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**MINUTES OF IMESA KZN BRANCH MEETING
Held on Friday 25 November 2016
at 10:30am in
The Murray Grindrod Room, Durban Country Club,
Isaiah Ntshangase (Walter Gilbert) Road, Durban**

SUBJECT	
1.	<p>WELCOME AND OPENING OF MEETING</p> <p>Mr Randeer welcomed the members and confirmed that there was a presentation to be shown before lunch. New members were introduced.</p>
2.	<p>PRESENT/APOLOGIES</p> <p>Attendance was confirmed and the apologies as listed on the attendance schedule were noted.</p>
3.	<p>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2016</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as accurate and correct. Mrs Botton was asked to include copies of the feedback reports from Branch Committee members with the minutes in future.</p>
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>The Fellow nomination for Dave Renwick was approved at EXCO in October 2016. It had not been possible to arrange for his certificate to be presented at the Conference so Mr Kasserchun called on him to receive it at this meeting. Mr Renwick completed a BEng degree in 1972 at UCT and had 44 years of work experience which included bridge building in Surrey and work in Zimbabwe. He joined eThekwini in 1989 and was still involved, though retired, pushing for eThekwini policies to become national standards. The support for his nomination showed high regard for his contributions to the industry. Mr Renwick thanked the members for their support and attributed all that he had achieved to having great colleagues and teams to work with.</p> <p>Honorary Fellow status for Neil McCloud was also approved at the October meetings. His certificate was still to be presented as he could not attend this branch meeting.</p>
5.	<p>FINANCE – B SONI</p> <p>Appointment of Bhavna Soni as Branch Treasurer was confirmed. The bank account signatories were to be changed after this meeting with the help of Mr Stevens.</p> <p>Mrs Soni undertook to review the current investment terms and investigate other options. The remaining conference surplus of R140,000, less the expenses of two Branch meetings, was to be paid over in December 2016.</p>

6.	<p>MEMBERSHIP – B GOVENDER</p> <p>Mr Govender confirmed that KZN Branch is the second largest after Northern Provinces with a total membership of 348 members, made up of 168 corporate members, 161 non-corporate members and 19 affiliate members. Follow up on outstanding fees was to be done by the Branch during December/January for a final list of removal recommendations to be presented to EXCO in January 2017. Four applications for new members were received in previous week.</p>
7.	<p>IMESA EXCO / COUNCIL MATTERS - R KASSERCHUN</p> <p>Mr Kasserchun explained the voting process that had taken place for KZN Branch nominations to EXCO/Council and confirmed that the nine members appointed for the 2016-2018 period are:</p> <p>Randeer Kasserchun – Vice President: Technical Sibusiso Mjwara – Operations: Marketing & Communication Bhavna Soni – Operations: Conferences Geoff Tooley – Operations: CPD & Bursaries Balan Govender – Council member Jogie Naidoo – Council member Dave Wilson – Council member Veshall Krishandutt – Council member Sunith Kasserchun – Council member (Graduate)</p> <p>Gavin Clunnie was elected President, Duncan Daries became Deputy President and Jeanine Du Preez retained Vice President: Operations.</p> <p>With reference to IMESA (Pty) Ltd, a full business model review was being undertaken by PWC to advise the best structure both for the IMESA Institute and the PTY. A strategic planning meeting was scheduled for January 2017 in conjunction with the EXCO meeting. Feedback will follow at the next KZN Branch meeting.</p> <p>Mr Stevens described SALGA activities and confirmed that they were asking for IMESA input at national level. Strategic alliances like this would be discussed at the January meetings. IMESA had been invited at the last minute to take a stand for free at the SALGA Conference, which was held only every 5 years. Arrangements were being made for IMESA representatives to man the stand on 28 November 2016.</p>
8.	<p>REPORT BACK FROM KZN BRANCH COMMITTEE PORTFOLIO REPRESENTATIVES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dave Wilson – Water/Sanitation Mr Wilson asked all members to send any information of interest to him for presentation at meetings. Problems of work stoppage due to ongoing negotiation of work terms were discussed. It was reported that most dams had a 3% increase in the previous 2 weeks. WSA had also reported a 12% reduction in usage. KZN still needed another 15% increase to dam levels before it would be safe to lift restrictions. The Smithfield Dam has to be completed by 2024 to avoid serious problems with water supply. Initial planning for Phase 1 projects on Midmar had been approved. Some municipalities were increasing water tariffs now so more gradual increments will cover the eventual costs, rather than applying a large increase later. 2. Mervin Govender: Training and Mentorship (absent)

