

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN COMPUTER LECTURERS' ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2002
AT 16h30 AT THE FISH RIVER SUN, EASTERN CAPE

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Mr John McNeill, welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting.

2. Attendance

J. McNeill (Chair, Rhodes), C. Upfold (Rhodes), C. Lubelwana (Rhodes), J. Wesson (UPE), P. Wentworth (Rhodes), C. Cilliers (UPE), D. Sewry (Rhodes), M. Eccles (UCT), W. van Aswegen (UFS), E. Marais (RAU), M. Olivier (RAU), J. Okuthe (Rhodes), A. Leonard (UP), P. Joubert (UP), R. Leppan (UPE), J. Nel (UPE), R. Quilling (UND), A. Calitz (UPE), R. Dodds (Stellenbosch), K. Naidoo (UND), A. Gordon (UND), H. Gokal (UND), L. Gibson (UND), R. de Villiers (UNISA), D. Freeme (Rhodes), G. Erwin (Cape Tech), L. Pretorius (UNISA), T. Horne (UNISA), H. Muyingi (Fort Hare), D. Smith (UCT), V. Pieterse (UP), N. Jones (UCT), J. Nash (UCT), K. Johnston (UCT), L. Palmer (Rhodes), J. Ebden (Rhodes), G. Wells (Rhodes), G. Foster (Rhodes), B. Klinkradt (Rhodes), A. Lobb (Rhodes), S. Bangay (Rhodes), P. Terry (Rhodes), R. Roets (Rhodes), D. Stott (Rhodes), G. Edwards (Rhodes), B. Mallinson (Rhodes), P. Clayton (Rhodes), K. Halland (UNISA), L. Venter (UNISA), L. Spark (WITS), S. Pather (Cape Tech).

3. Other Matters for the Agenda

- 3.1 AIS Issues
- 3.2 Training Teachers
- 3.3 TECLA
- 3.4 Research Opportunity at Cape Technikon

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. (Proposed by Andre Calitz and seconded by Lucas Venter.)

5. 2001 Financial Report

John McNeill tabled the Financial Report which was confirmed.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

7. Chairman's Report

John McNeill tabled the Chairman's Report.

- a) He pointed out that 101 delegates had attended SACLA 2002. He commented that the attendance of delegates from neighbouring states was very low, but this would be discussed in a later item of the meeting.
- b) The amalgamation of Universities and Technikons was mentioned and would be discussed in a later item.
- c) He reported that sponsorship had been very forthcoming and thanked the sponsors for their contribution.

8. 2002 Financial Report

John McNeill tabled the interim financial report. The final financial report is attached as Annexure A.

9. Permanent SACLA Web Presence

John McNeill said that at the moment, each institution sets up a web page for every conference. He asked if any institution would be prepared to host a sacla.org URL. Peter Clayton of Rhodes University offered to do so.

10. SACLA Mailing List

The University of the Free State asked for an institution to take over and update the list. Peter Clayton offered for Rhodes University to host this as well as the sacla.org URL.

11. Southern African Involvement

Concern was expressed over delegates from neighbouring countries not being able to attend. It was suggested that a fund be initiated and resourced out of surplus conference funds to assist delegates who wished to attend, but could not due to financial reasons. The University of Cape Town, University of Pretoria and Rhodes University were nominated as trustees for the first two to three years.

Andre Calitz requested that this be an item on the agenda every year.

12. SACLA Funding

Peter Clayton asked to have noted that when approaching industries for sponsorship, organisers must specify what items are needed as it assists the prospective sponsors a great deal. The sponsors replied with thanks.

13. Any other Issues

13.1 AIS Issues

Derek Smith brought to the attention of members that Phillip Ein-Dor, incoming President of the AIS, to build an international body of IS scholars, has arranged that members will only have to pay 10% of the normal subscription price.

13.2 Training of Teachers

Derek Smith said that UCT are initiating a programme where 4 Honours students, to start with, will be training teachers in ICT and he would like to start a national workgroup. He asked that any interested parties contact him.

13.3 TECLA

Kevin Johnston proposed that the current SACLA committee contact TECLA to initiate a merge. It was also proposed that the 2003 SACLA committee invite TECLA members to attend the conference in June 2003.

13.4 Computer Programming in School Curriculum

Reg Dodds pointed out that he had heard the schools will be reducing computer programming in the school curriculum. He proposed that SACLA express concern that it might be approved. Derek Smith replied that he had read that there was not going to be a reduction, but more of a separation between IS and CS and he emphasised that it was a discussion point, and not a decision.

13.5 Vacancies at Cape Technikon

Geoff Erwin reported that Carnegie had donated R6 million towards 3 projects at Cape Technikon. One of the projects is ICT Competencies in the workplace for the future. He said that they were looking for a full-time researcher over the next two years and if anybody was interested, they should contact him.

13.6 2003 SACLA Organising Committee

The Chairman called for nominations for the 2003 SACLA Organising Committee. Andre Calitz nominated the WITS Information Systems Department. The nomination was accepted. There being no further nominations, the WITS IS Department was duly elected as the 2003 SACLA Organising Committee. UCT offered to organise SACLA in 2004.

Jane Nash offered a vote of thanks to the 2002 organising committee.

JM/tm 6 June 2003

Annexure A to the minutes of the AGM of the SACLA 2002

Financial Report

Income

Sponsorship		R 145,000.00
ABSA	R 20,000.00	
Oracle	R 40,000.00	
Microsoft	R 85,000.00	
From SACLA 2001		R 15,000.00
Conference fees		R 14,085.63
TOTAL		R 174,085.63

Expenditure

Accommodation, meals, teas, venue hire	R 90,359.90
Printed matter and CD	R 5,295.21
Complimentary gifts and thank you gifts	R 18,294.81
Entertainment	R 5,000.00
Transport	R 8,483.69
To SACLA 2003	R 15,000.00
Bank fees, stationery, miscellaneous	R 1,264.49
Organisers' Dinner	R 5,023.40
TOTAL	R 148,721.50

Surplus (Income less Expenditure) R 25,364.13