

O.F.S. and Klerksdorp Branch

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at Harmony Country Club on Wednesday, 2nd August, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.

Mr A. N. Shand (Chairman of the O.F.S. and Klerksdorp Branch) was in the Chair.

Also present were:

President of the S.A.I.M.M.: Mr P. A. von Wielligh.

Three Fellows: Z. J. Lombard and G. J. C. Young (Committee Members), J. F. G. Lorenzen.

Eleven Members: J. Scott, E. J. Daniny, and H. M. W. Eschenburg (Committee Members), W. C. Mather, K. Pearce, H. J. Reeders, S. J. Patchet, G. Evans, G. S. Lee, C. H. Wiggett, and 1 other.

Nine Associates: E. C. Hunter (Committee Member), A. J. Johansen, P. Kraus, L. Vorster, K. A. van Gessel, D. R. Lings, B. V. Robertson, and 2 others.

Six Graduates: A. R. Godfrey, G. S. Worthington, A. M. Jones, S. Pienaar, M. D. Daly, A. C. Burrow.

Three Students: M. O'Brien, I. Preston, D. W. Butcher. Thirty-one visitors, including lady visitors, were also present.

Total Present: Sixty-five.

Apologies

J. R. Garbutt, R. A. McCallum, W. G. H. Jackson, P. S. Wentworth, D. V. Baum.

Welcome

The Chairman declared the meeting open and extended a special welcome to Mr P. A. von Wielligh, President of the S.A.I.M.M., and Mrs Von Wielligh, who had travelled from Johannesburg to be present.

Minutes of the Previous General Meeting

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10th May, 1978, had been circulated and were taken as read. Their adoption was proposed by Mr Lombard and seconded by Mr Eschenburg.

Chairman's Annual Report for 1977-1978

The Chairman presented his Annual Report, which is incorporated in the Annual Report of the Institute (see page 93).

Declaration of Office Bearers for 1978-1979 and Result of Election of Committee Members

The Chairman announced that, in terms of the Constitution, the Committee had elected the following as office bearers for the ensuing year:

Chairman: H. M. W. Eschenburg

Vice-Chairman: E. C. Hunter

Immediate Past Chairman: A. N. Shand

Honorary Secretary: V. E. Kisby-Green.

With regard to the incoming committee, the number of members accepting nomination had just been equal to the number of vacancies. Thus no election had been necessary, and the following members would serve on the Committee during the coming year: W. G. H. Jack-

son, P. S. Wentworth, W. C. Mather, G. J. C. Young, Z. J. Lombard, and H. J. Reeders.

Induction of Chairman

Mr A. N. Shand introduced Mr H. M. W. Eschenburg by briefly outlining his past career and achievements, and, in calling upon him to take the Chair, wished him a very successful year of office.

Mr Eschenburg thanked the Committee for having honoured him with the Chair for the coming year, and thanked Mr Shand for his kind introduction. He congratulated Mr Shand on a very successful year of office, particularly his excellent organization of the O.F.S. Colloquium. He hoped that, with the assistance of the new Committee, he would be able to continue the high standard set by Mr Shand in his running of the branch.

Address by the President of the S.A.I.M.M.

The Chairman introduced Mr Von Wielligh by outlining his career and achievements. After completing his education, he joined J.C.I. in 1936 as a sampler, and from that time served the company in many capacities, culminating with his appointment to the Board in 1974. He became an executive director of J.C.I. in July 1976, and was currently either chairman or a member of the Boards of twenty companies, as well as holding the position of Senior Vice President of the Chamber of Mines. Being a down-to-earth practical mining engineer, his quiet and unassuming manner ensured that he retained the respect of all who had been associated with him over the years.

The President commenced his address by conveying the best wishes of the Council and their appreciation of the good work done in the Branch, particularly during the O.F.S. Colloquium. He congratulated Mr Shand on his year of office, and wished the new Chairman, Mr Eschenburg, and his Committee every success in the coming session.

The President went on to give an interesting informal talk on the objectives of the S.A.I.M.M., its past successes, and its plans for the future. He outlined the background of the Institute and the way it had been built up from a few rather poorly attended meetings, to the introduction of the *Journal*, which has an international reputation, the formation of the O.F.S. and Middelburg branches, and, recently, the introduction of colloquia and vacation schools. The Institute had also ventured into the publishing field with a series of monographs on specialized subjects. The first of these had already been published and was selling well. He also described the educational trust fund and student prizes.

