

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN CAPE BRANCH OF THE SOUTH
AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2017**

PRESENT. Alex and Sheila Camerer, Murray Bridgman, Boy and Callie Geldenhuys, Charles Sacks, Chris Inskip, Bridget Carrick, Dr Peggy de Kock, Richard and Bev Morris, Pippa Segall, Anthony Silberberg, John Patten, Dr Johan Mets, Rob Mackay, Prof Chris Saunders, Mike Spicer, Michael Power, Dale Irvine, Luke White, Mike Dreyer, Michael Pickstone-Taylor, Alec and Dr Sara Pienaar, Oscar van Oordt, Nick Starke, Martyn Trainor, Mary Carson, Lavinia and Terry Crawford-Brown, Anthony Holmes.

ANNEXURES

Annual Report for 2017
Annual Financial Statements for 2017

WELCOME

1. The Chair opened the meeting at 17.00 and welcomed everyone present.
2. It was confirmed that the quorum of ten members had been met.

APOLOGIES.

3. The following apologies were received: Dr Martha Bridgman, Wendy Paisley, Mark and Gail Ogram, Diana Reekie, Dr Stephen Craven, Barbara Bohle, Geoffrey Ashmead, Renier Schoeman, Heather Malcomess, John and Diana King, Armin Roggendorf

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4. The approval of the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting was proposed by Alec Pienaar, seconded by Charles Sacks

PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017

5. The Branch Chair, Sheila Camerer, presented the Annual Report for 2017. [Attached]. The report had been previously circulated to members by email.
6. The Chair focused on highlights in the Report.
7. Particular thanks were directed at Pippa Segall, the Branch Coordinator, the Executive Committee, the Interschool Quiz Committee, the Careers Evening team and the Company of Volunteers for their sterling work over the past year in a heavy programme of successful events.

National Office Bearers

8. The invaluable sponsorship support of the Abe Bailey Trust [Inter-School Quiz], the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung [Careers Evening for Students] and other sponsors was noted with grateful thanks.
9. The Mountain Club of South Africa, Cape Town Section, was thanked for their friendly co-operation and for again allowing the Branch the use of the Club House on very generous terms.
10. Dr Sara Pienaar questioned the word “independent” rather than “interdependent” in the extract from the Branch Constitution, as used in the introduction to the Annual Report.

*“3. PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTE. The Institute is an independent organisation which aims to promote a wider and more informed understanding of international issues among South Africans. It seeks to educate, inform and facilitate contact between people concerned with South Africa’s place in an **independent** world, and to contribute to the public debate on foreign policy.”* [emphasis added]

11. It was confirmed from the Constitution that at present the word is “independent”. There was agreement that the wording should be reviewed and, if necessary, the Constitution be amended to read “interdependent”.
12. The Annual Report for 2017 was adopted. Proposed by Richard Morris, seconded by Mike Spicer.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2016 – 2017

13. The Branch Vice-Chairman, Martyn Trainor, presented the Annual Financial Statements for the year up to 30 June 2017. [Attached]
14. The financial situation of the SAIIA Western Cape Branch at year-end, 30 June 2017, is satisfactory with a cash balance [current account, petty cash and money market] of R 161,707. Of this, R 14,823 is attributable to the Branch account, and R 146,884 is attributable to the Quiz account.
15. The Financial Report was adopted. Proposed by Charles Sacks, seconded by Dr Johan Mets.

ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

16. The Constitution provides for an Executive Committee of a maximum of twelve and a minimum of five. Members of the Executive Committee are elected for four-year terms. The following have reached the end of their terms: Dr Martha Bridgman, Sheila Camerer, Rob Mackay and Prof Chris Saunders. They have all been duly nominated and have accepted to serve another term. There were no other nominations, so all were elected by show of hands.

GENERAL

17. Anthony Holmes asked that a talk be arranged to focus on the current events in Zimbabwe. The Chair undertook to arrange such an event in December or January.
18. There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 17.28.

ADDRESS

19. Michael Power gave the keynote address on the topic: “Is the Politics of Populism
Trumping Economics”

[SHEILA CAMERER]

CHAIR: WESTERN CAPE BRANCH OF SAIIA

Date