

# PISA

## THE PLASTICS INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

### MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE WESTVILLE COUNTRY CLUB KZN ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

#### **WELCOME**

Alain Berichon opened the meeting at 18h00 by introducing the new KZN Branch Chairman Moses Mnyakeni who welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to the PISA National Chairman Bob Bond.

Bob extended his welcome to all and thanked KZN branch for organising the NEC meeting held earlier in the day, and this AGM.

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice of the meeting had been posted on the PISA website and e-mailed to members by the branches.

#### **ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES**

19 members were present as recorded on the Attendance Register, which constituted a quorum, exceeding the minimum requirement of 15. 16 non-members were present.

7 apologies were noted from Mike Bullock, Justin Evan, Brian McCleary, Charles Muller, Garth Taylor, David Truter, Mark Varrie and Jan Visser.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> National AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008 in Johannesburg had been posted on the PISA website for all members to access, and copies were available at the meeting.

They were accepted without change.

Proposed: Pixley Makhubo

Seconded: Martin Wells

#### **FINANCE**

David Rule presented the Financial Report.

Branch finances are dealt with, and accepted, at branch AGMs so at this meeting it was necessary to only consider, and approve, the National “branch” accounts.

Copies of the audited accounts were available at the meeting for members to see, and query if necessary.

For the year under review, income was up by 3,7% and expenses were down by 0,3% which resulted in a National Accounts surplus of R3 085.

At year end, National had R159 772 cash on hand.

There were no queries on the accounts and the National finances were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Aubrey Hill

Seconded: Vishnu Colan

## **MEMBERSHIP**

David Rule provided details for the year May 2008 to April 2009.

Overall Institute membership declined from 554 to 510 (8%) due to 30 members resigning and a further 70 being written off for non-payment of their Subscriptions. However, 42 new members were accepted and a further 14 people who had defaulted in previous years were re-instated.

During the year 3 Northern members were upgraded to Associate and 4 to Fellow, and 1 KZN member to Affiliate.

## **CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS**

The Branch Chairmen from KZN, North and W Cape gave reports on the activities in their areas and the efforts being made to provide a service to members. They gave details of the lecture and social events organised in their branches and identified the Committee members who give of their own time to arrange activities for the members.

The situation in the Eastern Cape continues to be problematic and attempts to revive the Algoa branch are proving difficult with even less success in Border.

## **CONFIRMATION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Election of the following Office Bearers was confirmed.

National Chairman: Alain Berichon

National Vice Chairman: Bob Bond

National Secretary/Treasurer: David Rule

Proposed: Pixley Makhubo

Seconded: Moses Mnyakeni

## **CONFIRMATION OF AUDITORS**

James Crichton was confirmed as the National Auditor

Proposed: David Rule

Seconded: Andre Uitslag

## **CONFIRMATION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL**

Confirmation of **SA Plastics** as the official journal was obtained

Proposed: Pixley Makhubo

Seconded: Moses Mnyakeni

## **RON HAISMAN AWARD**

Submissions had been received from KZN and North.

After careful consideration of these two most worthy submissions, the adjudication committee had decided to make the award to **KZN** for the third year running

## **GENERAL**

Bob Bond confirmed his commitment to championing Technical Seminars in the branches to coincide with NEC meetings.

A sincere vote of thanks was proposed to Bob Bond for his Chairmanship over the last 3 years.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 18h58

Signed as a true record of the proceedings this      day of                      2010

National Chairman

After the AGM an informative lecture was given by George Fee of Symphony Plastics entitled Environmental Technologies, and Symphony kindly co-sponsored the evening with PISA KZN.