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## BORDER BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

### CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Allow me to warmly welcome each and every member and prospective IMESA member to this, the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Before I continue, some heartfelt appreciation is expressed to the Committee and the 2016 Conference Organizing Committee who have performed excellently this year. This year has been remarkable.

This is a voting year for the committee and I therefore welcome all new Committee members.

A Membership Update Form is attached to your meeting pack, please complete with your correct details for future reference, as we need to update our membership list and contact details. Should you know of any member that has relocated, passed away or any other, please inform the Secretary for record purposes.

*Lady, Gentleman, I present the Chairman's Annual Report covering the period June 2015 to July 2016.*

A few applications for membership have been received; according to the latest report from Head Office, the Branch has 83 members, I sincerely hope this Branch has met each and every member's expectations during the period under review.

IMESA remains a voluntary institution, run at all levels by people who are striving, sometimes against enormous odds, to make a difference for the engineering industry. Branch committees tirelessly and selflessly give of their time in these noble endeavours with no compensation or reward (except for the Secretary who is remunerated by the Head Office).

The Branch has undertaken a site tour to MBSA and a number of major engineering projects are starting within the region this year, making excellent technical tours.

The organising committee for the 2016 conference met on 10 occasions to facilitate arrangements with Branch meetings being limited to 5.

The 80<sup>th</sup> IMESA Conference will take place from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28 October 2016 at the ICC and Conference Centre in East London. IMESA will celebrate its 80th conference with the Border Branch and the conference is rightfully centred round the theme "**SIYAPHAMBILI – ENGINEERING THE FUTURE**"

A special thanks to the Organising Committee for their commitment and professionalism to date. Thank you!

A number of representatives from the Border Branch of IMESA will be attending. We encourage both members and non- members to attend.

If not yet booked, bookings for this conference may be made by downloading the Registration Form from the IMESA Website – [www.conference.imesa.org.za](http://www.conference.imesa.org.za).

And talking of the IMESA website, I urge all of you once again to visit this site on a regular basis to see exactly what the Institution is doing for you.

In terms of bursary allocations the Border region had one successful applicant out of a total of 12.

The total IMESA Membership stands at 1389 members.

Over the past three financial years the Branch has seen an influx of Municipal Officials and others signing up as new members taking the total members well over 83. Membership of the Branch in the past 3 years has seen a 60 % increase. This is indicative of the hard work undertaken by the Branch Secretary and Committee. The Branch remains on a sound financial footing as detailed in the Annual Financial Statements.

Finally, once again thanks to all who have made this evening possible, I applaud each and everyone. Enjoy your dinner and the fellowship that follows, thank you.



**Mark Westerberg**  
**BORDER CHAIRMAN**