

SPOTLIGHT

on the Orange Free State Branch

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The Annual General Meeting of the Orange Free State Branch was held on Wednesday evening, 30th July, 1986, in the VIP Lounge of the Freegold North Region Canteen. The meeting was well attended, a total of 73 members, guests, and visitors being present. It was extremely pleasing to have such a large number of lady visitors present.

Business

At 19h30, the meeting was officially declared open by the 1985/1986 Branch Chairman, Mr K.A. van Gessel, and all present were warmly welcomed, especially Mr H.E. James, President of the SAIMM, and Mr H.G. Mosenthal, Council Member of the SAIMM. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous General Meeting, which had been held at the Harmony Country Club, Virginia, in February 1986, Mr Van Gessel presented the Chairman's Annual Report for 1985/1986.

Mr Van Gessel then announced the following Office Bearers for the 1986/1987 year:

Chairman	Mr P.H. Radcliffe
Vice Chairman	Mr F.M.G. Egerton
Committee Members	Mr K.F.W. Eick
	Mr H.M.W. Eschenburg
	Mr K.A. van Gessel
	Mr J. McCallum
	Dr M.A. Orridge.

Mr Van Gessel mentioned that, because there had been no nominations for the Committee from the Branch membership, there had been no need for a ballot seeing that the previous year's Committee had indicated their willingness to continue in office.

Mr Van Gessel introduced the new Chairman, Mr P.H. Radcliffe, by giving a short resumé of Mr Radcliffe's educational and professional achievements and his recreational background, after which Mr Radcliffe took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. He thanked Mr Van Gessel for his excellent chairmanship over the past year and for his kind words of introduction.

Guest Speaker

The new Chairman then introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr H.E. James, the current President of the SAIMM and a Vice President of the Council for Mineral Technology (Mintek). Mr James addressed the meeting on 'The Beneficiation of South Africa's Minerals'—a most lucid, interesting, topical, and entertaining presentation, which was well received by the meeting. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr James answered several questions from the audience.

Mr F.M.G. Egerton, Vice Chairman of the Branch, thanked Mr James for his address and for giving up his

time to visit the OFS Branch.

General

Under 'General' discussion, the Chairman and the President commented upon the significant constitutional changes appertaining to the membership requirements for the SAIMM, which would be discussed and voted upon during the Annual General Meeting of the SAIMM. The Chairman also announced that 1986/1987 would be a working year for the Branch and its Committee, since the Branch would be hosting a seminar in September/October 1987, similar to the Colloquium on Mining and Metallurgical topics that had been hosted by the Branch in 1983.

At the end of the meeting, the Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance, the staff of the North Region Canteen for their excellent arrangements, and Western Holdings Mine for their kind hosting of the meeting and for the refreshments provided.

The meeting was followed by a Cocktail Party.

Persons from Left to Right



Mr and Mrs C. Blom, Mr P. Blom, and Mrs and Mr P. van Niekerk



Mr D. Clifford, Miss A. Saunders, Mr A. Grimmond, and Mr and Mrs P. Starck

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Mr L.R. Green, Dr E. Kirby, and Mr G. Grobelaar



Mrs K. Stewart, Mrs Vosloo, Mrs M. Radcliffe, and Mrs W. van Gessel



Messrs A. Howard and G. Harris, and Dr M. Orridge



Messrs M. Schröder, V. Korzynski, P. Kennedy, T. Rogans, and A. Muller



Mr and Mrs D. Butler, Mr A. Robb, and Mr S. Plenaar



Dr M. Orridge, former Branch Chairman, Mr P. Radcliffe, the 1986/87 Chairman, Mr K. van Gessel, the 1985/86 Branch Chairman, Mr H. James, SAIMM President, Mr H. Mosenthal, SAIMM Council Member, and Mr C. Harvey, Branch Honorary Secretary