

KwaZulu-Natal Society of Arts
Annual General Meeting
3 October 2018, 5.30pm
166 Bulwer Road, Glenwood, Durban 4001

[Quorum is present, meeting can begin]

1. Welcome

Welcome from outgoing Vice President Rre Kunene

Notes great learning experience it has been serving at KZNSA, with gratitude for opportunity to serve

2. Apologies

Apologies noted from:

Russel Hlongwane (President)

Carl Petzer (Treasurer)

3. Presidential Address

Presented by RK on behalf of RH

(append)

4. Ratification of previous AGM minutes

Changes: None

Adrienne Sparks proposes that minutes are accepted, seconded by Penny de Vries

5. Matters Arising from Minutes:

Query from member (Haj Vayej) about KZNSA's plans as indicated in previous minutes

Addressed by Angela Shaw:

- Partnerships developing with tertiary and other educational institutions incl. DUT (Urban Futures Centre), DAG, Phansi Museum and BAT Centre
- Film Society – KZNSA has hosted more screenings this year, with another four screenings planned for 2018
- Partnership with CCA – Time of the Writer venue plus book launches

6. Request to amend Constitution to allow council to meet every three months

Brought by Margaret Jack (Secretary)

- Issues raised around functions of EXCO and Council – a lot of repetition
- Suggestion moving forward:

EXCO remains involved in operations and fundraising. Council offers strategic direction to organisation, meet once every three months to set objectives and review progress, including how organisation is achieving goals, with view to how Council can aid this strategically rather than operationally

- Propose a minimum of four council meetings a year, compared to current constitutional requirement, with note that EXCO still meets monthly
- Currently with Council meeting every month, time is too short, meetings are rushed and often no quorum to allow decision making. Anticipated that less frequent meetings will be longer and less rushed, proving more beneficial. EXCO will retain ability to call unusual council meetings as needed

Query from member (Marianne Meijer): where does Exhibition Subcommittee fall?

Response: Exhibition Subcommittee falls under Council as a subcommittee, will continue to meet as normal.

Amendment proposed by MJ, seconded by Margaret McKenzie

Members vote by show of hands:
34 yes, additional 10 proxies

Motion carried

7. Nominations for new council members

Three members have resigned from Council: Russel Hlongwane, Mashadi Makhanya, and Juliette Nicholson.

Note - change of usual agenda in order to accommodate another art event happening tonight, votes brought forward

11 nominees (bios appended), 9 positions to fill - members invited to vote for their 9 best candidates
Nominees:

- Adrienne Sparks
Has served on council for two years, contributing to strategic direction in retail and would like to continue
- Carl Petzer
Current Treasurer, plays integral part of organisation
- Margaret Jack
Current Secretary, has served for four years and contributes to monitoring and evaluation and strategic direction of the organisation
- Steve Kotze
Historian at local history museum, creates content for exhibitions and would like to bring this experience to KZNSA's exhibitions
- Greg Larson
Lawyer, nominated to replace advocate Juliette Nicholson, legal representation for the organisation
- Marc Kalina
Researcher, can contribute to grant writing and fundraising
- Sibonelo Gumede
Researcher and project co-ordinator at Urban Futures Centre (UFC), DUT
- Dane Stops
Practicing artist and graphic design lecturer at DUT
- Jo Voysey
Practicing artist and fine art lecturer at DUT and UCT, has strong connections with several national art centres incl. AVA Gallery, Stevenson, Zeitz Mocca and Wits Art Museum
- Gabi Peppas
Director at Ilifindo, connections to various networks within the city
- Karla Nixon
Practicing artist and fine art lecturer at DUT, focus on professional practice for artists

Ballots distributed, votes to be counted and results announced later in the programme

8. LUMEC Presentation

Presented by Paul Jones (append presentation)

Economic development research conducted at KZNSA this year, examining what the business model of the organisation is, how it can improve and ultimately become more sustainable

Summary of findings:

- Need for more fundraising - every member should be canvassing on behalf of the gallery
- The organisation's mandate is being achieved but more funds will help the organisation to keep improving and moving forward
- Membership is quite homogeneous: 40% of members are over 60 years of age, and nearly 86% of them are white

