



MINUTES

AMEU AFFILIATES VIRTUAL MAIN MEETING

PLACE

VIA Microsoft Teams

TIME

26 July 2022 @ 09:00 – 11:00

Description	Action
<p>1. Welcome – Notice convening the meeting Keseree Rajoo opened the meeting and welcomed the AMEU President, WIE Chairperson, Exco Members, all affiliate members, honorary members, committee members and all other attendees to the meeting.</p> <p>2. Attendance and apologies 96 Members attended</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Patrick O’ Halloran and Sheila Cele.</p> <p>3. Minutes of previous meeting Hannes Roos proposed and Gordon Aarons seconded.</p> <p>4. Matters arising Vally Padayachee asked that his presentation be moved up as he was scheduled for another meeting and needed to be excused early. Keseree Rajoo agreed that the presentation be moved up to number 8.</p> <p>Jayshree Pershad also asked to be excused early and if she could respond to any question that need her attention after Vally’s presentation and KR agreed to open the floor after the presentation.</p> <p>5. Correspondence Correspondence received for Sports day and will be discussed under Convention.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KR</p>

6. Memberships

2 new members applied for membership namely Colossal Concrete Solutions and Africa Utility Solutions and Vodacom and MTN had also expressed interest in membership.

2 members namely Plentify and Regent Lighting have not renewed their membership and Jean highlighted it could be due to the absence of face to face meetings. However, Jean Venter will be communicating with them as well as the entire database about face to face meetings resuming.

JV

7. Affiliates Honorary Membership Nominations

Gordon Arons and Dave Turton are current nominees. Please send your nominations through for consideration to the Affiliate Secretary at email address affiliate.secretary@vdw.co.za, these are normally awarded at the convention, the criteria for this can be obtained from the AMEU website.

KR

8. AMEU Executive Affairs

8.1 COVID and Current status- Vally Padayachee mentioned that some meetings may now be Hybrid, and some will be in person.

8.2 V Padayachee (VP) advised that the call for papers had closed and a copy of abstracts were now tabled. He also mentioned that at the suggestion of the AMEU President subject matter experts to be invited to chair sessions at the Convention. The AMEU President will open the Convention but sessions will be chaired by Subject Matter experts. Convention programme is targeted for publication by mid-August and floorplan is ready for circulation to the affiliates to book their stands. VP also mentioned that it was agreed at the meeting that regular comparative registration figures be published to the organising committee. Annual Presidential awards rules have been updated and publicity to solicit new nominees is in progress. Branches encouraged to actively promote enrolment of candidates into the President's Awards Programme

VP

8.3 JOINT AMEU/SAIEE WEBINAR- Webinar series dates set to run from the 10th -25th August 2022 with 6 sessions on 6 different days. The series will be running under the theme 'Municipal Power Utility of the Future'.

8.4 NERSA MATTERS- Microgrid applications to be sent out to NERSA. Unfortunately, at the time of meeting Vally mentioned that: SSEG Rules, Reseller Rules and NMD Rules were yet to be resolved. However, on Use of Systems Rules (Wheeling) 37 Municipalities are NERSA approved SSEG and Wheeling tariffs. Vally also mentioned that as of a few weeks before meeting NERSA had decided that they no longer have a mandate to give oversight and approve SSEG tariffs but are still in charge of wheeling and a wheeling work group had been formed. However, Vally also asked for official communication from the Regulator pertaining them no

longer approving SSEG tariffs.

