

MINUTES OF THE 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 14:00 ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014 IN THE MAIN BOARDROOM AT THE ZANDFONTEIN DEPOT OF JOHANNESBURG WATER

1. Attendance

The meeting was attended by nineteen members in good standing.

In addition there were ten guests.

The chairman, Mike King, welcomed everyone present and declared the meeting to be properly constituted since there was a quorum.

2. Apologies

Henk Aartsma, AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd

Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Overstrand Municipality

Annaline Cronje, City of Tshwane

Nigel Ireland, City of Cape Town

Kevern Ramborosa, Hlanganani Engineers and Project Managers (Pty) Ltd

Lloyd Teasdale, Johannesburg Water (SOC) Limited

Jan Venter, SAPPMA

Dalene Wood, ELB Equipment

3. Greetings from the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE)

Manglin Pillay and Stanford Mkhacane, the chief executive officer and the president of SAICE respectively, gave insights into the background and the significance of the Civilisation Congress, to be held on 7–8 April 2014, as well as the mutual benefits of the memorandum of understanding between SAICE and SASTT.

The chairman thanked them for their attendance at the meeting and for their messages.

4. Signing of the memorandum of understanding between SAICE and SASTT

The memorandum of understanding was tabled and signed by Mike King, Stanford Mkhacane, Manglin Pillay and Joop van Wamelen.

The delegates from SAICE asked to be excused and left the meeting.

5. Progress report on *No-Dig SA 2014* by Caroline Prescott of Westrade Group Ltd

Caroline Prescott, managing director of Westrade Group (WG), gave a presentation which covered the background and experience of the WG in organising No-Dig and No-Dig Live events in the United Kingdom since 1985. Since 1995 WG had expanded its activities internationally, particularly into areas where the International Society for Trenchless Technology (ISTT) did not have affiliated societies. WG had also organised numerous trenchless events for the ISTT, including No-Dig South Africa 2011. The latter event had received feedback that 100 % of the delegates would recommend future No-Digs and masterclasses to colleagues.

WG had been appointed as professional conference organiser for *No-Dig SA 2014*.

Prescott continued with a detailed progress report on the planning of the event. She left pamphlets and promotional literature and asked members to take these with for display in their offices and handing out to associates.

6. Minutes of the 22nd annual general meeting, held on 19 February 2013

The minutes were taken as read and **approved**.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

8. Financial report for 2013 and budget for 2014

The audited financial report for 2013 and the budget for 2014, which had been sent to members with the agenda, were presented by Joop van Wamelen on behalf of the treasurer.

The financial report for 2013 and the budget for 2014 were **approved** unanimously.

It was **agreed** that the annual subscriptions would be:

- corporate members: R 3 750,00
- individual members: R 650,00.

9. **President's report for 2013**

The vice president, Sam Efrat, took the chair and the president, Mike King, presented his report, which featured several highlights.

The ISTT had held a photographic competition from which it compiled photographs for publishing in the ISTT Photo Book. Two photos by Trenchless Technologies cc and two by TT Innovations (Pty) Ltd were chosen for publication.

SASTT was a sponsor of the book and was planning to give a copy of the ISTT Photo Book to each member.

The following SASTT technical standards had been approved by the board of SASTT and published:

- *Sliplining of pipelines* (which included the latest pipewelding requirements)
- *Pipe bursting* (recognition of members who provided sponsorship towards the standards was acknowledged on the cover).

SASTT had addressed a letter to the Construction Industries Development Board to introduce trenchless technology as one of the **cidb** construction classes under specialist work. This was currently subject to their review process. SASTT should not expect an answer before the end of February 2014.

A suggestion by Andre Wood of TRG International for training and certification of HDD personnel led to the identification of courses moderated by City and Guilds - with examinations for certificates. Two two-day HDD courses had been held in Gauteng at the end of January 2013. Two SASTT members who attended the training course *Horizontal Directional Drilling for Managers* prepared positive reports which were reviewed in an article in *SASTT News* of May 2013. The course was repeated in April 2013.

The report would be available on the SASTT website <http://www.sastt.org.za>.

The president took the chair again.

10. **SASTT award of excellence for 2013**

10.1 Award ceremony

The chairman announced that the SASTT award of excellence for 2013 had been bestowed upon *The replacement of water pipes, Overstrand Municipality*.

The chairman presented the award certificate to:

- Hanre Blignaut, of the Overstrand Municipality
- Mario Filippi of Lyners Consulting Engineers, and
- Rob van Vuuren of WBHO Pipelines.

10.2 Presentation by the award-winning team

Hanre Blignaut explained how extensive the area is that falls under the stewardship of the Overstrand Municipality and sketched the background to the project.

Mario Filippi told the meeting of the assessment process; of the prioritisation; and the formulation of the project in the light of considerable constraints.

Rob van Vuuren recounted how his team had highlighted the advantages of an alternative, trenchless approach and the implementation of the project.

The combination of these three speakers made for an absorbing presentation about a deserving project.

This was the first time since the introduction of the SASTT award that a project outside one of the metros was the winner.

11. **Announcement of board members for 2014 and induction of president**

At the request of the chairman, Joop van Wamelen announced that following the receipt of valid nominations and a postal ballot, the following persons had been elected to serve on the board:

President: Sam Efrat, Trenchless Technologies cc

Vice president: Neil van Rooyen, TT Innovations (Pty) Ltd

Immediate past president: Mike King, SMEC South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Members:

Andries Lötzt, individual member

Rob van Vuuren, WBHO Pipelines (formerly Insitu Pipelines (Pty) Ltd)

Johann Wessels, City of Tshwane

Andre Wood, TRG International Pipeline Company (Pty) Ltd.

Sam Efrat took the chair.

12. General

Nothing to report.

13. Closure

The chairman invited everyone present to partake of the braai which had been arranged and sponsored by Lyners Consulting Engineers and WBHO Pipelines.

The meeting was closed at 15:35.