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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GAA
DATE: 10 NOVEMBER 2021
PLACE: ELECTRONICALLY OVER ZOOM (RECORDED)

1. **Welcome**

Chairperson Chantelle Gladwin-Wood welcomed all special guests and members to the GAA's 4th AGM.

2. **Preliminaries**
   a. A quorum had been established – 15 members from constituent associations were present and Chantelle declared the meeting open.
   b. No omissions or additions to the Agenda in the Q&A option – Agenda adopted unanimously.
   c. No omissions or additions to the minutes of AGM held on 15 October 2020 in the Q&A option – Agenda adopted unanimously.

3. **Guest speakers –**

3.1 Ms Chantelle Gladwin-Wood introduced and welcomed Maurice Crespi, founder and CEO Schindlers Innovations & Virtual Nation Builders, who spoke about Crypto assets & cyber law; and

3.2 Ms Chantelle Gladwin-Wood introduced and welcomed Michael Katz, Chairman ENS Africa, who addressed us on the revised Companies Amendment Bill.

Questions and answer session ensued.

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4.1 **Presentation of Chairperson's Report**

a. Chantelle Gladwin-Wood presented the chairperson's report. Same was accepted and unanimously adopted. Annexures of the various GAA constituents (JAA, PAA, WAA, SWA {await report}) Chairpersons' report were also attached.

4.2 **Masters Office**

Katherine Gascoigne provided a report on the difficulties they have been having with the Masters Office and they have been fighting an on-going battle and the Masters Office has impacted the profession severely as well as the economy.

5. **Consideration and Acceptance of Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report**

Hilde Eksteen presented the GAA's financials and the treasurer's report. She has volunteered to step in as interim treasurer for the last two months due to Katherine Gascoigne's resignation. Mr Emmanuel Rocass assisted with the audit.
The statements and report were accepted unanimously. It was further accepted that the auditors be kept the same and their remuneration to be addressed at the GAA's next meeting.

6. **Election of the Executive Committee Members for the 2021/2022 Year**

a. Tiaan Joubert confirmed there were 9 nominations however the Constitution allows for 12 members, specific reference was made to clause 9 of the Constitution and thus in the year we can co-opt to the committee to fill in the vacant positions as the Constitution caters for this.

b. Tiaan further announced the list of persons nominated and asked if there were any objections thereto, as all such persons could be elected as the

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number of people nominated was less than the maximum number of persons provided for in the Constitution. No objections were recorded.

c. The position of Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer was held over for EXCO to fill the positions at the first GAA meeting.

7. **Raffle sponsored by Ghost Practice and LexisNexis**

Tiaan thanked Ghost practice and LexisNexis for the sponsor and Hilde Eksteen to announce the winner by email.

8. **General and Closing**

Recognition and silence for fallen colleagues and huge loss to the fraternity on the untimely passing of Jacques Tarica who will be solely missed. Tiaan Joubert gave special thanks to Chantelle Gladwin-Wood as Chairperson and outgoing EXCO members for their hard work behind the scenes, he expressed his further gratitude to the speakers, all members, and friends of the profession. He congratulated everyone on surviving another year with the COVID pandemic and wished them well. Meeting declared closed.

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Chantelle Gladwin-Wood
Chairperson of the GAA

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Vijayta Rana
Secretary of the GAA