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Minutes of the Northern Provinces Branch Meeting held in the Auditorium, at the Gert Sibande District Municipality offices, Ermelo, Mpumalanga on Friday 20 March 2015 at 08h30 for 09h00

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson (**WB**) welcomed everybody present, thanked all for taking the time to attend the meeting especially the Gert Sibande Municipality for making the venue available and thanked the caterers for the day. Johan du Plooy from the local municipality welcomed the members from the Branch and apologised for the employees of the municipality that could not attend the meeting because of the service delivery unrests in the area.

2. Attendance, Apologies and proxy letters

Attendance:

<i>Chairperson</i>	:	<i>Werner Bruhns</i>	<i>(WB)</i>
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	:	<i>Thabo Hlabela</i>	<i>(TH)</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	:	<i>Johann Marx</i>	<i>(JM)</i>
<i>Secretariat</i>	:	<i>Marius Vermeulen</i>	<i>(MV)</i>



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Members

: Messrs:

Basil Jonsson (BJ)
Hosana Ndlovu (HN)
Hugh Hodge (HH)
Nick Pretorius (NP)
Norman Swart (NS)
Obed Kgosiemang (OK)
Vuyani Gxagxama (VG)
Dingaun Mahlangu (DM)

Non Members

: Johan du Plooy (JDP)
G Strong (GS)
SP Sithole (SS)
Kobus Louw (KL)

Apologies:

Ben Molleman (BM)
Chris Etsebeth (CE)
Rona Fourie (RF)
Cedric Mphagi (CM)
Leon Naude (LN)
Moses Maliba (MM)
Sam Herman (SH)
Gavin Clunnie (GC)
Ian Mabuza (IM)
Moeketsi Mohlabi (MMI)
Mongamo Jantjies (MJ)



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Proxy Letters received:

Ben Molleman and Cedric Mphagi for Chairman

Twelve management members attended with two proxy letters received meaning that 14 members were present and a quorum was achieved for the meeting.

3. Bitter & Sweet

M. Jantjies became father again for the third time. **(WB)** congratulated him and Mr N Swart whose daughter achieved an honours degree.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous Management Meeting held at Kempton Park Civic Centre on Friday 16 January 2015 was approved with the following corrections. On Page 2 the surname of Vuyani Gxagxama was spelt incorrect. On page 8 clause 6.10 Branch-chairperson must be changed to Province – chairperson.

5. Matters Arising from previous minutes

The proposed branch meeting for Sannieshof on 19 June 2015 will be confirmed by Hugh Hodge **(HH)** and if that one cannot take place the meeting will move to Polokwane in Limpopo Province and Cedric Mphagi will be contacted by **(MV)** to organise the event.

The elected Council members of the Northern Provinces Branch for the next term will be confirmed after the Strategic and EXCO session to be held early February 2015. The number of the different categories will be confirmed at that meeting.



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(**MV**) and (**JM**) will purchase a new laptop for Rona and it was resolved that the old one be scraped as it is more than 10 years old and to be given to (**RF**) as a gift from the branch.

It was resolved that (**BJ**) and (**TH**) will forward the names for possible speakers for the seminar to (**MV**). (**JM**) suggested that (**RF**) send out an invitation to the members to submit papers for the seminar in August 2015.

It was resolved that petrol and toll gates costs for traveling be accommodated by the Branch if there are more than 3 members traveling together in one vehicle. Members must provide copies of the slips to the treasurer and banking details for payment of these costs.

(**JM**) gave a brief feedback on the financial status of the Branch.

(**MM**) said at a previous meeting that he will contact Ben Thobela to enquire if he would be available as Branch Chair person in Mpumalanga. (**MV**) will follow up with (**MM**)

(**JDP**) from Ermelo mentioned that the SALGA working groups work very well in Mpumalanga.

(**BJ**) invited IMESA members to join the SARF site visits and will forward the information to Rona. There are no costs involved.

(**NP**) suggested that the Branch contact SALGA at least once a year who can assist with the updating of the Municipality data base and to re - instating the technical working groups.

(**WB**) asked the province chairmen to organise a technical tour for this year for each province that can qualify for registration of CPD points. They must forward the information to (**MV**) by end April 2015.



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6. Presentation by Gert Sibande District Municipality

Johan du Plooy (**JDP**) presented a very informative presentation of the challenges and how their municipality handles implementation and maintenance issues in the Roads and Storm water departments.

7. Presentation by Delta Bloc

G Strong (**GS**) presented a video and presentation on the vehicle restraint systems that is available to improve the safety on our roads.

8. Presentation by COLAS

Kobus Louw (**KL**) from COLAS SA presented a very interesting presentation on bitumen products that is available on the market.

9. Closure and next meeting

The Chairperson thanked all for their inputs and wished them a safe journey back home. He especially thanked Gert Sibande Municipality once again for the venue and catering for the event.

The date of the next meeting will be Friday 19 June 2015 and the venue will be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 14h00

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Werner Bruhns **Pr Tech Eng**
Chairman