



*The South African Society of Music Teachers/
Die Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging van Musiekonderwysers*

MINUTES

**Council Meeting on Sunday 14 March 2021 at 14:00
Online Zoom meeting**

1. Welcome: Erna welcomed all attending
2. Attendance and apologies:
 - a. Attendance: Erna Rademan (President), Elma Britz (EO), Gisela Scriba (President-elect), Lestie Hughes (Past-president), Alethea de Villiers (Vice-President Eastern Cape), Tania Borman (Vice-President KZN), Vaughan Pietersen (Vice-President Western Cape), Hans Potgieter (Vice-President Free State and Northern Cape), Ewald Hesse (Webmaster and Database administrator), Tinus Botha (Editor SAMT).
 - b. Apologies: Ros Conrad and Stephan Gericke.
3. Personalia:
 - a. Olga Rademan senior passed away on Saturday 6 March 2021. She had been a Life member of the Kroonstad Centre for many years and was a remarkable music teacher. Condolences with Erna and family were expressed by the EO.
 - b. Elma Britz was congratulated on the Christening of her 6th grandchild this morning.
4. Additions to the agenda (To be dealt with under General).
 - a. President's report
 - b. Vice Presidents' reports
 - c. Proposals from Ekurhuleni Centre
 - d. Should members want to belong to more than one centre, do they qualify for lower membership fees?
 - e. Date of the 2021 virtual AGM
5. Notice of Motions: Vote online and referral to AGM
 - a. Voting results from Vice-presidents:

Nr	EC	WC	KZ N	Gauten g, L, NW, MP	FS/ NC	TO AGM Y/N	COMMENTS
1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Read in connection with result of Motion 4, It can be variable, also location of Conference/AGM.
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
3	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
4	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PREFERABLY FOR A 2 YEAR PERIOD.

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5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The EO has contacted another attorney to expedite the process. A previous quote to facilitate this process was R18500 which was deemed too high. Now the task was given to another attorney who will hopefully give a more affordable quote. The SASMT is already registered at SARS which is a step in the right direction.
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The EO stated that we should accommodate members and deal with payments with compassion. Motion accepted.

6. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 14 March 2019 - accepted and seconded online
 - a. Confirmation of Minutes
 - i. Confirmed by Hans Potgieter
 - ii. Seconded by Ewald Hesse
 - b. Matters arising: None
 - c. SANYO board member: Johanna Roos as a potential member is suggested, but the EO need to enquire from her and Sophia Weltz. During the Covid-19 period SANYO is being held on ice until the situation improves.
 - d. Status of SASMT directors: The matter is deferred to the AGM.
7. Minutes of the AGM held on 14 March 2019
 - a. Confirmation of Minutes: to be done at the AGM
 - b. Matters arising:
 - i. Benevolent Fund: Updated Policy document and application form, approval and suggestions:
 1. Contributions 2019-2020: No special donations were received.
 2. Regions and Centres' Contributions: None received.
 - ii. Dual membership of Institutional members' reduced Capitation fees: to report back at AGM (Tania Borman enquired whether this type of membership is relevant for members who choose to be part of 2 centres. At this stage dual membership refers only to members in an institution as well as a normal centre.)
8. Minutes of the Post Conference Council Meeting held on 14 March 2019
 - a. Confirmation of Minutes - online
 - b. Matters arising
 - i. To be discussed at Post Conference Council Meeting.
9. Scholarships and Prizes: **Photos** of the winners are posted on our website
 - a. Winners 2020:
 - i. Gladwell Scholarship: Daniel Brodie (Piano): R15500
 - ii. Kathleen Irish Scholarship: Karlin Kock (Klavier): R16500
 - iii. Ellie Marx Scholarship: Pieter Joubert (Viool): R7500
 - b. David Reunert Bursary: Emma Farquharson (Voice): R1500
 - c. Available Bursaries for 2021:
 - i. Gladwell Scholarship - Account matured 15 January 2021:
 - ii. Kathleen Irish Scholarship - Account matures 11 November 2021
 - iii. Ellie Marx Scholarship - Account matured 12 February 2021
 - iv. David Reunert Bursary - Call account
 - d. Deadline for bursary applications 2021 to be determined, probably towards the end of September 2021.
10. Reports:
 - a. President: Circulated to Council, attached.
 - b. Executive Officer: Circulated to Council, EO highlighted salient points:
 - i. Bank accounts: The SASMT's finances are healthier than previous years due to no Conference and the digital magazine.
 - ii. Financial Statements: Sent to Council for comments. They were accepted by Council and will be presented at the AGM. Two of the three Directors to sign the statements. The EO will arrange.

