



The 2026 SARL National Convention

1 to 2 May 2026

Hosted by the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society (PEARS) at the Willows Resort and Conference Centre, Marine Drive, Schoenmakerskop, Port Elizabeth.

Saturday 2 May 2025

SARL AGM and Awards Dinner
at the Willows Resort and Conference Centre

Saturday 11 April 2026

The SARL Technical Symposium - Online

“Advancing the Spirit of Amateur Radio Through Innovation”



2 April 2026

Dear SARL member,

INVITATION TO THE 2026 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION

In terms of Rule 11 of the Rules of the South African Radio League, you are formally invited to attend the 2026 SARL National Convention that will take place at the Willows Resort & Conference Centre, Marine Drive, Schoenmakerskop, Port Elizabeth over the weekend of 1 to 3 May 2026. The Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society (PEARS) are our hosts.

On Friday 1 May, PEARS invites you to a get together at the Lapa at the Willows Resort to meet all the delegates. It will be a braai at the cost of R150 per person.

On Saturday 2 May, the Annual General Meeting will be held at 09:00 in the Conference centre at the Willows Resort. It is a face-to-face meeting with streaming. Voting on the motions will take place during the AGM. An Electronic Proxy form is available on page 4 from Thursday 2 April 2026. The partner’s programme is a visit to the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB) with Penguin feeding at 09:30.

Saturday evening is the Gala Awards Dinner at the Conference Centre. Arrival at 18:30 for 19:00. The dress is smart casual. The cost for the Awards Dinner is R250 per person.

Register for the SARL National Convention at <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-agm-2026/>. Pay your function fees into the SARL Bank Account and submit the proof of payment by uploading the POP with your registration. No payment – no booking!

There are various accommodation options to choose from – chalets, cottages; rondavels; bungalows and caravan and camping, Visit the website at <https://thewillowspe.co.za/> for all the information. The National Convention takes place over a long weekend, so book early. You can also book at Pine Lodge <https://pinelodge.co.za/> about 9 km from The Willows. Or make use of Lekkerlaap and other accommodation apps.

The YLs, SOTA, POTA, HOTA, IOTA, CWers, VHFers, etc., are welcome to arrange a get together to chat, exchange ideas and QSL cards and just enjoy themselves.

See you at the Willows in May!

Greetings

Dennis Green, ZS4BS
SARL Secretary

**LET'S TALK
ABOUT IT!**
Annual General Meeting



2 April 2026

Geagte SARL-lid,

UITNODIGING NA DIE 2026 SARL NASIONALE KONVENSIE

Ingevolge Reël 11 van die Reëls van die Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga, word jy formeel uitgenooi om die 2026 SARL Nasionale Konvensie by te woon wat sal plaasvind by die Willows Oord & Konferensiesentrum, Marine Rylaan, Schoenmakerskop, Port Elizabeth oor die naweek van 1 tot 3 Mei 2026. Die Port Elizabeth Amateurradiovereniging (PEARS) is die gasheer.

Op Vrydag 1 Mei nooi PEARS jou uit na 'n ken mekaar by die Lapa by die Willows-oord om al die afgevaardigdes te ontmoet. Dit sal 'n braai wees teen die koste van R150 per persoon.

Op Saterdag 2 Mei word die Algemene Jaarvergadering om 09:00 in die Konferensiesentrum by die Willows-oord gehou. Dit is 'n aangesig vergadering met stroom-opname. Stemming oor die mosies sal tydens die algemene jaarvergadering plaasvind. 'n Elektroniese volmagvorm is beskikbaar op bladsy 4 vanaf Donderdag 2 April 2026. Die vennote program is 'n besoek aan die Suider-Afrikaanse Stigting vir die Bewaring van Kusvoëls (SANCCOB) met pikkewyn voeding om 09:30.

Saterdagavond is die Gala-toekenningsdinee by die Konferensiesentrum. Aankoms om 18:30 vir 19:00. Die drag is elegant gemaklik. Die koste vir die toekenningsdinee is R250 per persoon.

Registreer vir die SARL Nasionale Konvensie by <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-agm-2026/>. Betaal jou funksie fooie in die SARL-bankrekening en dien die bewys van betaling in deur die POP saam met jou registrasie op te laai. Geen betaling – geen bespreking nie!

Daar is verskeie verblyf opsies om van te kies – chalets, kothuise; rondawels; bungalows en karavaan en kampering. Besoek die webwerf by <https://thewillowspe.co.za/> vir al die inligting. Die Nasionale Konvensie vind plaas oor 'n langnaweek, so bespreek vroegtydig. Jy kan ook bespreek by Pine Lodge <https://pinelodge.co.za/> ongeveer 9 km vanaf The Willows. Of maak gebruik van Lekkerlaap en ander verblyf-toeps.

Die JDs, SOTA, POTA, HOTA, IOTA, GGers, BHFers, ens., is welkom om 'n bymekaarkomplek te reël om te gesels, idees en QSL-kaarte uit te ruil en net hulself te geniet.

Sien jou by die Willows in Mei!

