

NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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Mokgoko Sebela - National AMESA Secretary

Thank you very much madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen. My name is Mokgoko Sebela. Please allow me to read to you the report of the national council activities for the period 2009 -2010.

1. The National Council members

Executive members

- Elspeth Khembo - President
- Prince Jaca - Vice president
- Mokgoko Sebela - Secretary
- Lorraine Burgess- Treasurer

Regional Reps

- Thapelo P. Pitso- Free State
- Vasuthavan Govender - Eastern Cape
- Chris Mjijwa - Gauteng
- Vishnu Naidoo - Kwa-Zulu Natal
- Isaiah Ronald Shabangu - Mpumalanga
- Lawrence van Heerden - Northern Cape
- Siphon Vilakazi - North West
- Joseph B. Mongwe - Limpopo
- Rajendran Govender - Western Cape

2. National Council meetings

The council held two meetings at the end of November 2009 in Kempton Park. Other meetings were held on Friday the 26th and Saturday the 27th of March 2010, in Durban.

3. The Annual AMESA Congress

The annual AMESA Congress serves as an important mathematics education forum as it encourages and assists educators to strive towards a higher standard of professionalism. We thank the congress director, Vishnu Naidoo, and his committee for having succeeded in organising this congress in such a short space of time.

The next Congress will be in Gauteng in June/July. You will receive more details during the closing ceremony. Please start preparing your presentations and adhere vigilantly to the closing dates.

4. Regional Activities

The number of branches in the regions has increased as well as the level of activities held. Please get in touch with your regional leadership for more information.

5. AMESA web site

The AMESA website is managed by Alwyn Olivier and can be accessed by logging on to . AMESA has a contract with SABINET which makes our journals available through the internet on e-Publication. The way it works is that Institutions buy access to our publications which generates extra funding. For the period April 2008 - March 2009 for example, we were able to earn R15 000. We thank Alwyn for the excellent job of managing this website. Please note that AMESA members can have access to the online journals but will need a username and password. To gain this access members should send an email to with their membership number. This number will then be checked and a reply sent with all the necessary information.

6. South African Mathematics Foundation (SAMF)

This body, initiated by SAMS and AMESA, aims at bringing the expertise from AMESA as well as SAMS (South African Mathematics Society) to the teaching and learning of mathematics in South Africa. Prof Engelbrecht from the University of Pretoria is the director. Members representing us are: Vishnu Naidoo (vice chairperson of the board) and Elspeth



Khembo. SAMF is responsible for managing all Olympiads: IPMO, IMO, PAMO and SAMO as well as the National Mathematics Week

6.1 South African Mathematics Olympiad Committee (SAMO)

Representatives in this committee are Vishnu Naidoo, Kitty Phillips and Siphon Vilakazi. Each year, different people are delegated to set the first round of competition papers. We have the following conveners for SAMO:

- Juniors Round One and Two: Vishnu Naidoo
- Seniors Round One and Two: Prof. Johann Engelbrecht
- Junior Round Three: Thomas Hagsphil
- Senior Round Three: Prof. Johann Meyer

6.2 Problem Solving Coordinators:

Each region is expected to have a 'Problem Solving Coordinator', which makes a select group responsible for the Harmony Teacher Development Course on problem-solving strategies.

Many of our regions still lack a coordinator and so we again make a humble request for regions to submit relevant names to Vishnu Naidoo.

7. DST Funded Projects

7.1 The Educator Support Project

This project is funded by DST. We had 18 regional facilitators, of which each had 15 teachers per province being trained through a four to five day workshop. All regions should be aware by now of this programme, as it has been running since 2006. The year 2009 was its' fourth and final year of operation. Alwyn Olivier, the academic coordinator, has submitted a report and proposal for the term 2010 - 2012 to the Department of Science and Technology and is waiting for the teacher certificates of attendance for the past four years. The second phase of the project will include class visits and teacher/classroom visits and support. I again wish to thank Alwyn for being the National Academic Coordinator as well as Elspeth Khembo, the National Coordinator of this project.

8. AMESA sponsorship committee

The committee responsible for sponsorship includes members Alwyn Olivier, Neil Eddy and Lorraine Burgess (Treasurer). This committee handles all our main sponsorships including Old Mutual, who has again approved funding to the tune of R450 000 for the year 2010 for which we are most grateful.