- iii. Budget: As the SASMT showed a profit during the previous year, ideas were exchanged on how to allocate some funds to various causes. Suggestions to be presented at AGM:
 - 1. Some ideas such as possible donations to SASMT competitions, scholarships, deserving music teachers, free /discounted memberships to deserving music teachers, to be discussed at AGM.
 - 2. Ewald Hesse suggested that the SASMT joining fee for new members be discontinued. A final decision to be taken at AGM.
 - iv. Annual subscription to Head Office (Capitation fees) - to be confirmed at AGM
 - 1. 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021: In the light of the current pandemic, it was suggested not to increase fees.
 - 2. 1 December 2021 to 30 November 2022: As above
 - v. Investment of Bursary Funds: The funds are invested sustainably at prime interest rates.
 - vi. Suggested minimum professional tuition fees (To be decided at AGM)
 - c. SAMT:
 - i. Report by Tinus Botha (Editor) to be delivered at AGM.
 - ii. Feedback on Digital publication.
 - iii. Business Manager's Feedback on printed copies.
 - iv. Deadline for Issue 155.
 - d. President and Chairperson Exco: To be voted and presented at AGM
 - e. Chairperson Standing Committee: To be presented at AGM
 - f. Regional Vice-Presidents: Awaiting all reports , to be placed on the SASMT website: www.sasmt-savmo.org.za)
 - i. Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and North West
 - ii. Free State and Northern Cape: Hans Potgieter intends to get Bloemfontein centre up and running again. He therefore steps down as vice president of this region.
 - iii. KwaZulu-Natal
 - iv. Eastern Cape
 - v. Western Cape
 - g. National Youth Orchestra Foundation, Potential Board member SASMT:
 - h. SAMT Management:
 - i. Editorial team:
 - 1. Editor: Tinus Botha
 - 2. Sub-editors/Co-editors
 - 3. Business and Advertising Manager:
 - 4. Directory list deadline 2021
 - a. Updating by Centre secretaries and representatives to be submitted to the Database Administrator on a regular basis.
 - ii. Advertising fees
 - iii. Posting - not applicable if digital
11. ISME and Pasmae: Vaughan Pietersen and Elma Britz to report at AGM
 - a. Pasmae - www.pasmae.africa
 - i. 2019 Conference in Seychelles: Vaughan Pietersen reported about the wonderful Conference held in this venue.
 - ii. 2021 Virtual Conference Victoria Falls Zambia: Due to the Covid pandemic, the planned live Conference was cancelled, but in stead a virtual conference will be held. Calls for papers are open and can be submitted at <https://www.pasmae.africa/call-for-presenters-2/>
 - iii. The meeting suggested that we join Pasmae as a group
 - b. ISME - www.isme.org
 - i. Helsinki Finland - A Virtual Conference was hosted in 2020 in Helsinki, Finland.
 - ii. The next ISME Conference will be hosted in 2022, Brisbane Australia
 - iii. Council of Professional Organisations: the EO represents the SASMT on this Council.
12. Honorary and Life Membership: No nominations have been received. Deferred to AGM.
13. General
 - a. President's report: Circulated
 - b. Vice Presidents' reports: See 10f above
 - c. Proposals from Ekurhuleni Centre were tabled and briefly discussed:
 - i. "The need to extend SASMT membership to a wider community to be more inclusive - we can consider to decrease membership fees for those who cannot afford it - suggest to sponsor some fees for deserving individuals. We could even have a system whereby a percentage of the members needs to be members from disadvantaged communities who will be exempt from payment fees.

- ii. It is suggested that SASMT membership be more representative of South Africa's cultures including traditional music, jazz, pop etc. A membership drive should include many qualified teachers in all genres.
- iii. Further motivation and questions:
 - 1. I am aware of many qualified music teachers around our country who are not members. One needs to ask:
 - 2. What is SASMT doing to help teachers who are not fully qualified but are yet teaching in various informal (and formal) places get their qualifications upgraded?
 - 3. What workshops are being offered to these teachers so we can become a fully inclusive society?
 - 4. There are many teachers of music who have attended levels courses in ORFF that are teaching in schools. These teachers are not recognised according to our 3 types of memberships (or are they?)
 - 5. What are we doing as a Society to encourage teachers to join our Society who are not earning competitive fees and are working in townships for very little remuneration, if any?
 - 6. How much are we as music teachers who are qualified and privileged to be qualified giving of our own time to help uplift and improve teaching in our country?"
- d. Should members want to belong to more than one centre, do they qualify for lower membership fees?
- e. Possible dates for the virtual 2021 AGM were tabled and determined for Saturday 24 April from 9.00 am.

14. Closure: The meeting adjourned at 3.42

Erna Rademan (President)

Elma Britz (Executive Officer)