



Southern Cape NPC (Reg No: 2015/352916/08)

111 Nedbank Centre, York Street, George, 6530
P O Box 24, George, 6530
Tel: 044 8743349
Fax: 0865446998

E-mail: ceo@georgechamber.co.za
Web address: www.georgechamber.co.za

Annual General Meeting

Date : **Friday 17 MAY 2018**
Venue : **Town Lodge Garden Route
Conference Centre**
Time : **17h30-19h30**

MINUTES

- 1. Welcome:** Dr. Dennis Farrell welcomed everyone to the 2018 Annual General meeting of the George Business Chamber NPC meeting with a special welcome to the Guest Speaker- Advocate Mtho Xulu, as well as outgoing Chairperson Dr Willier Cilliers, the GBC Board and affiliates in attendance. Ingrid Cronje confirmed that there was a quorum and Dr Farrell declared that the meeting was therefore officially open.
- 2. Present and Apologies:** See attached attendance registers & apology list.
- 3. Approval of Previous Minutes:** Proposed by Martin Reimann and Seconded by Ivor Claasen.
- 4. Matters Arising:** None were indicated.
- 5. Chairperson's Annual Report:** Presented by Dr. Willie Cilliers. (See attached)
- 6. Financial Statements:** The Financial statements were presented by Dr Willie Cilliers to the affiliates in attendance. The financials were compiled by Cilliers Accountants and reviewed independently by Boshoff Visser Inc. (See attached reports). The Financial statements were accepted as correct by affiliates by show of hands. Paul Hoffman requested that Financial Statements be circulated before the meeting in future. Ingrid Cronje(CEO) responded by saying that a decision had been made by the EXCO and Board at meeting prior to 2017 AGM not to circulate the financials as the information was confidential and available for scrutiny by affiliates on request. Michelle Cawood-van Vuuren requested clarity regarding two items on the financials which were Audio Visual and Video Production Expenses. She asked for an explanation of the difference between the two. Dr Cilliers indicated that the costs were in support of entrepreneurial development e.g. Video recordings by Hartland Broadcasting for entrepreneurs "Dragons Den" presentations.
- 7. Appointment of Auditors:** Dr Farrell confirmed that Boshoff Visser Inc. have been reappointed as auditors for the 2018/2019 Financial Year.

8. Dr Farrell Introduced Advocate Mtho Xulu, Vice president of South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry as guest speaker. (See attached speech and biography).

9. Nominees/Election of Executive Committee. Dr Farrell introduced the nominees and explained that since the number of nominations did not exceed the legal number of committee affiliates, that it would not be necessary to take the voting process to the floor. See Nominations below:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Corné Nunns | Millers Attorneys | Associate |
| Elna Schwartz | Avis van Rental | Financial Manager-George Branch |
| Elsie Harmse | Africa Skills Village | Managing Director |
| Fuad Choonara | Standard Bank | Business Area Manager-Small Enterprise |
| Irene Koegelenberg | Triton Express | Branch Manager |
| Ivor Claasen | Suiderkruis Security | Sales Manager |
| Dr John Beneke | Health & Injury on Duty Centre | Owner & MD |
| Michell Cawood-van Vuuren | ISP Group | Director |
| Pedro Oliphant | George Municipality | Economic Development Manager. |
| Ms Ayanda Msomi | Nelson Mandela University | Co-Opted:Lecturer - Business management |
| Martin Reimann | Outeniqua Tourism Bureau | Co-Opted: Representative of OTA |

10. Confirmation of Office Bearers: Brenda Vorster announced that at a recent meeting of the Board, Dr Dennis Farrell was appointed as the new Chairperson. She also welcomed Keith Sharpe as the newly appointed Director to the Board.

11. Chairperson’s positioning for the Chamber 2018: Presented by Dr Farrell. See attached.

12. Thanks, and Closure: CEO Ingrid Cronje thanked various people for their support and contribution to the success of the Chamber AGM. Dr Dennis Farrell proceeded to officially close the meeting thereafter, he called upon the newly elected EXCO to come forward for their first briefing.

**Chairperson
(Dr Dennis Farrell)**