9. South African Committee for the IMU (SANCIMU)

Members representing AMESA in this committee for the next four years are: Alwyn Olivier, Mellony Graven, Renuka Vital and Busisiwe Goba. In 2007, SANCIMU submitted a bid for South Africa to host the ICME 12 (International Conference on Mathematics Education) Conference in 2012. Unfortunately we lost the bid as it went to South Korea. Council is still encouraging SANCIMU to bid again for ICME 13, which will take place in 2016. Mamokgethi Setati is chair of the next bid and an application has been submitted. We await the results.

10. AMESA Curriculum Committee

The Coordinator of this committee is Rajendran Govender. The national council wishes to have conveners of all the NCS phases to form the committee that will be chaired by Rajendran. A request was made to all the regions to select coordinators for the different 'phases', i.e. Foundation phase, Intermediate phase, Senior phase and FET. The names should have been submitted already to our office. During this conference there will be sessions for the different phases and we urge members to attend any of these and to share their experiences and suggestions.

Submissions were made to the Department of Basic Education. The Papers 1 and 2 for Grade 12 Mathematics and Mathematics Literacy analysis were submitted to Mr. Edward Mosuwe in December last year. Grade 9 CTA's were submitted to Ms Palesa Tyobeka in September. Submissions were very well received and we thank Rajendran for the time he took to collate all regional inputs into a powerful document, which has attracted much media attention.

11. Publications



11.1 Pythagoras

The editor of Pythagoras is Alwyn Olivier who can be contacted at: pythagoras@amesa.org.za. Two issues are published each year and we request that all members to send articles to this address. The online review infrastructure has taken longer than expected to set up and we would like to apologise to authors and members for the delay in publication. The last publication appeared in December 2008. Olivier has recommended three associate editors who the national council has appointed for capacity building and for sharing the work load. The associate editors are Michael de Villiers, Dirk Wessels and Anthony Essien.

11.2 Learning and Teaching Mathematics

Marcus Bizony and Mellony Graven are the editors for this publication, with two issues being published annually. For purposes of continuity, the editors have appointed two associate editors; Lindiwe Tshabalala and Duncan Samson. The editors are also working on an ICT edition of Learning and Teaching Maths. Please forward your e-learning lessons and worksheets to the editors at ltm1@amesa.org.za or ltm2@amesa.org.za.

11.3 AMESA News

Our present AMESA News editor is Prince Jaca, Deputy President. This publication is published three times in a year; the first one having been published in February. The aim of the publication is to present information on regional activities and call for motions.

The second publication was published during April, outlining motions and the AGM agenda. We published four volumes in 2009 due to the early Congress in March 2010. We appeal to members to email regional news to: news@amesa.org.za

12. Advertising

AMESA's advertising manager is Isaiah Ronald Shabangu. Companies are invited to advertise and send their requests to advertising@amesa.org.za.

13. AMESA Education Fund

The manager of the education fund is the Treasurer, and regions are welcome to have access to this fund. Applications can be done by completing the required form (available from the treasurer). Finances will however only be released after consideration by the executive committee. Applicant must take responsibility of writing a detailed report (after having made use of the money spent). If the said report is not completed, the region's subsidy will be withheld until the report has been submitted. Closing dates for applications will be the 15th February (for use of the money before the annual congress) and the 15th August (for money to be used during the third or the fourth quarter of the year).

Nobody applied for the funds last year and we would like to encourage regions to make use of this fund specifically for 'professional development'.

National Mathematics Week (NMW)

The National Mathematics Week is managed by SAMF and will this year be held from the 2nd to the 6th of August. The official celebration will be held in Port Elizabeth. The Eastern Cape MEC for education and the Minister of Education will be invited for the official opening ceremony. In 2009, the NMW was successfully celebrated by the Western Cape region, thanks to Lorraine Burgess and her team. Enquiries pertaining to NMW 2010 can be forwarded to Nico Govender at. All the regions and branches are encouraged to plan and celebrate NMW.

14. Working together with STATS South Africa

Statistic SA is a member and partner of AMESA, and as such is using their Maths4Stats project to develop mathematics educators' skills in statistics. There is a STATS SA office with a Coordinator in each province. We are hereby appealing to our regions that they should consult this body in conducting workshops on Data Handling and probability. All branch chairpersons are encouraged to get the relevant contact details from your national representative.

