

NOTES OF THE SAMESG COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 11:30
VIA ZOOM

Present: **T Steele-Schober (Chairperson)**

A Botha
C Dixon
N Fisher
R Garner
R Horn
J Lake
Dr T Marshall
L Soulsby

Apologies: **A Johnstone**
 E Moodie
 S Rupprecht
 B Williamson
 M Smith
 G Nussey

In Attendance: **C Jardine (SAIMM)**

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that an apology had been received from Mr Johnstone.

2. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ms Lynn Soulsby introduced herself to the Committee and shared some of her background.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND KEY ACTION ITEMS

The minutes of that meeting held on 27 August 2020 were taken as read.

The action items from the minutes were discussed as follows:

There was a correction to the first action item on the list. Ms Steele-Schober advised that this was actually for her to follow up with Ms Stefina Mudau from the Minerals Council regarding her involvement with SAMESG, not the Development Account Project. She added that this was still to be done.

ACTION: Teresa Steele-Schober

Regarding the write-up on SAMESG for publication in SAIMM and GSSA journals, it was confirmed that this had been done and thanks were extended to Dr Marshall. Dr Marshall advised that this had not gone in the GSSA journal, but it had gone out in the GSSA newsletter.

In terms of the SAMESG update committee; this would be covered later in the meeting under the agenda item.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Amendments to SAMESG Guideline

Ms Steele-Schober advised that she had tried to arrange a meeting of the sub-committee, but had only received responses from two people in terms of availability. She would try again to get those people who had volunteered together in mid-January. The plan was to have something to actually talk to when this first meeting was held. She had held discussions with various people on how to go forward with this.

Action: Teresa Steele-Schober

5. SAMESG SQUIRREL AWARDS FOR 2021

Ms Steele-Schober advised that she had been working on the criteria for the Squirrel Awards and this needed to be completed. It should be ready for review at the next SAMESG meeting.

Action: Teresa Steele-Schober

6. GSSA ESG DAY – 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

Ms Steele-Schober advised that this had been a real success. She was very pleased with how well it had gone off. There was not the largest audience, but what had worked well was that it had been possible to have some conversations with people who had joined in for the presentations. She extended thanks to everyone on the committee who made the time available to present on the day. There were a couple of people from whom she was still trying to obtain their presentations, so that the GSSA could distribute these. The flow between the presentations went very smoothly and there was some upfront consensus around what each presentation needed to entail and it just seemed to work really well.

This inaugural day was held as a half day session and Dr Marshall was very keen to extend that to a full day session in 2021, perhaps in combination with some other organisations, and hopefully this would be in person.

There were comments from some of the attendees that they appreciated being able to join an on-line event for two reasons: firstly, because it was cheaper for them and, linked to the cost, it also meant that people from across the country could attend without having to justify travel and costs to their employers. This was something to consider going forward.

Dr Marshall advised that it was not only people from this country who had attended, there had also been attendees from Peru as well. Ms Steele-Schober added that the virtual events did make it possible for people from all over the world to join in and this broader attendance was quite valuable in terms of the current global conversations around ESG.

Dr Marshall reported that 17 August 2021 had provisionally been set aside for the next ESG Day. She asked Ms Steele-Schober to check whether this dated suited her and advise so that this could be put in the GSSA calendar by the end of January 2021.

Action: Teresa Steele-Schober & Tania Marshall

The following people from the Committee had presented: Ms Steele-Schober, Ms Botha, Ms Selby and Ms Dixon. A presentation had also been given by Mr Bruce Williamson on the investment side and by Dr Rupprecht from the SAMREC side.

7. CRIRSCO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This had taken place from 14-18 September 2020. Ms Steele-Schober and Ms Ruth Allington (from PERC) presented on ESG. The presentation was well received and positive feedback had been received from attendees following the presentation. Ms Jardine was asked to kindly distribute to the Committee a copy of the presentation that was given. It was really just an overall introduction to ESG and why ESG was important in terms of mineral resource and reserve reporting.

Action: Camielah Jardine

Following on from that, SAMESG remained engaged with a number of the Codes globally as they tried to look at including ESG in their codes and standards. Dr Marshall, Ms Steele-Schober and Mr Roger Dixon were giving input to the PERC team in terms of the Standard update that they were finalising. This would continue.

It was agreed that this had been a useful addition to the CRIRSCO Annual General Meeting.

8. GENERAL

Ms Steele-Schober asked whether any Committee members wished to add anything that they believed should be on the radar and which could be followed up on in 2021. One of her objectives was to get the guidelines updated and putting together the criteria for a SAMESG Squirrel Award. If there were any other points that the Committee felt should be tackled, she would appreciate this input. There were no suggestions.

Ms Fisher asked what the timeline was for the revision of the guidelines. Ms Steele-Schober responded that this should be tied up by the end of 2021. The structure was there and hopefully, by the end of the next year, it should be wrapped up. In September 2021, her term of office as Chair would end and confirmed that she would like to have the guideline quite advanced by that stage to hand over to the next incumbent.

Mr Lake commented that he had not had a chance to look at the SAMCODES App. Ms Steele-Schober advised that this was just for his personal information currently, as he was the SAMESG representative. More information was available from Tarryn Flitton and that this would be circulated to the representatives of the various Committees in due course. This was in terms of the guideline on how the app worked.

9. CLOSING

The Chairman thanked all members for their participation and hoped that the Committee would grow in the next year and asked members to let her know their thoughts on anything. The next meeting was scheduled for 25 February 2021. There being no further business to discuss meeting was closed.

KEY ACTION ITEMS

1. THERESA STEELE-SCHOBER

Follow up with Ms Mudau from the Minerals Council regarding her involvement with SAMESG

2. THERESA STEELE-SCHOBER

Arrange a meeting with sub-committee of volunteers to discuss how to go forward to amendments to the SAMESG Guideline.

3. THERESA STEELE-SCHOBER

Prepare criteria for the SAMESG Squirrel Awards for review at the February meeting.

4. TERESA STEELE-SCHOBER AND TANIA MARSHALL

Check whether 17 August 2021 is suitable for next ESG day and put on GSSA calendar.

5. CAMIELAH JARDINE

Distribute copy of ESG presentation given at CRIRSCO AGM to committee members.