	<p>3. Sumith Kasserchun: Building / Town Planning A meeting was scheduled with Deputy Head of Town Planning to get information and would be an opportunity to promote IMESA.</p> <p>4. Veshall Kasseepursad: Infrastructure / Asset Management Nothing further to report</p> <p>5. Sibusiso Mjwara: Marketing / Communication SALGA's interest in getting IMESA to their conference was a real opportunity for IMESA to promote itself. An invitation to present to students at UKZN had been received but Mr Mjwara was not sure if there was any benefit in the current university turmoil.</p> <p>6. Vishal Krishandutt: Imiesa Articles Mr Krishandutt asked members to submit any information that could be used for articles in the IMIESA journal.</p> <p>7. Geoff Tooley: Bursaries / CPD Mr Kasserchun described how IMESA was being asked to provide ECSA accreditation for training done at eThekwini. He encouraged members to log in regularly to keep their CPD records up to date. Even points for ½ day events are worth entering.</p> <p>8. Madu Moopanaar: Meeting Co-ordinator The KZN Branch meeting dates proposed for 2017 are: 7 April 2017, 7 July 2017, 29 September 2017 and 24 November 2017. Ms Moopanaar asked for ideas for site visits and presentation topics. Options such as holding meetings outside of Durban or at outlying municipalities and even over the weekend were discussed. A bus could be arranged for these events. A water reservoir, Mtunzini Bridge and other suggestions were noted. Dr Deborah Roberts was suggested as a speaker on environmental issues.</p> <p>9. Jogie Naidoo: Road / Transport /Storm Water Mr Naidoo provided feedback on road rehabilitation and N2 construction projects.</p>
9.	<p>REPORT BACK FROM AREA REPRESENTATIVES:</p> <p>Mr Greatwood described huge delays in spending as a result of SAP being rolled out by National Treasury resulting in payment delays for NGOs, contractors and service providers. R21million had been requisitioned in the system but the releasing of payments, which had to be done by multiple people, was not getting done. eThekwini was experiencing the same problems.</p> <p>The planned Umgeni Water waste water upgrade will take another year to complete. Even with a higher than normal rainfall for December to February, water restrictions would have to be maintained. Plans to collect a drought levy were being shelved. Tariff increases were to be applied to bulk users instead.</p> <p>It was suggested that housing projects could be a presentation topic and site visit for KZN Branch in 2017.</p>
11.	<p>IMESA CONFERENCES – B SONI</p> <p>The 2016 IMESA Conference in East London was a success, with 762 delegates, 72 exhibitors, R1.6 million sponsorship and a profit of R1.5 million.</p>

	The 2017 IMESA Conference will be held at Emperors Palace in Johannesburg.
14.	<p>GENERAL</p> <p>Mr Renwick was asked for examples of contracts and standards he had compiled over the years from lessons learnt. All members were asked to submit any templates and guidelines they have to Mr Baytopp (dave.baytopp@durban.gov.za). He asked if anyone could advise on software to compile documentation into standard templates.</p> <p>Mr Kasserchun had attended a very interesting presentation on water use licences, where the amendments and provisions had been explained. He suggested that it should be shared with members and could become an IMESA sponsored course.</p>
15.	<p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>Mr Stevens introduced David Drummond who presented “Land of the Rising Young Engineers” which outlined experiences and lessons learnt from attending technical lectures and site visits throughout Japan. Mr Drummond described methods of reducing non-revenue water, use of renewable energy and application of automation. While valuable experience was gained in the 8 week visit to Japan, it was good to note that South African technology is not far behind and that technologies could be implemented on a large scale if municipal officials and the public were to adopt a similar culture of continuous improvement (called Kaisen in Japan).</p>
17.	<p>CLOSURE</p> <p>Mr Kasserchun thanked Mr Drummond for his presentation and invited all members to go through to the restaurant for the lunch. He called the meeting to a close with season’s greetings to all.</p>

Signature: _____
Mr R Kasserchun
Chairman - KZN Branch

Date: _____