



## **MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD AT 14:00 ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE MIDRAND REGIONAL OFFICE OF JOHANNESBURG WATER**

### **1. Attendance**

Due to the small number of persons present at 14:00, the meeting was called to order at 14:30. Nineteen people attended the meeting, of whom fourteen were SASTT members, present in person. Two members were represented by proxies. The chairman, Johann Wessels, welcomed all present. Since there was a quorum, the meeting was properly constituted.

### **2. Apologies**

Craig Burnie, Vermeer Equipment Suppliers (Pty) Ltd  
Nigel Ireland, City of Cape Town  
Malani Padayachee, Malani Padayachee & Associates (Pty) Ltd  
Peter Salomons, Jetvac South Africa (Pty) Ltd  
Andrew Trench, Camjet

### **3. Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting, held on 17 February 2009 at Midrand**

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

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **5. Financial report for 2009 and budget for 2010**

The unaudited financial report for 2009 and the draft budget for 2010, which had been sent to members with the agenda, were presented by Joop van Wamelen on behalf of the treasurer. The financial report for 2009 and the budget for 2010 were **approved** unanimously. It was **agreed** that the annual subscriptions would remain unchanged at:

- corporate members: R 3 000,00
- individual members: R 600,00.

### **6. President's report for 2009**

Johann Wessels presented his report in which, in particular, he highlighted the competence, value and variety of trenchless work done in South Africa during the year under review. The report would be available on the SASTT website <http://www.sastt.org.za>.

### **7. SASTT award of excellence**

#### **7.1 Award ceremony**

Johann Wessels announced that the SASTT award of excellence for 2009 had been made for the *Absa Campus sleeves reticulation by horizontal directional drilling*. The award certificate was handed to Sam Efrat of Trenchless Technologies cc.

#### **7.2 Presentation by the winner of the award**

Sam Efrat made a spirited presentation about the project. Details of the project will be included in a future number of *SASTT News*.

### **8. Announcement of board members for 2010 and induction of president**

Johann Wessels announced that following the receipt of valid nominations and a postal ballot, the following persons had been elected to serve on the board:

**President:** Andries LötZ, Johannesburg Water (Pty) Ltd  
**Vice president:** Mike King, Vela VKE Consulting Engineers (Pty) Ltd  
**Immediate past president:** Johann Wessels, City of Tshwane  
**Members:**  
Henk Aartsma, BKS (Pty) Ltd  
Sam Efrat, Trenchless Technologies cc  
Malani Padayachee, Malani Padayachee & Associates (Pty) Ltd  
Justin Spreckley, TT Innovations (Pty) Ltd

**Co-opted member:** Kevern Ramborosa, Hlanganani Engineers and Project Managers (Pty) Ltd. The secretary and treasurer would be elected from the board members at the first meeting of the new board.

Andries LötZ took the chair.

## 9. General

The following matters were raised:

- In order to provide depth to the development of standards for trenchless technology, SASTT must create a standards committee. Members with applicable competence were asked to volunteer their services.
- SASTT should engage post-graduate students to undertake the development of standards. This would also recruit academic support for the standards.
- When SASTT organised seminars or training events, it should award CPD points to delegates. This was already the practice at the annual drilling course arranged by Vermeer Equipment Suppliers.
- Members were once again alerted to the offer of secondary ISTT membership privileges for corporate members. At a minimum this would give corporate members access to three exemplars of *Trenchless International*: two for the member itself plus one for an associate in local government.
- SASTT would provide the e-mail addresses of members to Benjamin Media in order to let members benefit from the monthly *Trenchless Technology International* e-newsletter.

## 10. Closure

The chairman invited everyone present to partake of refreshments following the meeting. The meeting was closed at 16:20.