



**SAWLFA**  
SOUTHERN AFRICAN WOOD, LAMINATE  
& FLOORING ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES

### **OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN WOOD, LAMINATE & FLOORING ASSOCIATION BEING HELD AT AZURA DISTRIBUTORS ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2025**

#### **PRESENT:**

Peter Geyer	– JHB Chairman (In the Chair)
Sasha Kozinsky	– JHB Vice-Chairman
Nicholas Marchant	– JHB Vice-Chairman
Andrew Kirkwood	– JHB Executive Team
Pasi Muzvidziwa	– JHB Executive Team
Morgan Reddy	– JHB Executive Team
Zahir Bham	– JHB Executive Team
Amanda Geyer	– JHB Executive Team

#### Members Present:

Mark Bracher	Gary Bothma
Phillip Button	Zacko Saliman
Cisca Borchers	Joey Bhamjee
Bernd De Smedt	Eric Ward
Randhir Muathlal	Jay Muathlal
Happy Mabena	Mbali Mabaso
Madelein Smith	Altus Eloff
Naas Prinsloo	Michelle Balfour
Ruan Kraft	Tumi Nemabali

#### Proxy's received:

Millenium Flooring  
Install Co  
M&V Carpets  
Floorsmart

#### Appologies:

George Prinsloo  
Jan Van Iddekinge  
Tracy Jay

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. L Van der Linden.

#### 1. **WELCOME**

Peter Geyer welcomed all attendees and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedules.



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## 2. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

Liza van der Linden read the notice convening the meeting.

## 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Peter Geyer presented his report for the past year, 2024:

- The industry suffered a great loss with the passing of Jaco Vermeulen, whose presence is deeply missed.
- The primary objective of SAWLFA remains to train and accredit installers.
- Accreditation numbers increased significantly from 16 in 2023 to 45 in 2024.
- Out of 44 inspections conducted, only one complaint involved a member installer.
- The Training and Accreditation Centre at Likewise, initiated by Jaco Vermeulen, continues to benefit members.
- Expansion beyond Gauteng has begun, with Neil Barnard from Millennium Flooring joining the inspection and guidance panel.
- Training efforts extended to Cape Town, achieving an average pass rate of 90-100%.
- Acknowledgment of the inspectors' commitment to impartial and detailed reporting.
- Recognition of the Executive members' dedication to supporting the association.
- Special mention of Andrew Kirkwood's return after illness.
- Appreciation for Liza van der Linden's contributions as both Secretariat and flooring expert.
- After serving three terms as Chairman over 27 years, Peter Geyer announced his decision to step down, expressing gratitude to the Executive and members for their support and wishing the new leadership success.

## 4. FINANCIALS

- Peter Geyer presented the financial statements and announced that while the association is back in the green, there is significant potential for further growth through increased membership.



## South African Wood and Laminate Flooring Association (NPC)

(Registration number: 2018/374881/08)

Annual Financial Statements for the year ended February 29, 2024

### Detailed Income Statement

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2024	2023
<b>Revenue</b>			
Rendering of services		165,043	117,980
Membership fees		348,858	306,346
Other sales income		7,988	650
	6	521,889	424,976
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Accounting fees		(5,000)	(5,000)
Advertising		(50,115)	(44,400)
Bank charges		(1,541)	(3,685)
Catering expenses		(7,197)	(4,620)
Computer expenses		(3,548)	(3,823)
Post office fees		-	(543)
Employee costs		(335,799)	(300,446)
Inspections		(77,887)	(69,909)
Insurance		(1,195)	(2,218)
Lease rentals on operating lease		(500)	(8,439)
Repairs and maintenance		(16,873)	-
Telephone and fax		(4,658)	(4,307)
Training		(4,125)	-
Travel - local		(12,963)	(8,897)
		(521,401)	(456,287)
<b>Operating profit (loss)</b>		488	(31,311)
Investment income	7	9,567	6,369
<b>Profit (loss) for the year</b>		10,055	(24,942)

## 5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- Peter Geyer announced that the executive committee had been nullified and asked the current team if they would be willing to stand for another year. All agreed.
- Peter then invited nominations from the audience for additional office bearers. Jay from Top Carpets Kramerville and Naas Prinsloo from Likewise Flooring raised their hands and were welcomed onto the team.
- The new committee then nominated a new chairperson. Morgan Reddy nominated Amanda Geyer, and this was approved by the members present.
- Peter asked Sasha Kozinsky if he would stay on as Vice-Chairman, and he agreed. This was also approved.
- Peter then invited Amanda Geyer to step forward and take over the meeting.

## 6. EXPANSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



- Amanda Geyer suggested including executive members from other provinces and nominated Sakkie Pretorius from KwaZulu-Natal and Neil Barnard from Cape Town. This was unanimously approved by all present.

## 7. NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **Amanda Geyer** – Chairwoman
- **Sasha Kozinsky** – Vice-Chairman
- **Zahir Bham**
- **Morgan Reddy**
- **Nicholas Merchant**
- **Andrew Kirkwood**
- **Pasi Muzvidziva**
- **Naas Prinsloo**
- **Neil Barnard** – Cape Town
- **Sakkie Pretorius** – Kwa-Zulu Natal
- **Jay Muathlal (TCF Kramerville - pending membership)**

## 8. PRESENTATIONS

- Amanda invited Sasha Kozinsky to present on SPC Flooring. The discussion covered:
  - Definition of SPC Flooring
  - Construction of SPC
  - Importance of a moisture barrier
  - Core thickness
  - Production and quality control
  - Virgin vs. non-virgin materials
  - Benefits of SPC
- A question was raised about whether a vinegar solution could be used to clean an SPC floor. Sasha responded that vinegar is corrosive and should not be used.
- Amanda then invited Mark Bracher to discuss how inspections are conducted. His presentation included:



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- The pre-inspection process
- Common failures found in laminate, SPC, and LVT flooring
- Peter Geyer reiterated that all inspections go through a panel of inspectors across the country before finalization, ensuring that all parties have an opportunity to present their case before a report is issued.
- Amanda Geyer clarified that inspectors often receive a negative reputation for their work, but emphasized that they conduct inspections in their private capacity, not as employees of the companies they work for. These inspections are carried out during their personal time, as experts in their field. The companies they work for are not involved in any way. To maintain impartiality, the entire panel reviews each report before it is sent to the client.

## **9. GENERAL DISCUSSION & CLOSURE**

- Amanda opened the floor for general questions, but none were raised.
- She then introduced Madelein from Floors Magazine as SAWLFA's media partner and invited all attendees to engage with her regarding the upcoming Floors Expo, which SAWLFA will be participating in.
- The meeting was adjourned.