

**MINUTES OF IPA BOARDMEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 17:00
IN THE PROTEA PARK HOTEL STELLENBOSCH**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Rua M. Petty	USA
	Hans Hettasch	RSA
	Peter Dorrington	RSA
	Avner Silber	Israel
	Juan A. Rodriguez Perez	Canary Islands
	Ken Leonhardt	USA
	Geoff Jewell	NZ
	Cesar Medina	Colombia
	Mário Oliveira	Portugal
	Lennart Lovén	Canary Islands
	Eduardo Olate	Chile
	Flavia Schiappacasse	Chile
	Audrey Gerber	Australia
	Clive Wakefield	Zimbabwe
	Maria José Leandro	Portugal

OPENING AND WELCOME

Mr Rua Petty, chairman of IPA, acted as facilitator of the board meeting.

There were 15 delegates present (IPA Board members and observers).

Mr Petty extended a special word of welcome to mr Avner Silber of Israel who was nominated as new IPA Board member in place of mr Ben-Jaacov.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2008

After corrections were done, the minutes was taken as read and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

South Africa

Mr Hettasch distributed the Annual financial statements of 2006 and 2007 amongst board members for their cognizance.

Balance sheet as on 31/12/07:

Total assets: R592 305,00 (2007)
R371 000,00 (2006)

Acc. Surplus: R504 761,00

Profit (2007) R179 876,00

The Peter Matthews Foundation Fund of R78 000 is managed in a separate investment account.

Board members agreed that IPA subsidizes 50% of the book *Scripta Horticulturae* which will be on sale during the conference at R300 a piece.

U.S.A.

On 31 December 2007 US \$19 382,88 was kept in USA on behalf of IPA. This amount is converted to Rand (R151 769,95) and is part of the R511 177 cash at Bank.

On 31 July 2008 the balance of US \$11 970,38 was in the California Protea Associations' Account. An amount of US \$7 412,50 was used to purchase ISHS books.

2010 IPA CONFERENCE

Mr Petty announced that Portugal plans to conduct the next IPA Conference in 2010. An International Horticultural Congress will also take place from 22-27 August 2010. Technical visits and Post-congress activities will form part of the Conference as well as a possible short tour of 2 days to protea farms. The conference will be running through ISHS.

Concerns of IPA members regarding conference:

1. Loosing the dynamics of Protea Association
2. Costs involved

Mr Petty asked board members to share their thoughts regarding the event so that a final decision can be made during the next board meeting.

REORGANIZATION

The Protea Industry changed a lot in recent years and it became important to find a method where all production areas have representation on a Council. Messrs Dorrington and Petty as well as Ms Gerber held a discussion earlier on and the following proposal were made to board members:

All producing areas (currently 15 countries) must have representation on a Council (1 elected member per country). The Council then makes a recommendation to IPA for their representatives on the Board.

Composition of IPA Board of Directors (to be elected every 2 years):

- 5 members elected by the Council (Chairman and treasurer included)
- 2 co-opted members: IPWG chairman and conference convener
- = 7 members in total.

Chairman of the Council and of the IPA Board is the same person.

Expectations of Council and IPA Board for the next 2 years:

1. Successful conference every 2 years

2. Quarterly report on research
3. Webpage to transfer information to members and to attract new members.

Board members accepted the proposal. IPA will now make a recommendation to general membership for their approval.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 4 September 2008

17:30

Protea Park Hotel

Agenda points to be discussed:

- Peter Matthews Foundation Report
- Communication strategy