

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN CAPE BRANCH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2020**

### **PRESENT**

Sheila Camerer, Alex Camerer, Anne Hacking, Chris Sturrock, George Thomson, Heather Hughes, Johan Hauser, John King, Ken Jenkin, Lavinia Crawford-Brown, Terry Crawford-Brown, Lee Hall, Lidia Hall, Martha Bridgman, Murray Bridgman, Momed Khan, Peggy de Kock, Anita Tait, Richard Morris, Stephen Craven, Pippa Segall, Jeremy Wiley, Roger Southall, Anne Thomson. [24]. There were also several people who logged in via Zoom.

### **APOLOGIES**

Irina Filatova, Sara Pienaar, Michael Dreyer, Renier Schoeman, Martyn Trainor, Diana King, Klaus Schilling, Cornelia Schilling, Mike Spicer, Rob Mackay, Tim Hughes [11]

### **ANNEXURES**

Annual Report for 2020  
Annual Financial Statements for 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

### **WELCOME**

1. The Chair opened the meeting at 17.02 and welcomed everyone present.
2. It was confirmed that the quorum of ten members had been exceeded.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

3. The approval of the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting was proposed by Johan Hauser seconded by Anne Thomson

### **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising that required discussion.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020**

4. The Branch Chair, Sheila Camerer, presented the Annual Report for 2020. [Attached]. The report had been previously circulated to members by email.
5. The Chair focussed on highlights in the Report.
6. Thanked in particular were: Pippa Segall, the Branch Coordinator; the Executive Committee; Dr Martha Bridgman and the InterSchool Quiz Committee; the Careers Event

team; and the Company of Volunteers for great efforts in support of the Branch's programme of events.

7. The invaluable sponsorship support of the Abe Bailey Trust [InterSchool Quiz], the Konrad Adenauer Foundation [Careers Event for Students] and other sponsors was noted with grateful thanks.
8. 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.
9. Adoption was duly proposed and seconded.

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2019– 2020**

10. The Honorary Treasurer, Richard Morris, presented the Annual Financial Statements for the year up to 30 June 2020 [Attached]
11. The financial situation of the SAIIA Western Cape Branch at year-end, 30 June 2020 was satisfactory. There was a small surplus of R4k on events compared to R3k in the prior year. The total operating surplus amounted to R18k compared to R9k in the prior year, but much of these surpluses could be attributed to the sponsored subscription contributions to the Branch relating to the schools that participated in the 2019 Quiz event [R12k] and the 2018 Quiz event [R7k]. The committee was delighted to report that the Branch had received donations totalling R5,000 in support of the objective of building up a sustainability fund where the income from from the fund would be available to support the Branch activities but the capital could also be invested as a buffer for a rainy day. The benefactors duly received S18A certificates that enabled them to claim the relevant deductions in their personal income tax returns. Johan Hauser suggested that bequests should likewise be promoted as a source of funding for the Branch. The Treasurer confirmed the tax advantage of such bequests that would be excluded from the estate of the deceased. This approach was part of the concept. The Treasurer explained that R105k of funds previously held in the Standard Bank Market Linked Account had instead been invested in the Coronation Strategic Income Fund with a view to earning a better return until such time as the funds needed to be utilised.
12. The Financial Report was adopted. Proposed by George Thomson, seconded by Jeremy Wiley.

#### **ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

13. Mr Mike Spicer and Prof Roger Southall were elected to the Executive Committee. There were no other nominations. Proposed by John King and seconded by George Thomson.

#### **GENERAL**

14. There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 17.32

#### **ADDRESS**

15. Keynote address by Professor Hussein Solomon “The Crisis of Democratisation in the Middle East-North Africa Region”

SHEILA CAMERER

CHAIR: WESTERN CAPE BRANCH OF SAIIA

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