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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE NATAL SPA

THURSDAY, 18th & FRIDAY, 19th JUNE 2009

PRESENT:

Dwayne Baker	Umhlathuze
Peter Fowles	AMEU
Bob Wallis	Affiliates
Mondli Mavimbela	EDI Holdings (present day 2)
Victor Mzulwini	EDI Holdings (present day 2)
Jay Kalichuran	eThekwini
Sandile Maphumulo	eThekwini
Nathi Nkwanyana	eThekwini
Ivan Laban	eThekwini
Roy Wienand	eThekwini
Veer Ramnarain	eThekwini
Maxwell Mthembu	Msunduzi
Sewdutt Nagasar	Msunduzi
Sifiso Myende	Msunduzi
Ken Tupper	Abaqulusi
J Jones	Abaqulusi (present day 2)
Dragan Vujovic	Umtshezi (present day 2)
Gerhard Balzer	Umvoti
Mark Donaldson	Endumeni
Pradesh Ramsunder	Ladysmith
Rodney Goosen	Newcastle
Denis Barker	Kokstad
Dolf Marais	Umhlatuze
B Cebekhulu	Umkhanyakude
Sinenhlahla Manqe	Umkhanyakude (present day 2)
Sbu Msweli	ARB
Zanele Njova	ARB
Don Joubert	ARB
Derek Watson	Beka
Brent Killian	Beka
Enock Zikalala	Beka (present day 2)
Kasagan Moodley	Actaris
Jacques Visser	Conlog (present day 1)
Benjamin Bosch	Conlog (present day 1)
Scotty Pillay	Alstom
Leon Fourie	PB Power
Ron Millard	PB Power
Harols Hayes	Landis & Gyr
Asaph PHEME	Landis & Gyr
Dave Mason	Ellies Power Products
Claudia Coetzer	ICS
Tony Coetzer	ICS
Chris De Kock	ABB
Shyle Greef	ABB
Hugo Gotze	Motla Eng.
Neil McDonald	Locksecure (present day 2)
Wendy Long	Elster Kent Meters (present day 1)
Danie Van Wyk	Motla Engineering
Kris Yankanna	Aberdare Cables
Gerald Brown	Schneider Electric (present day 1)
Gary Dawson	Genlux

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APOLOGIES:	Sew Harilal	eThekwini
	Jayshree Pershad	eThekwini
	Rolf Niemand	Ladysmith
	Nkosana Ntlekeni	Eskom
	Scott Morrison	Aberdare Cables
	Henry Swanepoel	Aberdare Cables

1. WELCOME AND OPENING OF MEETING

Dwayne Baker formally opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of the meeting was duly served.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved and adopted.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th and 27th March 2009 at St Lucia.

Copies of the minutes had been circulated to all members. Minutes were then confirmed as correct and was then proposed by Rodney Goosen and duly seconded by Peter Fowles.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7. REPORT FROM MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Peter Fowles reported back from the Executive Council meeting that was held on 24 March 2009.

➤ **Financial Statements**

- The Association is financial sound. The draft audited results was noted with thanks.
- The AMEU in the unaudited results for 2008 made a small surplus by selling a fair amount of shares.
- **EDI Restructuring**
 - SALGA position paper on restructuring and network maintenance but was not tabled at SALGA's national executive as yet.
 - EDI Holdings is moving towards now (because of the slow progress of the restructuring) is to move to one national distributor, a "Consolidator" under the banner of EDI Holdings.
 - Confirmed requests to EDI Holdings to discuss "Consolidator" principle and status of "DEAL" issues.
 - There were no labour agreements on restructuring.

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- **2010 World Cup Preparations**

- Stadia on track.
- Good progress on preparation for Confederation Cup.
- Consultant appointed to assist LOC and Host Cities with stadium supplies.
- No problems expected with the supply capacity.
- From an Eskom perspective what the expected generator capacity and the expected demand can be viewed on the AMEU website.
- A link is also available to the Eskom website where there is an update on the Confederations Cup.

