their hard work and enthusiasm during the year. These are: Brian James, Umberto Broccardo, Max Bohlmann, Jon Miller, Adrian Fletcher and Klaus Zoller.

VERSLAG VAN DIE PRETORIA-TAKPROF. R.J. VAN DEN HEEVER

Vir 1971-1972 is die bestuur van die tak as volg saamgestel:

VOORSITTER	:	Prof. R.J. van den Heever
ONDERVOORSITTER	:	Dr. A.P.L. Kotzé
SEKRETARIS	:	Mnr. N.J. Breytenbach
PENNINGMEESTER	:	Mnr. V.A. Shaw
ADDISIONELE LID	:	Dr. L. Raubenheimer

Tydens 'n takvergadering gehou op 24 Februarie 1971 is verskeie amendemente tot die tak se grondwet goedgekeur. Laasgenoemde is ook op 2 November 1971 deur die Uitvoerende Komitee van die Nasionale Vereniging goedgekeur.

Daar is vier byeenkomste tydens die jaar gereël. Twee van die byeenkomste, waartydens internasionale sprekers opgetree het, was in samewerking met die Johannesburg tak. Een van die oorblywende twee byeenkomste is ook deur 'n oorsese besoeker toegespreek. Die lesings was in hoofsaak toepassings-geörienteerd en het behels die toepassing van Operasionele Navorsing in simulasiestudies en verkeersprobleme; verder was daar 'n "State of the art" oorsiglesing.

Met betrekking tot lokale vir byeenkomste het die tak gedurende die afgelope jaar die beleid gevolg om van lokale by hotelle gebruik te maak. Dit was suksesvol.

Bywoning van vergaderings kon beter gewees het, maar die gevoel is dat namate Operasionele Navorsing meer deur Staats- en semi-staats instansies gebruik word, hierdie toestand ook sal verbeter. Die klem word op lg. tipe instansies gelê omrede hulle die Pretoria-omgewing domineer.

Die tak het tans 31 lede.