
INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE: 11 October 2010

TIME: 10h00

VENUE: Sandton Library

MEMBERS

Mr Gert Bam	President	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Patrick Meyer	President Elect	Jhb City Parks	Apology
Mr Thembinkosi Ngcobo	Imm Past President	eThekwini Municipality	Present
Mr Alan Buff	For Inca	City Parks	Present
Ms Desiree Galant	Chairperson W Cape	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Mark Hazell	Branch Rep EC	Rhodes University	Apology
Ms Bongwiwe Ndlovu	Branch Rep KZN	eThekwini Municipality	Apology
Dr Willie Nel	IFPRA Representative	UNISA	Present
Mr David Noha	Branch Rep Free State	DWAF	Apology
Mr Johan Swart	Chair Ed & Tr Comm	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Andre van den Berg	Chair INCA	Drakenstein	Apology
Mr Jean Venter	General Secretary	IERM	Present
Ms G le Cordeur	Secretariat	Van der Walt & Co	Present

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The President welcomed members present and noted the above apologies.

2. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting that was held on 17 February 2010 was confirmed.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year to date financial statements tabled by the General Secretary was noted. **AGREED** to give special attention to the outstanding debtors. Consider only allowing paid up delegates into the convention hall.

[Secretariat]

4. CONVENTION 2010 & 2011

Members reflected on the 2010 conference and congratulated City Parks as well as the Secretariat for staging and hosting an excellent convention. The estimated final surplus of the event appears to be around R180 000, which is less than what members were expecting. **AGREED** to circulate a reconciliation of the revenue and expenditure of the event as soon as possible to members of the committee.

The Council considered if the 2011 convention should be held in the first or second half of the year and **AGREED** to hold it in October 2011. The programme to be completed in the first half of the year. The president and the secretariat to send invitations to the Metros inviting them to host the convention, by end November 2010. The president, president elect, Ms le Cordeur, Ms Galant and Dr Nel to form a papers committee as soon as possible. Noted that Unisa is considering a bid.

[President, Pres Elect, Dr Nel, Ms Galant, Ms Le Cordeur]

AGREED to plan for a set of regional recreation events and expo in May/June 2011 in second tier cities. One event per branch.

[President, Dr Nel, Ms Galant, Ms Ndlovu , Ms Le Cordeur]

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee:

Mr Swart advised that he is scheduled to meet with Dr Mike Young of the University of Western Cape to discuss the creation of a set of short courses for IERM concerned disciplines. The committee will endeavour to create a network of academics to co-ordinate nationally.

AGREED to co-opt Prof Richard Hendrick of UNISA to the Education Committee.

[Mr Swart, Dr Nel]

AGREED that the Education committee draft a mandate for the committee for tabling at the next Council Meeting.

[Mr Swart, Prof Hendrick]

AGREED that the president and the immediate past president will discuss professionalisation processes with SALGA.

[President & Past President]

AGREED to create a national database of training facilities and courses per province for showing on the IERM website.

[Mr Swart, Prof Hendrick]

Ms Bernadette Volmer, the national Registrar of the South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Professions then presented plans of the Council to expand the scope of the qualifications covered by the Council to include horticulture and irrigation professions.

AGREED that the Education Committee compile a short report on the proposals of SACLAP for round robin discussion by email. The president to facilitate the email discussion.

[Mr Swart, Prof Hendrick]

6. BRANCH REPORTS

Mr Buff then presented a written report on the activities of INCA. Items noted include a focus on environmentally acceptable coffins, reducing birth rate in South Africa, the reducing need for more cemeteries. The development of content for an INCA website is progressing. **AGREED** that the INCA website should be closely integrated with the IERM website with cross links.

[Bruce Turner]

The council discussed the volume of recent media reports on burial alternatives and **AGREED** to ask Mr van den Berg, the President and Mr Ngcobo to draft a statement on behalf of IERM for release to the media in this regard.

[Messrs van den Berg, Ngcobo and Bam]

A report from the Eastern Cape Branch indicating a low level of activity in the branch was noted. The president **AGREED** to interact with the branch to see if solutions can be found.

[President]

A written report from the KZN was noted. Members suggested that the branch may need to focus more on regional member events.

A report from the Western Cape advised of an attendance of seventy persons to the most recent branch meeting. Funds amounting to R115 000 in the bank was reported.

7. ARBOR CITY AWARD

AGREED to congratulate Drakenstein on winning the 2010 Arbor City award.

Members noted that the schedules slot for IERM to speak at the awarding event in Drakenstein was not used. **AGREED** to redouble efforts next year to ensure that IERM is represented at the awarding ceremony and that a suitable public address is done.

8. IFPRA AFRICA

Dr Nel advised that IFPRA is contemplating forming branches in Africa and South America and enquired if it would be of interest to IERM to transform into a regional branch of IFPRA.

AGREED to ask for a motivation proposal in this regard indicating the advantages and disadvantages for IERM to become a branch of IFPRA.

[Dr Nel]

Dr Nel advised of a historical commitment of IERM to fund an overseas travel engagement. **AGREED** to settle 50% of the travel costs that Dr Nel incurred to attend the IFPRA conference that was held in Hamamato City in Japan, on receipt of vouchers.

[Dr Nel & Secretariat]

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 16 February 2011 – 10:00 to 14:30
Wednesday 08 June 2011 – Teleconference 10:00
Wednesday 07 September 2011 – Teleconference 10:00
Wednesday 30 November 2011 – 10:00 to 14:30

10. CLOSURE

The President then thanked all the members and closed the meeting.

THUS READ AND CONFIRMED

PRESIDENT

DATE