

MINUTES OF THE 5th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHAPTER OF THE INTERNET SOCIETY HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, 52 GLENHOVE ROAD, LOWER HOUGHTON, JOHANNESBURG, ON FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2002 AT 12H00.

PRESENT: Ms R Stevenson, Chairman of the outgoing committee and 60 members and proxies as per the attendance register.

APOLOGIES: Ms E Odendaal
Mr R Meiring

There being a quorum present at the allotted time, the meeting was declared properly constituted and duly convened. The chairman welcomed all present.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms Stevenson tabled the Chairman's Report for the period under review with the following salient aspects being highlighted:

Namespace ZA

It was noted that Namespace ZA was formed on 31 August 2001 – the result of a long term project undertaken in conjunction with ISOC-ZA;

10 year Celebrations

ISOC-ZA held a function to celebrate ten years of internet connectivity in South Africa in February 2002. Mr Mike Lawrie was the Guest of Honour at the function and was awarded the inaugural ISOC-ZA Annual Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Internet Community in South Africa. It is anticipated that this award will be an annual event and members were urged to put forward motivations for deserving nominations for the committee's consideration.

Telecommunications Amendment Bill

ISOC-ZA submitted comments on the Telecommunications Amendment Bill. This important legislation is required to facilitate the introduction of competition in the provision of telecommunications services and to clarify several outstanding issues.

ECT Bill

ISOC-ZA was given sight of an early draft of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Bill (ECT Bill) in August 2001 and commented on this too. Representatives of ISOC-ZA were in Cape Town from 14 May 2002 to 17 May 2002 to submit ISOC-ZA's submission on the proposed ECT Bill to the PPCC (Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Communications) and to Parliament.

Social

A number of social functions were held notably a bring and braai function held in June 2002 at which Theo Kramer provided members with an update on AFRInic.

The Chairman expressed thanks and appreciation to the out going committee for their efforts during the past year. Namely Victor Wilson, William Stucke, Michael Silber, Emmie Odendaal, Ryk Meiring, Neil Dundas, Lynne Butler, Calvin Browne and Alan Levin. It was noted that Alan Levin was co-opted to the committee with a view to the development of ISOC-ZA in the Western Cape.

2. FINANCE

Full Financial Statements were not available for presentation at the meeting however these will be made available for scrutiny on the website in due course.

The treasurer, Mr Michael Silber, reported that the Society currently enjoyed a positive balance in the bank. This was due largely to the contributions of sponsors such as Uniform SA who had generously donated funds in respect of several of the ISOC-ZA functions as well as sponsorships covering ISOC-ZA representatives' expenses in respect of trips to Cape Town for the ECT Bill process.

Mr Silber expressed ISOC-ZA's thanks to these organisations.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following members were properly nominated and duly elected to serve as office bearers for the forthcoming year:

Chairman:	Calvin Browne
Vice Chair:	Victor Wilson
Past Chair:	Rosi Stevenson
Secretary:	Shumani Manwadu
Treasurer:	Heather Ford
Membership:	Lucio De Re
Education:	Bretton Vine
W Cape Liaison:	Alan Levin

The meeting agreed that the ISOC-ZA representative to Namespace ZA would be nominated and elected by the committee.

A vote of thanks was proposed from the floor to Ms Rosi Stevenson for her services as Chairperson of ISOC-ZA for the year under review.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 13h20.

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CHAIRMAN

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