
INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE: 26 February 2009

TIME: 10H00

VENUE: Willow Park

MEMBERS

Mr Gert Bam	President	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Thembinkosi Ngcobo	Imm Past President	eThekwini Municipality	Present
Mr Pepe Dass	Chairperson INCA	eThekwini Municipality	Present
Ms Chantal Hanslo	Chairperson W Cape	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Patrick Meyer	Chairperson Gauteng	Jhb City Parks	Present
Mr Mark Hazell	Branch Rep EC	Rhodes University	Present
Ms Bongiwé Mtungwa	Branch Rep KZN	eThekwini Municipality	Present
Mr Willie Nel	Branch Rep Gauteng	Johannesburg City Parks	Present
Mr David Noha	Branch Rep Free State	DWAF	Apology
Mr Johan Swart	Chair Ed & Tr Comm	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Jan Fourie	Chairperson Recreation	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Jean Venter	General Secretary	IERM	Present
Ms G le Cordeur	Secretariat	Van der Walt & Co	Apology

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The President welcomed members present and noted the above Apologies.

The President outlined that the goals of the Institute for 2009 was to establish Recreation and a Parks functional branches.

2. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 December 2008 were confirmed.

3. CONVENTION 2009

Mr Meyer advised that a request for City Parks to host the 2009 IERM Convention will be decided by the Mayoral Committee of Johannesburg early in March 2009. The Organizing Committee will

do site visits to choose a venue shortly after the decision of the Mayoral Committee is known. The Secretariat is recommending Woodmead Country Club as a venue, but other venues will also be investigated by the committee. The Council then debated the possible themes of the Conventions and recommended as following to the Organizing Committee:

Main Theme: "2010 and Beyond, Creating Livable Communities"

- Innovative Greening
- Green Buildings
- Private Sector Papers
- Public Private Partnerships
- Coping with Global Warming

The Council **CONFIRMED** its long standing position that convention exhibition income will accrue to the convention budget and/or to funding of the convention costs.

5. FINANCIALS

The Committee NOTED a report on the 2008 financial position of the IERM.

AGREED to target a capital base level for the IERM of R1.5m in the medium term.

[Action: General Secretary]

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Council NOTED that the three functional branches held strategic workshops on 25 February and that reports on their deliberations will be circulated in due course.

AGREED that the secretariat will confirm it's scope of services and fees for the next three years with the President.

[Action :President / General Secretary]

Mr Swart appealed for the creation of new student awards, and emphasized the value of such awards to the careers of our students. He also asked for the IERM to consider providing services to the nature conservation professions.

7. PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Mr Nel advised that Ms le Roux has resigned as a commissioner of IFPRA and that Dr Hendrick has been elected by the local members to fill the vacancy. Ms Hanslo appealed to members to make every effort to attend the IFPRA Conferences as the value that one can derive is substantial.

The Secretary advised that an agreement with IFPRA for IERM support for the Yardstick Benchmarking programme in South Africa is now signed. The 2008 Yardstick programme was published during December 2008. **AGREED** that the Secretary send a new copy of the Yardstick invoice to Cape Town to Ms Chantal Hanslo.

[Action: General Secretary]

The Council noted that the President has had a meeting with the chairman of SAGIC and that SAGIC is asking the IERM to pay a fee per active IERM member to fund SAGIC. Some concerns were expressed about the commitment to transformation of South African society amongst the members of SAGIC.

AGREED to disengage from participation in SAGIC activities and that the General Secretary will advise SAGIC accordingly. SAGIC can be removed from the agenda.

[Action: General Secretary]

8. BRANCH REPORTS

The Western Cape Branch tabled a Written Report. The KZN branch advised that they have held a strategic planning session and that they will in addition to holding an annual event, also engage in mini projects with smaller municipalities. The branch asked for the IERM to produce formal stances on Global Warming Issues. The Eastern Cape Branch is planning an event in April on the Yardstick Programme in Grahamstown. Some problems with the retention of committee members are evident. The Central Branch committee is having difficulty convening committee meetings. No representative was present for the Freestate Branch.

AGREED that the President and the General Secretary will pursue the establishment of branches in the North West and in the Freestate provinces of South Africa.

[Action: President & General Secretary]

9. PRESIDENT ELECT

AGREED that the General Secretary must issue a notice to the branches with a final date for returns of proposals for a President Elect for the IERM.

[Action: General Secretary]

10. WEBSITE/EBULLETIN

AGREED to create an area on the website for standard reports and templates. Members to be invited to contribute content to this area.

[Action: General Secretary & Bruce Turner]

11. MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Ms Hanslo advised that some municipalities have problems proving their membership status of IERM to their municipal managers. **AGREED** to issue membership certificates on request to the Secretariat.

[Action : Secretariat – CB]

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meetings are scheduled for 10 June 2009 in Durban – Committees from 10:00 to 12:30 and the Council from 13:00 to 15:00

[Action : Secretariat – CM]

13. CLOSURE

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

THUS READ AND CONFIRMED

PRESIDENT

DATE