- 8.5 GCC MATTERS- Members concerns first raised by the affiliates on GCC exams and appointments of competent persons in terms of the act are now resolved. Members noted that GCC is not a qualification, it is a licence to practice and that the correct terminology is not “safety officer” but rather corrected to “competent person”. Mr Pieter Laubscher advised that municipalities that do not have a competent person in place must report that to the Department of Labour and this matter is still outstanding. A competent person may have a full GCC or may be a graduate engineer with two years’ experience and having completed the law exam offered by the DoL. Unfortunately, GCC did not have approved GCC exam results to present.
- 8.6 AMEU JUST ENERGY TRANSITION (“JET”) COMMITTEE-VP mentioned that the Chairperson for the JET Committee made a presentation regarding terms of reference and how to take the committee forward.
- 8.7 AMEU GRID CODE COMMITTEE- Vice Chair name is in place but awaits approval by Exco.
- 8.8 EIUG MATTERS- Mr Mondi EIUG, CEO did a presentation on the crisis proportions of our energy supply, asking what can be done to stimulate:
- a) energy efficiency
 - b) incentivise public generation and
 - c) reducing overall demand without damaging the economy.
- EIUG is also waiting on the State President for guidance in this regard. Reference was also made to a new electricity pricing framework that NERSA and others are working now requiring public inputs.
- 8.9 PIESA- VP mentioned that they had a series of Board meetings in Cape Town in May 2022 and a site visit was done to the Eskom Research centre at the end of 2021. Work Group meetings for PIESA are continuing as normal during the course of the year.
- 8.10 SSEG development programme- Notwithstanding NERSA’S oversight communication SALGA has indicated a special development programme. 41 municipalities have already participated in the 2019/2020 SALGA SSEG support programme. Municipalities encouraged to take part in this programme as it affects the crisis situation. As of May 2021, 38 Municipalities had SSEG Tariffs approved, 59 applied and 70 have allowed for SSEG. SSEG approval must be actioned by the respective Metro Municipal Councils and once approved it does not have to go back to NERSA.
- 8.11 SALGA - Energy Performance Certificates- VP mentioned that Affiliates have a role to play on Energy Performance Certificates. These certificates are now becoming a requirement by DMRE and NERSA and it is becoming a licence condition. Every Municipality needs to produce an Energy Performance Certificate for buildings larger than

1000m². 64% of municipalities have not started this process yet in part because of a shortage of service providers certified to do the certifications and this is an opportunity for Affiliates to provide a service. Members wanted to know if a further 24 months extension was enough and if DMRE can make budget available for this yet to be approved.

8.12 MISA FRAMEWORK CONTRACTS- Transversal Contracts that are within the jurisdiction of National Treasury may be used as an alternative vehicle to replace MISA Contracts

8.13 NRS MATTERS- Jayson Naicker from the NRS Association presented a status report on the work of the NRS Association indicating that some 60 projects are currently in process. Work of the association is limited by the fact that they only have one project leader left in the organisation.

8.14 AMEU Meetings Schedule - Due to the fact that some meetings are now going to be in person schedule will be updated the Secretariat and will be communicated.

8.15 ELECTRIFICATION MASTER PLAN- Plan has been developed and it is being done in phases and third parties are wanting to assist.

8.16 NON-GRID ELECTRIFICATION- Significant money has been put by DMRE and they are looking to promote this more in the Rural areas and DMRE will be rolling out a tender soon for Non-Grid Electrification.

8.17 Municipal Debt Strategy- Eskom Strategy is three-fold which is Stop the bleed, Reduce and Prevent overdue growth. Eskom. Eskom will do this by:

Credit Management

Legal Intervention

Limit Service Provision

Active Partnership (45 Municipalities already engaged in on this)

National Treasury Intervention

Eskom Challenges

- Significant build-up of overdue debt sitting at R46 578bn as of May 2022
- In terms of arrangement 9 Municipalities are currently honouring the arrangement, 4 partially honouring and 17 not honouring the arrangement. VP mentioned that as AMEU we are saying Municipalities must pay what they rightfully and correctly owe to Eskom and in principle we are questioning the debt that is being accumulated by Municipalities.

Eskom is working towards legal separation by December 2022 and significant progress has been made.

8.18 STATUS –TID ROLLOVER- It is daily becoming crucial and Eskom has begun their exercise with SALGA and SARPA

assisting. STS Association is cooperating with National Treasury to establish a “transversal contract” to pre-select by tender, suitable contractors to assist municipalities with the TID rollover projects and associated meter audits.

Gordon Arons commented on the presentation that two years Eskom is yet to unravel figures and posed a question if Municipalities are servicing the current use or they are now battling with the interest rate from Eskom. He also suggested that there should be a split between interest and are Municipalities at least paying that which is due every month as a minimum.

VP responded by saying that as Municipalities and the market we are the big players on the market. As members and affiliates we need to leverage on this and iron out rough edges as a collective.

AMEU President Jayshree Pershad (JP) also commented that we need to understand that there are certain pressures that are there within Municipalities and as AMEU we need to strive as a collective find what those pressures are and suggest a solution.

9. Affiliates Committee feedback

9.1 AMEU Transformation feedback - Paddy Padayachee(PP) mentioned that they received a letter of nomination for a committee member to join the affiliates. However, there was a debate regarding the qualification and we still deliberating who is to be party to the committee. Also, deliberations were had about having trainees to learn from the experienced people in the committee.

PP

KR mentioned that PP and GA are working on a project plan as to how the entire process should roll out and will share with the team once concluded.

