

SOUTH AFRICAN COLLIERY ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN REGION MEETING HELD AT THE TWEEFONTEIN RECREATION CLUB AT 09:00 ON 10 JULY 2008

PRESENT

Mr M J Lourens in the Chair.

Mr LW Delpont as Scribe.

64 persons in attendance

APOLOGIES

S van Wyk Sasol Mining

Z.A. Botha Sasol Mining

D. Wardle BECSA

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. The Chairman asked the members to complete the attendance register.

2. PRESENTATION

The Chairman introduced the following presentations:

- ECSA registration – “The latest requirements” by Jacob du Plessis
- Understanding SI units by Richard Serwa

The presentation of the ECSA registration covered the Engineering profession act (Act no 46 of 2000), and the obtaining of CPD points. The presenter stressed the fact that the majority of the members of a voluntary association (SACEA) must be registered with ECSA to obtain accreditation. The presentation answered a lot of questions about registering at ECSA and CPD points.

The presentation by Richard Serwa was an informative and humoristic on the “Understanding of SI units”.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Northern Regional meeting held on 8 May 2008 at Matla Recreation Club was accepted.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

The following new members were accepted as members of SACEA:

- **Full Membership**

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| 1. Hennie Olivier | Kriel Colliery |
| 2. Lodewyk Turvey | Arnot Colliery |
| 3. Petrus Bezuidenhout | Middelburg Mine Services |
| 4. Phillip de Klerk | Middelburg Mine Services |
| 5. Philomon Mabilo | Springlake Colliery |
| 6. Nickolaas Coetzee | New Vaal Colliery |

- **Affiliated Membership**

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| 7. Croyden Walters | Joy Manufacturing |
| 8. Elissa Spreeth | Sasol Mining |

- **Student Membership**

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| 9. Edmond Sefako | New Vaal Colliery |
| 10. John Pearton | New Vaal Colliery |
| 11. Jacques van Schalkwyk | Kromdraai |
| 12. Robin Clark | Greenside Colliery |
| 13. Adolf Mlapo | Isibonela |
| 14. Rudi Cook | Sasol Mining (Brandspruit) |
| 15. B.A Jacobs | Junior Engineer Isibonela |

The Chairman presented the new members present with an Association tie as well as a copy of the Code of Conduct for SACEA members.

5. **SAFETY AND BEST PRACTICES**

Achievements

- Matla no. 3 – 3000 fatality free shifts
- Sasol – 0.5 recordable case rate, from 1.2 previously
- Tavistock – 8000 fatality free shifts
- Arthur Taylor Colliery – 5000 fatality free shifts

Incidents/Accidents

- BHP Goedgevonden – had a fatality where a Cherry picker operator was involved – they are still waiting on the DME enquiry
- Sasol – are having an increase in fall of roof incidents especially around roof bolting machines

6. REPORT BACK FROM COUNCIL

Next Meetings

- The next regional meeting will be held at Khutala Colliery on the 18th of September 2008; Host D. Wardle
- 13 November 2008 – Tweefontein Colliery; Host J. Diedericks
- 12 August 2008 – Combined SACEA / AMRE meeting, at SACE Recreation club – will cost R100 per person.

Technical visits

- 9 October 2008 - Impala platinum mine visit

Presidential function

- 22-24 August 2008 – Champagne Sports Resort, Drakensberg

The Golf day will be held on the 8th of November 2008 at Graceland

User group feedback

- The Chairman asked if there is any feedback from the user group meetings. No feedback
- The Chairman also mentioned the student forum what the junior engineers want to start. L. Delpont gave an explanation on the idea for the student forum. They don't want to start their own meetings; they want to be part of the SACEA meeting – maybe 30 minutes session after the main meeting. The whole idea is to get the CE's to attend the SACEA meeting, not to break away from it. Feedback will be given at the next SACEA meeting.

7. GENERAL

- The Chairman gave feedback on the Gautrain visit – he said that it was very interesting and big project.
The Chairman expressed concerns for the fact that some members who put up there names to attend the Gautrain technical visit, did not attend on the day of the visit – taking away the opportunity from other members. Only 19 out of 25 pitched up, with a waiting list of over 50. He urged the members to attend a visit or meeting if they indicated their intention to do so or timeously present their apologies.
- SACEA Branding –The new brand/template designed by Abrie Eckhard for presentations and letterheads were shown for comment to the attendees
- The Chairman said that they need presentations for the next meetings.
 - Paul Redelinguys said that he will organise an Open Cast mining presentation.
 - The Chairman said that he require CE presentations as well.

- It was agreed that there will be presentations on electricity savings from the different mines and plants:
 - Wouter Wolmarans will organise a presentation from Sasol,
 - Paul Redelinguys for BHP Billiton
 - A presentation will be made by Xstata as well.
- The topic of pressure vessel testing was brought up and discussed amongst the members.
- The new regulations on conveyors and machinery – particularly pertaining to stored energy was also mentioned and briefly discussed.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chairman thanked the host, Mr Buks Loock for the venue and lunch arrangements.

The Chairman also thanked the presenters for their presentations and the members for attending.

9. LUNCH & NETWORKING

10. GOLF