**MINUTES OF THE SAMEA AGM**

**Date:** 20 September, 2013 Face-to-Face Meeting **Minutes by: Kate**

**Time:** 18:00 PM **Venue:** Hilton

| **DELEBERATIONS** | **Action** |
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| **1. Welcome & apologies** | Purpose: SAMEA AGM.  BR welcomed attendees all at 18:15 PM. A warm welcome to all that attended the AGM meeting.  Present: Babette Rabie (BR)-SAMEA Board Member  Stephen Rule (SR)-SAMEA Board Member  Mike Leslie (ML)-SAMEA Board Member  Rae Wolpe (RW)-SAMEA Board Member  Jabu Mathe (JM)-SAMEA Board Member  Irene Mathenjwa (IM)-SAMEA Board Member  Kate Mwaura (KM)-SAMEA Member  Stanley Ntakumba (SN)-SAMEA Board Member  Christo de Coning (CdC)-SAMEA Board Member  Terence Beney (TB)-SAMEA Board Member  Taurai Bwerinofa (TBw-SAMEA Board Member  Richard Levin (RL)-SAMEA Board Member  Edwin Ijeoma (EI)-SAMEA Member  Joseph Ssegawa (JS-SAMEA Member(inactive)  Lulama Dikweni (LD)-SAMEA Member  Jim Rugh (JR)-SAMEA Member(inactive)  Ian Hopwood (IH)-SAMEA Non- Member  Nombulelo Johnson (NJ)-SAMEA Member  William Sewell (WS)-SAMEA Member appears as Bill Sewell  Uduak Johnson (UJ)-SAMEA Member  Caroline Raseroka (CR)- SAMEA Non- Member  Nhlanhla Sithole (NS) -SAMEA Member  Thomas Tshilowa (TT)-SAMEA Non -Member  Azwihangwisi Mateva (AM)-SAMEA Member(inactive)  Tersoo Akula (TA)-SAMEA Member  Maryam Mohammed (MM)-SAMEA Member  Cordelia Adamu (CA)-SAMEA Member  Claudelle Crick Dunn (CD)-SAMEA Member  Gordon Fakude (GF)-SAMEA Member  Anthony Matemba Sambumbu (AS)-SAMEA Member(inactive)  Lucie Broechler (LB)-SAMEA Member  Jimmy Tsietsi Mawelela (JM) -SAMEA Member  Benita Williams (BW)-SAMEA Member  Donna Podems (DP)-SAMEA Member  Marlene Roefs (MR)-SAMEA Member  Deirdre Solomon (DS)-SAMEA Member  Anja Wolsky (AW)-SAMEA Member  Rhodah Nthabiseng Seperepere (RS) -SAMEA Member  Jennifer Bisgard (JB)-SAMEA Member  Eric Mariga (EM)-SAMEA Member  Lipelelo Motsomi (LM)-SAMEA Non-Member  Ray Basson (RB)- SAMEA member |
| **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting** | Minutes of the previous meeting were not discussed in the meeting. |
| **3. AGM Meeting** | 3.1 SAMEA Membership    3.1.2 BR indicated that the conference went well and had a good response. She thanked the Co-Hosts for their contribution towards the conference. She further indicated that the Cape town workshops were advertised but received low interest and hence had to be cancelled. She indicated the need to have more mid-year events during the year like the KZN event which was a success.  3.1.3 DPME standing committee  BR expressed the importance of SAMEA collaborating with government but still remaining an independent body.  BR indicated that the DPME and the SAMEA members meet between 6-8 weeks to interact as well as meet at M&E events.  She emphasised that DPME was instrumental in assisting in opening the SAMEA chapter at the Eastern Cape.  Jennifer Bisgard indicated that the MOU should be published on the website to promote governance and provide a platform for discussion.  Marlene Roefs congratulated the current board on the achievement SAMEA made in getting government collaboration efforts.  3.1.4 Peer 2 peer Project  BR indicated that SAMEA invited Kenya, Uganda and Morocco to the conference. Afrea attended the conference. Morocco representative was not able to attend the conference and would meet in December. She further stressed the importance of encouraging peer 2 peer projects between the VOPES.  3.1.3 SAMEA Website  BR stated that the SAMEA membership list had been cleaned up and that there is a specific focus on streamlining the registration process to automate the online profile registration and consolidate all the memberships.  Blog Functionality; BR encouraged members to contribute to the blog as it was an additional informal platform where discussions could take place and opinions voiced.  She presented the SAMEA traffic analysis where she indicated that SAMEA homepage received a lot of traffic followed by opportunities and Job alerts option. She further requested members to post opportunities and jobs alert on the website.  3.1.4 Financial overview  RW stated that the 2012 financial year ended in the positive with R1, 083,396 and his hope was to end at a positive financial balance at over R 1 Million for the year 2013/14.  RW indicated the plans and strategies for 2013/14 to be developed and implemented as follows;   * To strengthen SAMEA membership regional chapters and events. * Have a financial approval framework * He also indicated that SAMEA would continue to work with the same auditors as they were effective and affordable. Donna Podems seconded that motion.   3.1.5 Eastern Cape Chapter  Professor Edwin Ejioma indicated that he started mobilising for Eastern Cape Chapter in 2008,he face obstacles but gained traction and have a notable catalogue of members including such as municipalities, mayors, councillors plus DPME in the Eastern CAPE.  He added that the Eastern Cape is looking to apply for accreditation. The EC Office is at the University of Fort Hare with one employed administrator.  He suggested that provinces with chapters should hold continual evaluation conferences that could better inform the M&E field and the SAMEA biennial conference.  The further indicated that EC chapter has published a journal and it has developed concurrent programmes aimed at improving the standards and qualifications of M&E practitioners within the region; accredited for post graduate programme and full masters in monitoring and evaluation.  Stephen Rule requested any member interested in establishing a SAMEA Chapter Gauteng should contact him.  3.1.6 SAMEA Accreditation  Rhoda Seperepere, a SAMEA member requested SAMEA to explore registration possibility with SAQA. Bill Sewell indicated that SAMEA members would be more marketable if SAMEA had SAQA accreditation. BR indicated that the board would look into it.    3.1.7 SAMEA communications policy standards and procedures  Nhlanhla Sithole, a SAMEA member, stated the need to get South Africans M&E Standards high in order for international organisations to consider local professionals. He further indicated the importance of organising communication channels and policies to remedy the image of SAMEA brand and to save the reputation of the M&E industry within South Africa.  BR indicated the need for guidelines and having systems in place to govern the interactions on SAMEA talk.  Benita Williams, Bill Sewell and Ray Tywakadi volunteered to develop guidelines for the listserve  3.1.7 Board Election  BR explained why 1 board member instead of 3 stepped down was that most current board members were relatively new, she therefore requested for the other 2 board members to step down in April.  Jennifer Bisgard indicated that voting was not intuitive and that SAMEA should put more effort to get its members to vote. Donna suggested that SAMEA should have a computer whereby members are requested to vote.  Professor Richard Levin was elected and welcomed to the SAMEA board by BR.  3.1.8 Vote of thanks  BR thanked the board members for their hard work, Refilwe Masikane and Kate Mwaura for the administrative work. Marlene Sinclair and Daleen Botha from Feedback Research analytics for filling the vacuum and acting as interim administrators. She also thanked the SAMEA Legacy board members, PSC. DPME, Institutional as well as other members. |
| **10.Board meeting dates for 2013** | The next board meeting 8 November 2013 |
| **Meeting closure** | Meeting ended 7 :00 PM |

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