92. Supply Chain Management Issues - KR mentioned that they had a brief meeting with Jean Venter (JV) and Hannes Roos (HR) about moving forward and they have put a hold on it until they have proper feedback for the team.

KR

10. Finance

J Burn (JB) Income statement shows income received from Golf R44 500,00 and two more companies were yet to pay.

Expenses reported are R42 794 and Advertising and Promotions is 50% deposit paid for Daniel Silke for the Business Leaders Breakfast.

JB also mentioned that it would change as she needed to book Daniel's flight and finalise his ground logistics and would give feedback at the next meeting.

A reminder was sent and JB encouraged members to send through their booking forms if not yet done. Total Expense at the date of meeting was R58 865,25 and Financials reflect what appears to be a loss but it is not a loss for it is expenses over what we have gained this year as profit.

Interest from market linked account is R26 048,17 and there has been a slight profit of R10 445,57.

G Arons asked what were the circumstances surrounding the two companies that had not yet paid for the golf. J Burn responded that the AMEU Affiliates was not a registered vendor with one of the companies and paperwork had to be sent to that particular company in order to become a vendor. The other company would be receiving a reminder from J Burn that they were yet to pay.

Balance sheet:

Cash in bank as at 17 July 2022	R 169 666,28
Market Link Account	R 1 975 998,94
Total Assets	R 2 145 665,22

J Venter agreed with the challenge of the vendor system and SAP and mentioned that it is a lot and care should be taken that the process is not duplicated.

11. Affiliates Golf Day

11.1 J Burn mentioned that it was a successful day and everyone had a great time. JB also took time to thank all sponsors and all who took and played the fourball and encouraged people to go and download pictures on the AMEU website.

WIE Chairperson L Modiselle also asked that in future the award ceremony takes note of the newcomers and acknowledges them.

P Padayachee also mentioned that it was a great event.

T Mdwaba asked if his email was received for the costs for the fourball and J Burn responded that it was sent to Phillip and he also sponsored a hole.

JB

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12 AMEU Convention

Before taking her leave AMEU President JP took time to express gratitude for all members who will be participating at the Convention in October 2022.

K Rajoo mentioned that all concerns for the Convention from members had been noted and the AMEU President had mentioned that the event would be in person and not hybrid.

GA asked what the current registration is as at the date of meeting. J Venter mentioned the uptake was slow and as at the date of meeting registrations were sitting at 12 and no affiliate company had registered as yet.

H Roos- mentioned that Municipalities will be able to register once programme is out, so the numbers will likely peak when the programme is out.

W Vermaak mentioned that they were keen on exhibiting but could not register as they were still waiting for the Floorplan.

12.1 Sports Day- J Burn mentioned that programme and booking is being finalised and all sports will be centred around the Beach and the evening Function is at the Barnyard and theme is Thank you for the Music. H Roos also mentioned that distance between ICC and where the sports will be is 3km.

12.2 Exhibition -J Burn- mentioned that bookings and Floorplan should go out in the coming week.

D Turton mentioned that first option for booking of stands is for major sponsors before it is sent out to all members.

J Burn responded that major Sponsors had already received the floorplan and one had already reserved their stand. The deadline for Major Sponsors to book space was the following day and once they have booked J Burn would send floorplan to all members.

W Vermaak asked what floorspace is attached to a sponsorship. J Burn clarified that no sponsorship has floorspace attached to it but sponsors are given first option to choose stands. G Arons also added that it only major sponsors who are given this option and after major sponsors is the committee then it goes out to the members.

12.3 Sponsorship- T Rhoda(TR) mentioned that at the date of the meeting there were:

2 Package A Sponsors

3 Package B Sponsors

1 Package D Sponsors. Only package A and B sponsors had received the Floorplan as at meeting date.

She also mentioned that over R600 000 sponsorships had been

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invoiced and more enquiries were coming in and list would be updated and shared. T Rhoda also encouraged members to take up Sponsorship and her availability to setup meetings for the sponsorships.

13 Business Leadership Breakfast

P Padayachee mentioned that the event will be taking place on the 2nd of September at the Johannesburg Country Club. He encouraged members to send out the registration form if not yet done by the 26th of August. Speaker for the Breakfast is Daniel Silke a Political and Economic Analyst.

PP

14 AMEU Branch Affairs

D Turton(DT) - Limpopo Branch meeting taking place Thursday and Friday. SARPA will be Thursday and AMEU on a Friday. Attendance is looking good with 35 confirmed attendees at the date of meeting.

