



## MINTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 6PM (SOUTH AFRICAN TIME) VIA ZOOM

### PRESENT

Alan Samuels  
Andrew Binning  
Athol Pratt  
Clayton du Plessis  
Lance Hilliard-Lomas  
Leo Doria  
Mark Bakker  
Neil Crawford  
Riaan Claassen  
Robin Stephenson  
Thomas Terblanche  
Vuyo Dyan  
Wayne Bellingan

### PROXIES

George Yerolemou  
David Groves  
Joel Katz  
Buchule Sibaca  
Rowan Luck  
Errol Bakker  
Adriaan Bakker

### APOLOGIES

Carl Harrison  
Asanda Singata  
Robert Sharman  
Brett Botten  
Ian Clunnie  
Mark Beckett  
Chris Lategan  
Ross Heynes

### Minute Taker:

Wendy Knott-Craig (no voting rights)

The meeting was facilitated by the OMU President, Andrew Binning

- At the AGM on 27 May 2021, amendments to the Constitution, which were circulated prior to the AGM, were accepted.
- *Point 2.1.ii* was raised and queried for amendment: *All male teachers, both past and present, who have been or were teachers for at least one academic year on the staff of the aforementioned Schools*
- This proposed change was as follows, and discussed at the OMU committee with various suggestions and comments being given by OMU leadership and other Old Muirites:  
*A Teacher at Muir College can apply to become a member of the Old Muirite Union once an academic year at Muir College has been completed. Membership is limited to the period that the teacher is at Muir College, whereafter, on departure or at retirement, a teachers automatically becomes a Friend of Muir, or could be bestowed Honorary Membership status at the discretion of the OMU Committee. Three designated teachers/ School staff can represent the School on the OMU Committee*
- The proposed changes were sent to the database for discussion at today's meeting.
- One suggestion was made to change the word "Teacher" to "staff – agreed.

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**Executive Committee:** Andrew Binning (President); George Yerolemou (VP); Joel Katz (Treasurer); Mark Bakker (Secretary); Riaan Claassen  
**Committee:** Mark Manlee; Ross Heynes; Lynton Gouws; Thomas Terblanche; Justin Fourie; Robin Stephenson; Clayton du Plooy; Leo Doria; Ricky Wedderburn; Vuyolwetu Dyan

**National Representatives:** Buchule Sibaca (Cape Town); Asanda Singata (Gauteng); Lance Hilliard-Lomas (Gauteng); Mark Manlee (Port Elizabeth); Runeshan Moodley (Port Elizabeth); Fabrizio Altichiero (Grahamstown); Khaya Makaza (East London); Chris Lategan (East London); Mpumzi Platjie (Durban); Graeme Smith (Durban); Kevin van Tonder (Cape Town)

**International Reps:** Paul Frew (Canada); Craig Cuyler (England); Jonathan Hamp-Adams (USA); Mark Beckett (Scotland); Carl Harrison (England); Ricardo Suarez (Germany); Graeme Ingram (Namibia); Neil Hamp-Adams (United Arab Emirates); Roscoe Ratangee (China); Sikander Peer (China); Mark Sims (Indonesia); Craig Potgieter (Australia); Tyrone Bayman (New Zealand)

- It was felt that many female teachers played a significant role in the lives and upbringing of the pupils and they have been at the school for a long period of time.
- A query was raised re: current past teachers on the OMU database and if they will be removed or remain. It was agreed that they would remain Old Muirite Union Members
- Staff will have to apply to become OMU members.
- The committee will decide who will be made honorary members upon retirement / leaving the school
- There are no females who are members of the OMU at present, including the OMU Manager.
- A final suggestion was made at the meeting to include staff members of the Old Muirite Union and The Foundation
- Final wording for the Constitution, which was agreed to, is:  
*Any School, OMU & Muir Foundation Staff at Muir College can apply to become a member of the Old Muirite Union once a full year of service has been completed. Membership is limited to the period that the staff member is at Muir College, The OMU and or the Muir Foundation, whereafter, on departure or at retirement, a staff member automatically becomes a Friend of Muir, or could be bestowed Honorary Membership status at the discretion of the OMU Committee. Three designated teachers/ School staff can represent the School on the OMU Committee.*
- The updated Constitution will be placed on the website.
- The update will be communicated to all OMU members.
- Communication to go out to teachers and staff.

Meeting concluded and a vote was taken at this Special General Meeting and it was unanimous that we change the constitution to the final wording as above.

The meeting ended at 18h40