9. Gallery Report

Presented by Angela Shaw

- Run through of exhibitions hosted at KZNSA over the last 12 months
 - Announcement of BUZZART 2018 theme: Belonging_s
 - Announcement of 2019 Members Exhibition Theme: Land
 - Date of members exhibition for 2019 has changed to accommodate a project funded by Department of Arts and Culture (DAC), KZNSA pleased to confirm that Gabi Ngcobo will curate an exhibition as part of this project
 - Other exciting exhibitions in 2019 include solo for local artist Themba Shibase, Creative Block Project and Ansel Adams in partnership with Wits Art Museum
- Members are thanked for their support over the last calendar year

10. Education Report

Presented by Sumayya Menezes

Education programme has grown steadily to include:

- **KZNSA LAB Talks**
Every First Thursday, LAB Talks are a platform for creatives to network and share skills, and opportunity for community to engage with makers.
Partners include African Futures Centre (AFH), UFC, Phansi Museum
- **Pop Up Youth Exhibitions**
Also part of First Thursday programming, showcase youth creativity and highlighting creative processes
- **Learner Workshops with Artists**
Opportunity for creative youngsters to visit the gallery and engage with successful artists, learning new making skills in the process
- **KZNSA Online Learning**
Officially launching at first Educators Evening next week, online resource will allow schools remote access to important exhibitions at the gallery and provide CAPS relevant classroom ideas for educators
- **Educator Evenings**
First to be held next week, these will be regular events for local educators to come to the gallery and learn about our upcoming exhibitions and opportunities for learners to engage, facilitating efficient planning for school visits
- **Saturday Sessions**
Making workshops at KZNSA every Saturday, taught by local artists. Current programme includes life drawing with Kay Smart, illustration with Nikhil Tricam, portrait drawing with Dane Stops and documentary photography with Mandisa Buthelezi

11. Treasury Report

Compiled by Carl Petzer, delivered by Rre Kunene (append report)

NPBR nominated to continue as auditors for the organisation

12. General

- Suggestion from member – a major drive for membership should be strategised. Public should be offered memberships at all events, perhaps existing members could volunteer to staff a membership table at such events. Suggested that payment be facilitated downstairs to maximise convenience
- **Response from KZNSA:**
Steve Jones: this was done at the last First Thursday, and online membership is part of strategy in place for the new website currently in development. Organisation must consider corporate and donor memberships for firms/individuals who could bring value.
Rre Kunene: Goal is to increase visibility of member sign up process.

Angela Shaw: Great to hear from a member happy to volunteer, consider a 'friends of the gallery' approach, and levels or tiers of membership with more commitments at each tier. Additionally, looking at introducing a new mid-year annual members event like an auction. Finally, membership renewal also being looked into, with plans to automate.

- Suggestion from Marc Kalina – organisation should consider going after bequests as another source of income
- Closing comments:
Rre Kunene addresses challenges described in letter from outgoing president RH as a gauntlet thrown for the organisation to take up the challenges this year and do things not in spite of our small footprint but rather because of.
Penny de Vries notes, speaking to the LUMEC report, the public perception is that the KZNSA has more than adequate funding – important to break this perception

13. New Council Members

Adrienne Sparks, Carl Petzer, Margaret Jack, Steve Kotze, Greg Larson, Marc Kalina, Sibonelo Gumede, Dane Stops, Jo Voysey
Others to be co-opted into subcommittees as needed
First council meeting: 31 October 2018, 5pm
Agenda will include subcommittee and office bearing positions
The 2017/18 President, Russel Hlongwane, has stepped down. This means he is no longer a signatory of the KZNSA.

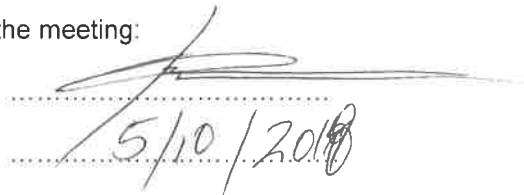
14. Closing

Meeting closed by Rre Kunene

These minutes accurately reflect the content of the meeting:

Signed: Rre Kunene, current Vice President

Date



5/10/2018