15. Membership

Our membership currently stands at 1 700, and we would like to urge all the regions to promote AMESA by running developmental workshops in their regions. National representatives have AMESA brochures that explain what AMESA is all about. A special thank you goes to our membership secretary Noeline Tomsett. You can contact her at: membership@amesa.org.za.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

1. CURRENT ACCOUNT

INCOME			1555262.62
Old Mutual			450000.00
Sales and advertising			1201.20
Member fees	Cash, cheques and internet transfers	302293.23	
	Credit card	85358.66	387651.89
Other income			132827.53
DST ESP project			561462.00
Congress 2009			0.00
Interest received			0.00
Education Fund			22120.00
			Note 1
EXPENDITURE			1663683.77
Salary			81562.05
South African Revenue Service	PAYE	6650.90	
	UIF	1782.10	8433.00
Bank fees	Current account	1400.27	
	Internet fees	1880.30	
	Credit card facility	4652.96	7933.53
Telephone			23199.94
Council Meeting	Jan-09	21773.50	
	Jul-09	61675.00	
	Nov-09	18958.00	102406.50
Old Mutual	Pythagoras	122631.48	
	AMESA News	77979.08	
	LTM	100954.66	
	Postage and stationery	61252.16	
	Congress 2009 - Registration	19140.60	
	Congress 2009 - First call	0.00	
	Membership cards and renewal	4984.65	
	Presidential projects	17558.60	404501.23
Subsidies to regions			108766.00
Sundry			19603.42
Bank Correction			3000.01
Auditors' fees			5688.60
Congress 2009			16980.99
DST ESP project			549755.50
Transfer to Call			300000.00
Emergency Fund			31853.00
Membership - bad debt			0.00
			Note 2
			Note 3: Transfers
SURPLUS FOR YEAR			-108421.15

2. EDUCATION FUND

INCOME		2301.63
Interest received	2301.63	
EXPENDITURE		0.00
Transfer to Current	0.00	
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		2301.63

3. CALL ACCOUNT

INCOME		349615.74
Transfer from Current Account	300000.00	
Interest received	49615.74	
EXPENDITURE		0.00
	0.00	
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		349615.74

4. RESERVE FUND

INCOME		44010.72
Transfer from Current Account	31853.00	
Interest received	12157.72	
EXPENDITURE		0.00
	0.00	
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		44010.72

TOTAL SURPLUS ON ALL ACCOUNTS **287506.94**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 R22 120 was transferred from the Education Fund in 2008. Paid into current account in 2009

Note 2 3 council meetings instead of 2.

Note 3 Transfer to other accounts



SUMMARY OF BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

1. CURRENT ACCOUNT		52632.71	
Opening balance from 2008	183173.86		
Net transfer to call account	300000.00		
Net transfer to reserve account	31853.00		
Surplus for year	201311.85		
2. EDUCATION FUND		28929.85	Note 1
Opening balance from 2008	26628.22		
Surplus for year	2301.63		
3. CALL ACCOUNT		967277.83	
Opening balance from 2008	617662.00		
Net transfer from call account	300000.00		
Surplus for year	49615.74		
4. RESERVE FUND		184531.11	Note 2
Opening balance from 2008	140520.39		
Surplus for year	44010.72		
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS		1233371.50	

NOTES TO SUMMARY STATEMENT

Note 1 A transfer of R22 120 is reflected in the current account from the Education Fund. See 2008 note

Note 2 The Reserve Fund is made up of 4 fixed deposits and a 32-day notice account with balances:

12028.80
64723.21
34895.25
27493.69
45390.16

AMESA NATIONAL 2011 BUDGET

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	97000.00
Sundries	22000.00
Printing and stationery	6000.00
Council meetings	95000.00
Subsidies to regions	144000.00
Telephone	20000.00
Bank fees	10000.00
Bad debts	1000.00
Old Mutual sponsored projects	450000.00
Auditor's fees	7000.00
Congress 2010 (Seed)	7500.00
Excess publication costs	50000.00
Continuous Professional Development	100000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1009500.00

INCOME

Balance from 2010	1500000.00
Membership 3	60000.00
Other income	30000.00
Sales and advertisements	5000.00
Interest received	25000.00
Old Mutual	450000.00
TOTAL INCOME	2370000.00

BALANCE

1360500.00

