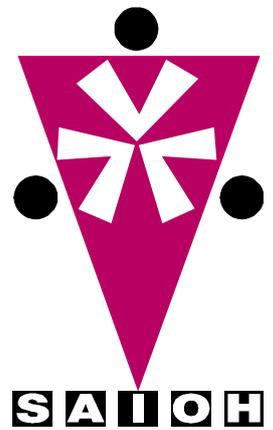


**Minutes of the Western Cape SAIOH Branch meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.**



**1. Welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
Guests: Deon Jansen van Vuuren and Izak Scholtz

**2. Attendance**

An attendance list was circulated, and the following people were present:  
- Please see attendance register.

**Apologies:** Trevor Kapp, Paul Neal, Bonzo van Rensburg, Wessel van Wyk, Melinda Bezuidenhout, Vuyiseka Zikolo, Emmanuel Langa, Christia Steynberg, Lwando Mayekiso, Mark Harrison.

**3. SAIOH Exams:**

3.1. Congratulations to Albie Louw who passed the Technologist exam.

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting was discussed and signed off.

**5. Speaker:**

5.1. Izak Scholtz  
SAINT GOBAIN  
Gyproc Drywall Solutions

**6. Matters arising from the previous meeting:**

- 6.1. Riaan le Roux gave feedback on the Western Cape SAIOH Mini Conference.
- 6.2. Legal Knowledge Course:  
Presenters: Roslynn Baadjies, Hennie van der Westhuizen, Shaieda Adams, Celia Keet, Cara Kapp, Fanie Kruger, Mark Harrison, Leon Marais, Lizette Myburgh and Suritha Smit.  
Date: 11-16 November 2019  
Venue: CPUT Distrik 6 Kampus  
Price: R7500.00

**7. New Matters Arising**

- 7.1. Celia Keet explained the process of drafting and review of occupational health and safety legislation
- 7.2. Riaan le Roux read out the letter from the DEL pertaining to the supervision of OH Assistants.
- 7.3. Riaan reminded members to make sure that their contact- and billing-information on their MYS AIOH profiles are up to date.
- 7.4. Occupational Health Southern Africa Journal is available online:  
<https://www.occhealth.co.za/>
- 7.5. Riaan asked members whether they would be willing to host the SAIOH Annual Conference in Cape Town, and if so, who would be willing to form part of the planning committee. The following members volunteered:

Cara Kapp, Lizette Greeff, Hennie van der Westhuizen and Ian Nortje.

- As Branch Chair, Paul Neal will also form part of the committee.

7.6. Riaan stated that Paul Neal will take over as Western Cape Branch Chair from January 2020. Members to send nominations for the following positions to Linri Bendle:

- Vice Branch Chair
- Branch Secretary
- Public Relations Portfolio & Treasurer

Voting will take place on 29 November at the last SAIOH branch meeting.

7.7. Deon Jansen van Vuuren did a presentation on the PCC Evaluation Criteria

- Deon mentioned that 30 – 40 people worked on the evaluation criteria.
- Deon said that the Grandfather Clause (GFC) was long. However, ROHT's and ROH's already certified as such will never lose their current Certification status, even if they obtained it under the GFC.
- Deon mentioned that the PCC want to see that members have a certain percentage of occupational hygiene content in their qualifications.
- ROHA's certified as such by 31 Dec 2017 will have 5 years to progress to the next/ROHT level. After 31 Dec 2020 they will lose their ROHA certification status.
- The date 31 Dec 2020 is the cut-off date for the current ROHA's and ROHT's without the required qualification criteria to go through to the next level, ie ROHT and ROH respectively.
- the current ROHT's with a BTech in Environmental Health, get an extension until 31 July 2022 to pass the ROH assessments, after that they also will have to meet the new ROH evaluation criteria.
- Johan Coetzé asked what if someone at Assistant Level doesn't want to advance to Technologist Level? Deon said that if the person writes a motivational letter stating their reason for wanting to remain at Assistant Level, it will be considered.
- Deon mentioned that the new ROHT requirement (w.e.f. 31 Dec 2020) is a SAIOH PCC accredited NQF 7 Tertiary qualification thus one with at least 50% Occupational Hygiene content, or if the NQF 7 Qualification does not meet the 50% OH content, the applicant have to have at least 3 OHTA module certificates, or they can RPL with the OHTA ICert OH qualification.
- After 31 Dec 2020 the applicants will need a SAIOH PCC accredited NQF 8 tertiary qualification with at least 50% OH content, or if their NQF 8 does not meet the 50% OH content requirement, they will need an OHTA ICertOH qualification, or RPL with a DipOH qualification from the BOHS (or OHTA).
- Stacey Carelse asked why the Technologists gets a grace period, but the Assistants with BTech does not.
- Deon replied that she must write a letter to the PCC as they work through every individual application.
- Rudelle van der Merwe asked if the evaluation criteria are stipulated somewhere.
- Johan Coetzé asked that if someone is at Technologist/Hygienist Level, will they remain there when the new criteria are applied?
- Deon mentioned that members will not be moved to a lower level or lose their qualification.





- Stacey Carelse suggested that the new criteria should only be applicable to new applicants who will register in 2020 for the first time.
  - Rudelle van der Merwe mentioned that if he was at Assistant or Technologist level, he would be very unhappy. He mentioned that something should be placed in writing and that he wouldn't trust the system. Rudelle also mentioned that SAIOH needs to get a legal opinion.
  - Deon mentioned that they did get legal advice.
  - Celia Keet mentioned that SAQA changed the BTech qualification from NQF8 to NQF7, which influenced the PCC's decision-making process.
  - Johan Coetzé encouraged Technologists to write the Occupational Hygienist examination in 2020 as there is a window of opportunity to grow.
  - Rudelle van der Merwe asked if SAIOH have a formal legal opinion in writing.
  - Deon said that it is not legally required but they did get legal advice.
  - Tinashe Chawawa asked about the BTech qualification and if there is a cutoff date for moving to the Occupational Hygienist Level. He said that to get to the Technologist level, there is a cut-off date, but what if you are at Assistant level and want to qualify for Hygienist over time?
  - Lizette Myburgh suggested to perhaps move the date of criteria implementation for the Technologist Level to 2025.
  - Riaan read a question posed by Bonzo van Rensburg: "What happened to the SAIOH requirement of just a short time ago (it still showed on the SAIOH website a short time ago), that the Chamber of Mines Advanced Certificate in Mine Environmental Control (which I have) is acceptable for hygienist registration purposes ? It has been acceptable for nearly 25 years. Has that now been thrown out the window?"
  - Deon answered that if you have your Chamber of Mines Advanced Certificate it is still acceptable.
- 7.8. Riaan thanked Deon for his time and said that although all issues have not yet been cleared up, a lot of aspects of concern has been covered.
- 7.9. Riaan said that if anyone has further questions, they can email Deon.

Meeting was adjourned at 14:30.

## 8. Next Meeting

Provisional Date: 29 November 2019, 12h00 (for 12:30).

Koeberg Cricket Club, Duynefontein

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Chairperson