

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY
OF SOUTH AFRICA, HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PORT ELIZABETH SENATE HALL AT
12 NOON ON 1977.10.27

Chairman: R. Eales (President)
Secretary: D.D. Masterson

Members present:

T.J. Stewart (Vice President)	R.G. Hoekstra
M.A. de Vries	J. McKinnell
D.C.J. de Jongh	J.M. Rice
L.J. Raubenheimer	P.W. Stark
J.M. Hattingh	G. de V. de Kock
P.K. Hough (Corporate Rep.)	H.W. Ittmann
R. Gonin	G. J. Rudolph
C.J. Visser (Corporate Rep.)	P.J. Vermeulen
S.S. Loubser	C. Heydenrych (Corporate Rep.)
M.J. Venter	J.W. Grobbelaar
V.J. Royce	P.N. Penney
D.G. Kourie	J. Affleck-Graves
J.S. Avidan	K.J.H. Jager
R.P. Staadecker	

1. Minutes of the 1976 Annual General Meeting had been distributed before the meeting and were taken as read. Acceptance of the Minutes was approved after a proposal by J.W. Grobbelaar seconded by H.W. Ittmann.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3. President's Report

The chair was handed over to the Vice President, Dr. T.J. Stewart, whereupon the President delivered his address. After a proposal by Prof. M.J. Venter, seconded by Dr. D.G. Kourie, the address was accepted.

4. Financial Report

An apology was given by Mr. Eales on behalf of the Treasurer who had been unable at the last minute to attend the Annual General Meeting and Conference. Mr. Eales presented accounts to the meeting and stated that the auditors had not been able to complete their audit because an account had been discovered to still be in Cape Town. Once this matter had been corrected and fully audited accounts were available, they could be distributed.

Prof. Grobbelaar questioned the phraseology "Gift for Treasurer" in the Income Statement. Mr. Eales said this was a reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Treasurer and agreed that the wording should be altered.

A proposal by Prof. Grobbelaar, seconded by Dr. Rudolph was put before the meeting and it was accepted that:

"The Executive Committee will approve the audited accounts after their distribution to and consideration by members."

The President then resumed the chair.

5. Editor's Report

Mr. M.A. de Vries delivered his report as Editor of the Society. After a proposal by Mr. Gonin, seconded by Prof. de Kock, the report was accepted.

6. Reports from the Chapters

A report on the activities of the Pretoria Chapter was read by the Chairman of that Chapter, Dr. Kourie.

Apologies for the absence of both the Johannesburg and Western Cape Chairmen were given and the reports from those Chapters were read by Messrs. Masterson and Affleck-Graves respectively.

7. Amendments to the Constitution

Mr. de Vries proposed and Dr. Stewart seconded that the amendments as circulated be accepted, namely, Pages 4 and 5, under Official Notices of the September newsletter.

The meeting voted in favour of the amendments.

8. Registration of Scientists

The members were informed by Dr. Stewart that an act requiring the registration of scientists had been proposed in which the Minister of Planning and Environment would prescribe certain work to only registered scientists, one category of which will cover the mathematical sciences. He stated that the Executive Committee would investigate the draft bill and that a sub-committee had been selected to study the bill and to seek legal advice if necessary. This sub-committee consisting of:

Dr. T.J. Stewart (Convenor)
Mr. R. Eales
Mr. D.D. Masterson

would also liaise with the sub-committee appointed by the Statistical Society. The deadline for amendments was 1978.1.31. Any comments by members could be directed to Dr. Stewart before 1977.12.31.

Mr. Penney enquired whether a synopsis could possibly be circulated and Dr. Stewart agreed to attend to this.

The proposed act is similar in many respects to the Professional Engineers Act.

9. Election of the Executive Committee

The Chairman announced that nominations had been received for all available posts except that of Secretary and in terms of the Constitution, he could call for nominations for that post from the floor. No nominations were received and it would therefore be necessary for the Executive Committee to co-opt or make such appointment.

The new Committee was:

President	:	Dr. T.J. Stewart
Vice President	:	Mr. J.S. Wolvaardt
Past President	:	Mr. R. Eales
Secretary	:	To be appointed
Treasurer	:	Mr. P.W. Stark
Editor	:	Mr. M.A. de Vries
Elected Members	:	Mr. J. Affleck-Graves Mr. R.G. Hoekstra

The Chairman handed over the chair to Dr. Stewart who thanked the President and his outgoing committee for the work they had carried out over the past year.

10. General

T.R. Rozwadowski Award

The Past President made awards to Messrs. P.J. Vermeulen and D.C.J. de Jongh for their series of papers on "Limits to Growth".

1978 Conference

Mr. Hoekstra asked the meeting whether they approved of the suggestion that the 1978 Conference be held on a Thursday and Friday in Durban during the latter half of September. This was agreed provided consideration could be given to avoiding the school holiday periods at that time.

IFORS 1978

Mr. Eales announced that IFORS brochures would be distributed with the next newsletter.

Mr. Eales thanked all those involved in arranging the P.E. Conference and congratulated them on the excellence of the arrangements.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 13h05.