

# THE MICROSCOPY SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

**MINUTES OF THE FORTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MICROSCOPY SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA HELD AT 15:30, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005 IN THE HITACHI LECTURE THEATRE, PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU NATAL.**

**1. WELCOME**

Members were welcomed by the President, Prof C Lang.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Dr Elmar Zeitler, Prof JAA Engelbrecht, Dr Y Naidoo and Mr JF Putterill

**3. MINUTES OF THE FORTY-THIRD AGM OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2004**

Minutes were accepted, proposed by Mr CF vd Merwe, seconded by Prof JT Soley.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2005**

The President presented her Annual Report to the meeting. She highlighted certain points and expressed thanks to Prof ES Grossman for her part in the Balinsky Centenary events and Mr Tony Bruton and the Organizing Committee of MSSA 2005 and also for his editorship of *MSSA News*.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**7.1 Treasurer's Report**

Prof Soley presented the report on the financial status of the Society. The report was accepted. Proposed: Prof J Neethling.

**7.2 Student Grants**

Prof Soley reported that 15 students had received a grant of R800 each.

**7.3 Membership Fees**

As for 2005.

**7.4 MSSA Tax Status**

Prof Soley informed the meeting that the situation was unchanged and the decision of SARS on the Public Benefit Organization-status of the society was still being awaited.

**8. MSSA TRUST**

Prof M Witcomb reported that the Trust has been set-up and that terms and conditions of its activities are being worked out.

9. **MSSA OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

Mr A Hall reported on the 2005 winner of EXPO and the Microscopes to Schools project. The meeting decided that MSSA involvement in the EXPO should be continued.

10. **MSSA PROCEEDINGS**

Prof T Sewell requested that the format requirements for the abstracts should be discussed with the printer. He also proposed that a template in MS Word should then be prepared and put on the MSSA Website.

11. **EDITOR'S REPORT**

Prof Sewell said that apart from minor problems the new electronic submission of abstracts was a big improvement.

12. **FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE**

The Society accepted an invitation to hold the next Conference at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in 2006.

13. **MSSA NEWS**

Mr T Bruton asked members to send more contributions for publication in *MSSA News*.

14. **MSSA WEBPAGE**

No report was available.

15. **LISTSERVER**

Prof Sewell reported the technical problems that were encountered, had been sorted out.

16. **GENERAL**

1. Prof T Sewell asked that members to participate in a listserv discussion on a change in the compilation of the Proceedings.
2. Prof J Neethling proposed a motion of appreciation for the work by the President, Prof C Lang that was accepted by the meeting.

17. **ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2006**

The following members were elected:

President:	Prof CJ Lang
Hon. Secretary:	Mr AN Hall
Hon. Treasurer:	Prof JT Soley
Members:	Mr D Perret
	Dr J Wesley-Smith
	Dr M Nzula (Ongoing by 2005 Committee)
	Dr A Douglas (Ongoing by 2005 Committee)

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**CJ LANG  
PRESIDENT**

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**AN HALL  
HON SECRETARY**