- **National Electricity Response Team (NERT)**

- The Gobodo Consortium was appointed to project manage the following Work Group's.
 - Economic Impact
 - Cogeneration & Markets
 - Legal & Tariffs
 - DSM Implementation
 - Funding
 - Communications
 - PCP
- The challenge is to nominate representatives from the Municipal environment.

- **Branch Meetings**

- Report on activities of all the branches.
- There were concerns at the reduction of contribution from some of the towns towards the meeting costs.
- It was reported that it was getting expensive for the Affiliates to sponsor the branch meetings.

- **Vice President-Elect**

- It was agreed to appoint Silas Zimu of City Power as the next Vice President-Elect of the AMEU.

- **Co-options**

- Due to him not being an Executive member the AMEU Executive Council has decided to co-opt him, the Head of Tshwane Metro and also a SALGA representative to attend the AMEU Executive Council meetings.
 - Silas Zimu – City Power
 - Vincent Kobuwe – Tshwane Metro
 - SALGA representative

- **Marketing Proposals**

- Bob Wallis to develop marketing strategies to enhance the image of the AMEU.
 - Bob advised that a new logo was designed which the Exec team would look at.
 - To look at banners being developed for the national and branch meetings.

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➤ **Staff Retention Project**

- Received a proposal from Remchannel for a salary survey project and a cost was provided to the AMEU for a survey of 10 different Municipalities.
- Agreed to sponsor the cost for the information from the 10 Municipalities.
- The Metros in the sample exercise to be requested to contribute towards the costs.

➤ **Power Conservation Programme (PCP)**

- The NERSA process was stalled.
- The NERT PCP Work Group was established.
- A number of Task Teams became operational which are as follows:-
 - Allocation
 - Merits/Demerits/Pricing
 - EGM
 - DMP
 - RTC – trading

➤ **NERSA hearings were held on 8/9 June 2009. On the Eskom tariff application**

- No decision taken as yet.
- The AMEU provided support to SALGA

➤ **Electrical Installation Regulations (EIR)**

- The Electrical Contractors Association are being proactive by organizing road shows.
 - Peter advised that once the ECA finalizes the road show programme, he would advise all by circular.
 - He also advised that the document is on the AMEU website, and have any problems with it, to advise ECA and address them at the road shows.
- GG No. 31975 (R.242 dated 6 March 2009).
- Implemented wef 1 May 2009 ex sec 5(6)
- New COC
 - Danie advised that a if you read the Act Clause for Regulations 7 & 9 together, especially with existing installation, that if you extend to that installation you would need to have a certificate of compliance for the new part of the installation, plus you need a certificate of compliance declaring that the balance of the existing installation is reasonably safe.

8. E-BULLETIN & AMEU NEWS

E-Bulletin articles of interest to be fwd. to Peter Fowles. Max Clark needs articles of interest for the AMEU News. Bob advised that the Municipalities and the Affiliates should check if their contact details are correct on the AMEU website.

9. REPORT FROM THE AFFILIATES REPRESENTATIVE

Bob Wallis did the report back for the affiliates.

- Presented details of the Technical Convention takes place in September. Details are available on the AMEU website.
- Peter advised the prize for the best safety paper award from a Municipality is R 20 000.00.

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10. Presentation by Motla Engineering – Metering

Presentation can be obtained on request.

11. Presentation by Motla Engineering – Neptune Substations

Presentation can be obtained on request.

12. Presentation by ICS – Uniquely Numbered Seals to Deter Tampering & Theft

Presentation can be obtained on request.

DAY 2

All the members who attended the dinner enjoyed a very relaxing evening.

13. Presentation by EDI Holdings

Presentation can be obtained on request.

14. Presentation by PB Power on Rate of Return Regulation & SRAB

Presentation can be obtained on request.

15. Presentation by Landis & Gyr on AMR Solution for NRS 049

Presentation can be obtained on request.

16. Presentation by Locksecure on Electricity Supply Padlocks

Presentation can be obtained on request.

17. Additional Items

18. Next date and venue

26/27 November 2009 and Port Edward was agreed as the next meeting venue.

19. Vote of Thanks

Veer Ramnarain thanked the presenters, sponsors for their contributions and the delegates for attending.

20. Closure

Dwayne thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a safe journey back home.