



Committee on Engineering Capacity Building

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Notes from the South African Steering Committee for Capacity Building (CECB) held on 17th October 2011 at the ECSA offices.

1. Welcome:

Chris Campbell welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Present:

Chris Campbell (CC), Ossie Franks (OF), Alec Hay (AH), Dawie Botha (DB), Allyson Lawless (AL), Tom McKune (TM) and three administrative staff from ECSA.

3. Apologies:

Manglin Pillay (MP), Kevin Wall (KW)

4. Background:

Chris Campbell gave a brief overview of the ECSA proposal to the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO) Council and some of the events leading up to the meeting. The presentation as presented to Council was reviewed.

5. Objectives of the Meeting:

- 5.1. All documentation and responsibilities had been handed over to ECSA by Mike Sanio of the USA (CC/OF/TM).
- 5.2. A decision needed to be made regarding the status of the South African Steering Committee and the CECB.
- 5.3. The financial transfer from the USA still had to take place but there was only a small balance of \$ 240 – this was to be used to settle outstanding account with SAICE for Capacity Building Guidebook related costs (OF).
- 5.4. It was necessary to establish effective communication channels between WFEO and ECSA to ensure that all international and local participants in CECB continue to participate and contribute (CC/OF)
- 5.5. A formal invite to be sent to all member countries to invite participation, either personally or as a corresponding member of the CECB (OF/TM)
- 5.6. A communication to be sent to VA's to inform them of ECSA appointment and to invite participation/contributions
- 5.7. Existing network of CECB members to be expanded and improved communication channels to be explored.
- 5.8. Meeting dates for SA Steering Committee to be determined to coincide with other ECSA calendar events (CC/OF)
- 5.9. Ossie Franks to consider in consultation with ECSA Strategic Advisory Committee appropriate media communications and mileage for South Africa (refer letter sent to Minister Trevor Manuel by CC).
- 5.10. Look at incorporating standard item for CECB on both IAC and Strat Comm Committee.
- 5.11. A possible Strategic Planning Session to be planned for early 2012.
- 5.12. TM to send CECB presentation from Geneva to OF.

6. Way Forward:

It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged early in the new year at which a plan of action could be developed and responsibilities allocated.

7. Next Meeting:

No date was set for the next meeting, but it was agreed it would be early in 2012.

8. Closure:

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 16:10. CC thanked those present for their contribution.