



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

MINUTES

Council Meeting on Thursday 14 March at 8h00 at the Council Chambers of Nelson Mandela University.

1. Welcome: The President, Lestie Hughes extended a hearty welcome to all members present and expressed the hope that the meeting would be fruitful and that discussions would take place in a spirit of cooperation.
2. Attendance and apologies:
Present: Lestie, Hughes (President), Erna Rademan (President-Elect), Rosalie Conrad (Past-President), Tania Borman (Vice-President KZN), Alethea de Villiers (Vice-President Eastern Cape), Marietjie Hesse (Representing Gisela Scriba, Vice-President Gauteng, North-West, Limpopo and Mpumalanga), Vaughan Pietersen (Vice-President Western-Cape), Elma Britz (Executive Officer), Tinus Botha (Editor of the South African Music Teacher) Ewald Hesse (Data Base Administrator).
Apologies: Gisela Scriba, Vice-President, Gauteng, North-West, Limpopo and Mpumalanga) who had a commitment as accompanist at a choir concert on 14 March 2019 in Pretoria and Hans Potgieter (Vice-President, Free State).
3. Personalia:
 - a. Longstanding honorary member, previous President and Chairperson of Standing Committee, Marie Gaerdes, passed away recently. Various Centres of the SASMT contributed towards flowers for the memorial service. A moment of silence was observed.
 - b. Diane Heller who turned 90 on 5 February 2019, had been in hospital recently, but is recuperating well now. We are thinking of her.
 - c. Bertha Spies' husband passed away and our thoughts go out to her and her family.
4. Additions to the agenda.
 - a. Acceptance of new members by centre secretaries and/or Standing Committee.
 - b. A proposal to create an exclusive special award 'Lifelong Achievement in Music Education'. Criteria to be unpacked.
 - c. Composers and/or catalogues of compositions on the SASMT website.
5. Notice of Motions: (See separate document attached).
 - a. Three motions were read. Two from Johannesburg Centre and one from Port Elizabeth.
Council decided to present all three motions to the AGM.
6. Minutes of Council Meeting held on Thursday 5 April 2018 at 9h00 at Eden College, Durban.
 - a. Confirmation of Minutes: Proposed by Vaughan Pietersen and seconded by Alethea de Villiers
 - b. Matters arising:
 - c. Correction point 10.a.i regarding the SASMT's total financial position should read: 'On 30 November 2017 ... stood at R1 339 942.22 as against R1 348 236.33' in stead of R1 3248 236.33.
 - d. Diane Heller resigned as member of the SANYO board. Council hopes that the SASMT can stay involved in SANYO with representation on their board. The EO is in contact with Diane and the CEO of SANYO.
 - e. **Council needs clarity on the status and liability of SASMT directors.** There are no clear guidelines in the constitution. The matter must be clari-

- fied by a specialist. Alethea de Villiers had asked for advice from the NMU legal department. She reported that the society must pay for advice on the matter. Marietjie Hesse and Erna Rademan are to find out how the society should go about the matter of getting clarity on the role of directors; specifically, regarding liability.
7. Minutes of the AGM held on 5 April 2018 at 13h30 at Eden College, Durban and 6 April 2018 at 8h00 at the Durban Jewish Centre
 - a. Confirmation of Minutes: to be done at the AGM
 - b. Matters arising:
 - i. Benevolent fund. Durban centre under the leadership of Tania Bor-man has made a significant contribution to the Benevolent fund during the past year. Elma Britz suggested one person in every centre to be responsible for keeping funds rolling into the benevolent fund.
 - ii. The proposal that a reduction in capitation fees for Dual membership of institutional members who choose to also be members of a centre, was discussed.
 8. Minutes of the Post Conference Council Meeting on 7 April 2018 at 14h00 at the Durban Jewish Centre
 - a. Confirmation of Minutes:

Proposed as correct: Ros Conrad.
Seconder: Erna Rademan
 - b. Matters arising
 - i. To be discussed at Post Conference Council Meeting.
 9. Scholarships and Prizes:
 - a. Winners 2018:
 - i. Gladwell Scholarship: Cameron Williams (Saxophone), University of Stellenbosch
 - ii. Kathleen Irish Scholarship: Landi Schaap (Piano), University of Pretoria
 - iii. Ellie Marx Scholarship: Tesmarie Jansen van Vuuren (Violin), University of Pretoria
 - iv. David Reunert Bursary: Throy Pietersen (Piano) University of Stellenbosch
 - b. Available Bursaries for 2019:
 - i. Gladwell Scholarship: R14 500
 - ii. Kathleen Irish Scholarship: R15 000
 - iii. Ellie Marx Scholarship: R7 000
 - iv. David Reunert Bursary: R1 700
 - c. Deadline for entries 2019 is 30 September 2019.
 10. Reports:
 - a. Executive Officer: To be reported at AGM
 - i. Bank accounts
 - ii. Financial Statements
 - iii. Budget
 - iv. Investment of Bursary Funds
 - v. Annual subscription to Head Office (Capitation fees) - to be confirmed at AGM
 - 1.1 December 2018 to 30 November 2019
 - 2.1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020
 - vi. Suggested minimum professional tuition fees (To be decided at AGM)
 - b. SAMT:
 - i. Report by Tinus Botha (Editor) to be delivered at AGM.
 - ii. Survey on the publication of Digital or Printed format (feedback to be given at AGM)
 - c. Exco and Standing Committee:
 - i. President: To be presented at AGM
 - ii. Chairperson Standing Committee: See 10c i above
 - d. Regional Vice-Presidents: (Available on the SASMT website: www.sasmt-savmo.org.za)
 - i. Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and North West

- ii. Free State and North West
 - iii. KwaZulu-Natal
 - iv. Eastern Cape
 - v. Western Cape
 - e. SACE Registration and Professional Development of Music Teachers: Report by the Subcommittee: Erna Rademan, Alethea de Villiers, Vaughan Pietersen Carin and Hans Potgieter. To report to AGM.
 - f. Benevolent Fund.
 - Three committee members had passed away: John Roos, Marinus Wiechers and Marie Gaerdes. We need at least one Council member on the committee. Erna Rademan suggested Ros Conrad and the suggestion was seconded by Vaughan Pietersen. Members of the committee will consist of Elma Britz, Nico Dekker (auditor), Riaan Steyn, Diane Heller and Ros Conrad.
 - g. National Youth Orchestra Foundation: Diane Heller resigned as member of the board. The General Manager, Sophia Welz was contacted in this regard.
11. SAMT:
- a. Deadline for Issue 154 will be 30 November 2019.
 - b. Management:
 - i. Editorial team:
 - 1. Editor: Tinus Botha
 - 2. Sub-editors/Co-editors: Ronelle Bosman, Erika Bothma, Priscilla Crundwell, Nella de Waal.
 - 3. Business and Advertising Manager: Elma Britz
 - 4. Directory list deadline is 31 January 2020.
 - a. Updating by Centre secretaries and representatives to be submitted to the Database Administrator
 - ii. Advertising fees: Elma Britz
 - iii. Postage & Packaging: To be determined.
12. Motions: To be discussed at AGM
13. ISME and PASMAE: Elma Britz reported on:
- a. ISME - 2018 Conference in Baku Azerbaijan in July 2018: EO to report back (<https://www.isme.org>)
 - b. PASMAE 2019 Conference in Seychelles (1 - 5 July 2019). (<https://www.pasmae.africa>).
14. Honorary and Life Membership: No nominations were forthcoming from the floor
15. General
- a. Acceptance of new members by centre secretaries or standing committee to be clarified at AGM
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16. Closure: The meeting adjourned at 10.30

Lestie Hughes (President) Elma Britz (Executive Officer)