On the 18th and 19th of August there will be a meeting at Port Alfred but registration has not been great and team was contemplating postponing the meeting. D Turton mentioned that communication will be sent either by email or WhatsApp regarding that meeting.

DT also mentioned that for Gauteng they were waiting for dates that need to be updated on the website before they start pushing for meeting representation.

K Rajoo asked how far they had gone with the updating of the meeting dates on the website.

J Venter responded that commitment was for end of July and he has made a note and will follow up and make sure that the dates are posted on the website.

DT

15 Distribution of Funds to Branches

K Rajoo mentioned that the standing committee agreed that in terms of Branches and invoicing for meetings that Affiliate representatives signs off on the invoices and D Turton (DT) can assist.

J Venter asked that Branches make decisions on how they want to utilise the monies but Affiliate members sign off on the payments.

G Arons also added that the decision that the local affiliate person sign off on the invoices since most of the funding comes from the Affiliates.

K Rajoo mentioned that there was some clarity that needed to be discussed regarding Branch and would feedback to members after they have a meeting with J Venter.

16 AMEU Awards 2022

K Rajoo (KR) rules have been revised and she encouraged people to apply on the website.

17 AMEU Magazine

J Venter (JV) mentioned that the Magazine is evolving and it had also taken the form of a blog format coming from Vally Padayachee on Industry Affairs. V Padayachee(VP) did a 14 page write up which was shared to about 400 media outlets and members. J Venter encouraged members to send articles and advertisements for the Magazine and it is at no cost which is a biweekly publication. Currently it is being done in a newsletter format and there are no timelines attached as they are published once there is enough content.

J Venter also mentioned that the newsletter would run together with the blog.

K Rajoo mentioned that regarding the 14 paged document written by Vally that had stirred a media storm as mentioned by J Venter, the committee had decided to address it formally and were waiting for feedback from the AMEU President.

WIE Chairperson L Modiselle asked why WIE was not reflected in the Newsletter.

J Venter responded saying that WIE is welcome to send content to J Venter for publication. He also further went on to clarify that the Association is an Association of Utilities and that is where the mandate comes from. Mandate of the Association is to represent utilities and not individual companies.

K Rajoo also mentioned that they had asked for the mandate of the AMEU ExCo and are still waiting for that feedback.

H Roos what we must remember is if what is said affects the affiliate companies directly and it should be brought to attention.

18 PIESA

Reported on the Executive Affairs

19 CIGRE

J Burn mentioned that the Paris session will take place on the 28th of August 2022. Papers closed and the deadline for early bird registration was 15 May 2022. Normally at the end of October Cigre also holds a feedback session on what would have been discussed at CIGRE

20. SABS

Jeremiah Mathobela (JM) mentioned that the restructuring is still ongoing and the management level had been done and they will be moving to all other levels. Current structure is in place and they are testing as required while the process of restructuring is taking place.

JV

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JM

20 NRS

JB to send report to all members after meeting.

21 WIE

L Modiselle(LM)- Webinar series started well and on the 4th of August they will be having another one and their guest Speaker is the President of ECSA and another representative from ECSA will be there to take women on how to register as a professional Engineer.

16th of August they are planning on another webinar together with SAIEE and AMEU but it was yet to be finalised. The theme is “Where are the women”

Another webinar is set to take place on the 4th of November and details will be communicated in due course.

She also mentioned that they are ready for the Convention and they have submitted a paper for presentation to V Padayachee. WIE is now also in Partnership with DMRE and GIZ and have collaborated with SAIEE.

L Modiselle also mentioned that they are encouraging Branch participation.

WIE also have implemented a badge process and are looking for sponsorship from members for the badges. Member companies wanting to Sponsor can communicate with K Rajoo who will in turn speak to L Modiselle.

T Mdwaba asked to whom communication should be sent for any factory visits. L Modiselle responded that it can be sent to herself and Yolandie on their WIE email

wiesecretary@ameu.vdw.co.za

J Venter encouraged WIE to circulate their marketing material broadly.

C Mdwaba mentioned that they had sent an invite to WIE for factory visit and they had experienced a technical challenge but they should be able to receive it anytime.

22 SAIEE

PP mentioned that there is a magazine by SAIEE called What Now and he encouraged members to go and have a look at the magazine and also take up space for advertising in the magazine.

23 General

Nothing to discuss

JB

LM

24 Closing

KR thanked all for attending and closed the meeting