



MINUTES:

AMEU AFFILIATES VIRTUAL MAIN MEETING

PLACE:
VIA Microsoft Teams

TIME:
26 January 2021 @ 09:00 – 11:00

- 1) Welcome – Notice convening the meeting.
 - Gordon opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- 2) Attendance and apologies
 - Apologies were noted for Paddy Padayachee and Vally Padayachee.
- 3) Minutes of previous meeting Proposed / Seconded.
 - It was noted that the minutes of the previous minutes were not recorded. Hannes Roos and Nisha Chetty assisted with the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - Previous minutes were proposed and seconded by Dave Turton and Hannes Roos
- 4) Matters arising
 - None
- 5) Correspondence
 - Hannes advised that there was a letter drafted to the Exco regarding a concern from the affiliates that the standard of the appointment of engineers that is in charge of the distribution network does not comply with the regulations to be appointed with government and that it affects the standard of the distribution utilities. The second concern was that the duplication of exam papers, the letter was sent to the Department of Labour and then via the executive counsel of the AMEU, Vally Padayachee has set up a meeting with the Department of Labour, executives and affiliates. Department of Labour. requested the stats received

from the AMEU site and indicate the duplications to them. We are now awaiting feedback from the Department of Labour.

- 6) Membership
 - Gordon asked all members to please pay their membership fees that are due.
- 7) Affiliates Honorary Membership Nominations
 - No affiliate membership nominations were noted.
- 8) Finance
 - Balance sheet as at the end of the 19th of January.
 - Current account: R195 141.47
 - Market link account: R1 896 944.52
 - Total in the bank: R2 092 085.99
- 9) Affiliates Golf Day 2021
 - Proposed dates for the Golf day are 27 May 2021 and 3 June 2021.
- 10) AMEU Convention 2021
 - *Future Virtual Platform*
To be discussed in the Exco meeting.
 - *Affiliate Membership Rules*
It was noted that the committee will draft the proposed amendment to the rules that affiliates will not be allowed to conference if they are not a member.
- 11) Business Leaders Breakfast 2021
 - None
- 12) AMEU Executive Affairs
 - Vally shared presentation with all. Presentation will be available for distribution.
- 13) AMEU Branch Affairs
 - Gordon advised that the Limpopo branch meeting was a good meeting, there were two presentations. Gordon further advised that the branch meetings are currently taking place on a national basis and that affiliate members have the opportunity to become involved in all branch meetings taking place. Vally noted that the Namibia branch meeting will be an in-person meeting.
- 14) Distribution of Funds to Branches
 - It was noted that funds will not be paid out automatically to branches in 2021 and that funds will essentially go into a fund for the branches to be assisted. It

was further noted that all the branches were paid last year and that some branches are in credit for meetings that was not held.

- 15) AMEU Awards 2021
 - To be discussed at a later stage
- 16) AMEU Magazine
 - Max advised that the March magazine will be ready by the end of March as per the normal program. The magazine will only be sent out electronically and is available on the AMEU website.
- 17) PIESA
 - All Piesa activities are virtual. It was noted that the webinar of utility management was successful and there will be an extension of that webinar. A possible 6-day webinar session on utility management towards the end of February or the first week of March. Vally shared that the former chairperson of Piesa that was chair from 2015 – 2019 has passed away due to COVID-19.
- 18) CIGRE
 - None
- 19) SABS
 - Updates will be shared in the March edition of the Magazine.
- 20) NRS
 - None
- 21) SARPA
 - It was noted that the next SARPA meeting will be a virtual meeting.
- 22) Women in Electricity (WIE)
 - It was noted that the last meeting was November 2020. The next WiE meeting is scheduled for the 11th of March 2021.
- 23) SAIEE
 - It was noted that the former President of the AMEU, who was the CEO, has resigned and left the service of the SAIEE. The Chief Operating Officer was appointed as the acting CEO.
- 24) E-Bulletin

- One edition was done for this year so far and was well supported, another edition is planned soon.

25) General

- Gordon asked new members to introduce themselves.
- Gordon also mentioned that an ex-committee member, Gerald Brown is going through a tough time medically and wished him strength during this time.

26) Dates for 2021 meetings

- Dates for future meetings are on the AMEU website.

27) Closing

- Hannes Roos closed the meeting with a prayer.