Mr Von Wielligh continued by outlining the role of the S.A.I.M.M. in the Council of Commonwealth Institutes of Mining and Metallurgy. Despite the title of this Council, the South African membership was not in danger as provision had been made in the Constitution of the C.C.I.M.M. He described how the S.A.I.M.M.'s invitation to hold the next Commonwealth Congress in

1982 had been accepted, and felt sure that South Africa had a lot to show the rest of the world in mining and metallurgical developments.

A point that worried the President was that the response to the Institute's activities was particularly strong from non-members. While this was welcome, he strongly urged all those who were eligible to become members since the Institute could grow only through the strength of its membership. He also urged members to propose subjects for colloquia and vacation schools.

In conclusion, the President thanked the Branch for

inviting him to Welkom and wished them a successful year.

A vote of thanks to Mr Von Wielligh was proposed by Mr G. J. C. Young, who also asked the President to use his influence to bring together members from the Welkom and Klerksdorp areas.

Closure

The Chairman thanked the members and guests for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m., after which refreshments were served.

Company Affiliates

The following members have been admitted to the Institute as Company Affiliates.

AECI Limited.

Afrox/Dowson and Dobson Limited.
Amalgamated Collieries of S.A. Limited.

Apex Mines Limited.

Associated Manganese Mines of S.A. Limited.

Billiton Exploration S.A. (Pty) Limited.

Blackwood Hodge (S.A.) Limited.

Blyvooruitzicht G.M. Co. Ltd.

Boart International Limited.

Bracken Mines Limited.

Buffelsfontein G.M. Co. Limited.

Cape Asbestos South Africa (Pty) Ltd.

Compair S.A. (Pty) Limited.

Consolidated Murchison (Tvl) Goldfields & Development Co. Limited.

Deelkraal Gold Mining Co. Ltd.

Delfos & Atlas Copco (Pty) Limited.

Doornfontein G.M. Co. Limited.

Durban Roodepoort Deep Limited.

East Driefontein G.M. Co. Limited.

East Rand Prop. Mines Limited.

Engineering Management Services (Pty) Ltd.

Envirotech (Pty) Ltd.

Free State Saaiplaas G.M. Co. Limited.

Fraser & Chalmers S.A. (Pty) Limited.

Gardner-Denver Co. Africa (Pty) Ltd.

Goldfields of S.A. Limited.

The Grootvlei (Pty) Mines Limited.

Harmony Gold Mining Co. Limited.

Hartebeesfontein G.M. Co. Limited.

Highveld Steel and Vanadium Corporation Limited.

Hubert Davies Construction (Pty) Ltd.

Hubert Davies Heavy Equipment (Pty) Ltd.

Impala Platinum Limited.

Ingersoll Rand Co. S.A. (Pty) Ltd.

Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Corp. Ltd.

Kinross Mines Limited.

Kloof Gold Mining Co. Limited.

Lennings Holdings Limited.

Leslie G.M. Limited.

Libanon G.M. Co. Limited.

Lonrho S.A. Limited.

Lorraine Gold Mines Limited.

Marievale Consolidated Mines Limited.

Matte Smelters (Pty) Limited.

Natal Cambrian Collieries Limited.

Northern Lime Co. Limited.

O'okiep Copper Company Limited.

Otjihase Mining Co. (Pty) Limited.

Palabora Mining Co. Limited.

Photometric Sorters.

President Steyn G.M. Co. Limited.

Pretoria Portland Cement Co. Limited.

Prieska Copper Mines (Pty) Limited.

Rand Mines Limited.

R. J. Spargo Limited.

Rooiberg Minerals Development Co. Limited.

Rustenburg Platinum Mines Limited (Union Section).

Rustenburg Platinum Mines Limited (Rustenburg Section).

St. Helena Gold Mines Limited.

Shaft Sinkers (Pty) Limited.

S.A. Land Exploration Co. Limited.

Stilfontein G.M. Co. Limited.

The Griqualand Exploration and Finance Co. Limited.

The Messina (Transvaal) Development Co. Limited.

The Randfontein Estates Gold Mining Co. Witwatersrand Ltd.

The Robbins Co. (Africa) (Pty) Ltd.

The Steel Engineering Co. Ltd.

Trans-Natal Coal Corporation Limited.

Tvl Cons. Land & Exploration Co.

Tsumeb Corporation Limited.

Union Corporation Limited.

Vaal Reefs Exploration & Mining Co. Limited.

Venterspost G.M. Co. Limited.

Vergenoeg Mining Co. (Pty) Limited.

Vlakfontein G.M. Co. Limited.

Welkom Gold Mining Co. Limited.

West Driefontein G.M. Co. Limited.

Western Areas Gold Mining Co. Ltd.

Western Deep Levels Limited.

Western Holdings Limited.

Winkelhaak Mines Limited.