



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

MINUTES

Post Conference Council Meeting held on 7 April 2018 at 14h00 at the Durban Jewish Centre

1. Welcome: The incoming President, Lestie Hughes extended a hearty welcome to all.
2. Attendance and apologies
 - a. Present: Lestie Hughes (President), Ros Conrad (Past President), Erna Rademan (President-elect), Elma Britz (Executive Officer), Marié Gaerdes (Representing Gisela Scriba Vice-President Gauteng, North West, Limpopo and Mpumalanga), Tania Borman (Vice-President KZN), Alethea de Villiers (Vice-President Eastern Cape), Hans Potgieter (Vice-President Free State and Northern Cape), Vaughan Pietersen (Vice-President Western Cape), Marié Gaerdes (representing Gisela Scriba) and Ewald Hesse (Database administrator)
 - b. Apologies: Gisela Scriba Vice-President Gauteng, North West, Limpopo and Mpumalanga)
3. Additions to the Agenda:
 - a. Bursary for disadvantaged students:
 - i. Vaughan Pietersen to investigate possible donors and make a list i.e Hanli Rupert, John Roos estate. The latter could perhaps carry the name, 'John Roos bursary'.
 - ii. Council must start to establish a fund and help to make a list of possible donors.
4. References from 2018 AGM:
 - a. Upgrading of the SASMT Website:
 - i. The EO has already donated R7500 towards upgrading the website by not claiming for expenses for 3 months and suggested that a plea to honorary and life members be made to make a once-off contribution equal to one year's membership fees.
 - ii. It was resolved that a general request to all members be made to make a contribution towards upgrading the SASMT website.
 - iii. A meeting between the Ewald Hesse and a graphic designer/web designer should be arranged. EO to arrange.
 - iv. Lestie Hughes suggested that this matter be taken up by Exco/ Standing Committee to build on these suggestions. See also 2017 Minutes in this regard.
 - b. Directors:
 - i. Directors should be invited to Council meetings, but only if funds permit. Electronic meetings are feasible.
 - ii. Responsibilities and liabilities of Directors. Alethea de Villiers to consult with the Mandela University Law Clinic.

- c. SASMT Constitution:
 - i. Legalities regarding updating and review of the SASMT Constitution to be investigated by Alethea de Villiers of Mandela University
 - ii. Regulations, format and time frame for Constitution changes, if necessary, need to be investigated.
- d. Motions:
 - i. Motion 1 withdrawn
 - ii. Motion 2 Ros Conrad and Tania Borman to send to EO
 - iii. Motion 3 EO to put into practice.
 - iv. Motion 4 EO to make reports submitted to Conference available to Council members, Centre Secretaries, and delegates prior to Conference or immediately afterwards.
 - v. Motion 5 Standing Committee to investigate lowering of membership fees for members who have dual membership and report back at 2019 AGM.
 - vi. Motion 6 Expenses for Council members and Directors to attend Conference unpacked and affordability determined.
 - vii. Motion 7 Membership Drive to be initiated by all Centres.
 - viii. Motion 8 SA Music Teacher publication to be surveyed and decided.
 - ix. Motion 9 Hans Potgieter to investigate and unpack additional benefits to SASMT members and communicated by a Circular.
 - x. Motion 10 Exco/Standing Committee to initiate drive to invite students to Conferences
 - xi. Motion 11 Withdrawn
 - xii. Motion 12 A sub-committee comprising Erna Rademan, Lestie Hughes, Vaughan Pietersen and Alethea de Villiers in conjunction with The South African Teachers Unions to investigate the issue of ringing back Music as a subject in schools.
 - xiii. Motion 13 Vice-Presidents should become visible in general media.
5. Date, venue and budget of 2019 Conference and AGM:
 - a. Conference 2019 will be held in Port Elizabeth, at the Mandela University
 - b. Conference costs: The EO informed the meeting that Capitation fees provide for Council's transport and accommodation to Conference.
 - c. However, fees are often outstanding; thus we have to try to keep costs within realistic limits.
 - d. Presenters can only receive a gift because of a limited budget.
 - e. Exco to acquire sponsorships to help fund Conference.
6. The South African Music Teacher: The feasibility to publish electronically in part or entirely should be explored.
7. Vice-Presidents should visit institutions in their regions to establish a closer relationship between Centres and Institutions.
8. SACE: The sub-committee appointed to investigate the possibilities of SASMT members qualifying for SACE registration on account of their membership of the SASMT, to report back to the EO for dissemination to members.
9. Appointment of EXCO 2018 - 2019: To be communicated
10. Appointment of Standing Committee Chairperson 2018 – 2019: Exco and Standing Committee to be combined for 2018 - 2019
11. Financial claims per month allocated:
 - a. Executive Officer: R2750.00
 - b. Webmaster/web administrator: R1650.00
 - c. SAMT: R16500.00 in total if available
12. General:

- a. The SASMT needs to take cognisance of whether Eisteddfods are under the auspices of the SASMT or not.
 - b. A Council Whatsapp would be valuable
 - c. Vaughan Pietersen suggested that it would be a good idea for Council to meet before Conference, perhaps the previous night.
13. Closure: The meeting adjourned at 17.05

Lestie Hughes
President

Elma Britz
Executive Officer