

# The South African Association for Food Science and Technology



## SAAFoST BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the SAAFoST 2015 Biennial General Meeting held in the Great Ilanga Room at the Elangeni Hotel in Durban on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 17h00.

### PRESENT:

79 members and guests attended as per the attached attendance list.

### APOLOGIES

Ackermann, Andre	Barnett, Jaci	Bothma, John	Burger, Tommie
Cole, Bernard	De Jesus, Amelia	Du Plessis, Lourens	Erasmus, Niel
Evans, Leigh	Gnadinger, Felix	Harcourt, Dave	Howell, Chick
Jooste, Piet	Lombard, Sam	Loubser, Gill	Lehmann, Fred
McLean, Rudi	Parsons, Aubrey	Piek, Shirley	Spitzer, Nick
van Aswegen, Jannie	van de Venter, Theo	van der Walt, Wynand	von Fintel, Werner
Wessels, Kowie	Wright, Dennis		

No	Item	
1	<b>WELCOME &amp; CONDOLENCES</b>	
1.1	The President, Ryan Ponquett, welcomed all present to the 2015 SAAFoST BGM.	
1.2	A minute's silence was observed in memory of Caroline Raffray.	
2	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
2.1	Apologies were noted as per the list above.	
3	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BGM</b>	
3.1	The minutes of the BGM held on the 7 <sup>th</sup> of July 2013 were distributed electronically by the Secretariat and were accepted as correct.	
3.2	Adoption of the previous minutes: Proposer: David Watson      Seconded: Gunnar Sigge	
4	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.	
5	<b>PRESIDENTS REPORT</b>	
5.1	The Presidents Report was circulated electronically. Attached as a separate document.	
5.2	President Ryan Ponquett presented his report to the meeting highlighting his term of office which was focused on consolidation and encouraging the participation of the	

	<p>younger generation in SAAFoST.</p> <p>He asked Custodian members to continue their valued support and to get their employees to become individual members.</p> <p>Ryan thanked the Council Members for their dedication and support during his term of office.</p>																			
5.3	President Ryan called for adoption of his report which was proposed by Nick Starke and seconded by Ryk Lues.																			
6	<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>																			
6.1	Rosie Maguire, in her capacity of Treasurer presented the financial report to the meeting and responded to questions relating to the financial statements and results.																			
6.2	The acceptance of the Financials was proposed by Amanda Minnaar and seconded by Nick Starke.																			
6.3	SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR 2016 - 2017																			
	The SAAFoST Council proposed the following increases in subscription fees, inclusive of VAT:																			
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6.4	The increases were accepted by the meeting as proposed by Gunnar Sigge and seconded by James McLean.																			
7	<b>SAAFoST FOUNDATION</b>																			
7.1	The SAAFoST Foundation report was circulated electronically and is attached as a separate document.																			
7.2	<p>David Watson presented to the meeting and elaborated on the formation and objectives and achievements of the SAAFoST Foundation.</p> <p>He mentioned that further support was required to achieve the goals that the Foundation had set for bursaries for the coming two years and called on those present to share the importance of the good work being done by the Foundation with colleagues.</p>																			
7.3	The President announced that SAAFoST Council has agreed to contribute an additional R 300 000.00 to the Foundation capital fund.																			
8	<b>BRANCH REPORTS</b>																			
8.1	Branch reports were circulated prior to the meeting and no discussion was taken.																			

<b>9</b>	<b>FST MAGAZINE</b>	
9.1	Tricia Fitchet, the Editor of FST made a short presentation See the attached report.	
9.2	Tricia highlighted the publications achievements over the 15 issues which contained scientific articles and technical papers. The publication was supported by advertisements.  FST is SAAFoST's magazine and members were invited to submit articles and topic suggestions.	
<b>11</b>	<b>ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS - OUTCOME</b>	
11.1	Dudley Randall, representing the Secretariat announced the office bearers: 2016 – 2017 who were elected unopposed. SAAFoST President Ryan Ponquett congratulated the nominees on their appointments.  President Elect: Lucia Anelich.  Vice Presidents: Anza Bester.	
<b>12</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	
12.1	<b>Lucia Anelich</b> asked if the decision to award free membership to students had made a difference to the number who join and asked if SAAFoST retains them as members.  Owen Frisby commented that students need to be encouraged more actively at the universities which was not being done at present and that there was a need for a more concerted effort to explain the value proposition that SAAFoST offers..  Owen also referred to the "Select a Student "programme which was operating on the SAAFoST website.  Irene Burke reported that there were currently 500 Student members. Approximately 100 per annum were lost when they left the universities because they don't update their contact details with the SAAFoST Secretariat.	
12.2	<b>Peter Bush</b> described the food science student situation in Australia. He mentioned that there needs to be a "go to" person at the universities as that seems to be an effective way of reaching them.  He apologised for not being at past meetings but congratulated SAAFoST on the spirit which prevailed in the organisation today. He noted that SAAFoST was doing a tremendous job.	
12.3	<b>David Carrol</b> asked if any tangible benefits could be derived to organisations making donations to Foundation. David Watson responded that there is a SARS tax benefit and that BEE points could be earned which assisted companies with their scorecards.	
12.4	Gunnar Sigge thanked outgoing President Ryan for his efforts and contributions during his 2 year term of office.	
<b>13</b>	<b>CLOSURE</b>	
	The meeting closed at 18h00	