Groete

Dennis Green, ZS4BS
SARL-Sekretaris



2026 SARL AGM Appointment of Proxy

This form is available online at <https://forms.gle/GeWRwJnT1aSzyZPw9>

The URL will be available from Thursday 2 April until midnight on Wednesday 29 April 2026. Click on the link, fill in the online proxy form and submit it. The Registration Team will receive it and hand it to your appointed proxy holder at the AGM on Saturday 2 May 2026.

A proxy is a written document that officially gives someone the authority to do something for another person, for example by voting at a meeting for them.



2026 SARL AJV Aanstelling van Gevolmagtigde

Hierdie vorm is aanlyn beskikbaar by <https://forms.gle/GeWRwJnT1aSzyZPw9>

Die URL sal beskikbaar wees vanaf Donderdag 2 April tot middernag op Woensdag 29 April 2026. Klik op die skakel, vul die aanlyn volmagvorm in en dien dit in. Die Registrasie-span sal dit ontvang en aan jou aangestelde gevolmagtigde oorhandig tydens die Algemene Jaarvergadering op Saterdag 2 Mei 2026.

’n Volmag is ’n skriftelike dokument wat magtiging verskaf aan ’n aangewese persoon om vir en namens iemand anders op te tree.

Election of the Council

Rule 16.11 states that Councillors elected at an AGM shall hold office for a period of no longer than two years but will be eligible for re-election after that period. At the end of every year of office subsequent to this amendment, 50% of the elected councillors shall stand down alternating, but may stand for re-election.

At the 2026 Annual General Meeting in Port Elizabeth (2 May), five Councillors will stand down. On 31 January 2026, the SARL Secretary received eight nominations for the five vacancies and Rule 16.6 comes into play. All the SARL Members who are eligible to vote, must vote for five of the eight candidates. Voting will open at 00:01 CAT on Thursday 2 April and close at 23:59 CAT on Friday 24 April 2026.

The link to the Council election page is <https://www.mysarl.org.za/Election>. Follow the instruction in the attached document “The SARL online voting.” This will guide you through the process to submit your vote.



Verkiesing van die Raad

Reël 16.11 bepaal dat Raadslede wat tydens 'n algemene jaarvergadering verkies word, die amp vir 'n tydperk van nie langer as twee jaar sal beklee nie, maar na daardie tydperk herkiesbaar sal wees. Aan die einde van elke ampstermyn na hierdie wysiging sal 50% van die verkose raadslede afwisselend bedank, maar mag vir herverkiesing staan.

By die 2026 Algemene Jaarvergadering in Port Elizabeth (2 Mei) sal vyf Raadslede bedank. Op 31 Januarie 2026 het die SARL-Sekretaris agt nominasies vir die vyf vakatures ontvang en Reël 16.6 tree in werking. Al die SARL-lede wat stemgeregtig is, moet vir vyf van die agt kandidate stem. Stemming sal om 00:01 SAT op Donderdag 2 April open en om 23:59 SAT op Vrydag 24 April 2026 sluit.

Die skakel na die Raad se verkiesings bladsy is <https://www.mysarl.org.za/Election>. Volg die instruksies in die aangehegte dokument “Die SARL aanlyn stemming.” Dit sal jou deur die proses lei om jou stem in te dien.



Presented on the AMSAT SA WEBEX video platform. [Click here for free registration](#)

10:00 Welcoming address by SARL President Nico van Rensburg ZS6QL



10:30 Keynote address - Why science in Amateur Radio is important to drive the future



Speaker: Dr Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF. Dr Nathaniel Frissell, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Physics and Engineering at The University of Scranton. Dr Frissell’s research interests include space weather and radio science, with a focus on traveling ionospheric disturbances and High Frequency (HF) radio propagation.

11:00 EME on 23 cm with a solar cooker

Speaker: Derek Gravett ZS5Y. EME, call it EARTH Moon-Earth or moon bounce communication, it has a long history in Amateur Radio but for many decades required large expensive antenna arrays. In this presentation, Derek introduces a simple easy way using a modified solar cooker as the antenna.



11:45 Telemetry via Repurposed WSPR for Amateur Radio Pico balloons as they travel around the World. Speaker: Stewart Clark, ZS1WT. Stewart is a retired software engineer whose interest in electronics and radio began at around the age of ten. He entered university intending to pursue physics and mathematics, but was ultimately drawn into computer science, where he developed a deep and enduring fascination with logic and low-level hardware programming. His paper describes why WSPR, developed by Joe Taylor, is used as a telemetry system for amateur radio Pico balloons carried globally by jet streams. Typical Pico balloon payload hard-ware is described along with the most common telemetry data and how it is



encoded into valid WSPR packets. In conclusion, the science that can be extracted from this telemetry that is transmitted every 10 minutes.

12:30 Make Meteor Scatter Communication your next Amateur Radio Project

Speaker: Derek Gravett, ZS5Y. Derek will be introducing you to MSK144, one of the most effective digital modes designed specifically for this purpose. MSK144 is part of the WSJT-X suite developed by Nobel laureate Joe Taylor, K1JT. It uses fast, efficient minimum-shift keying to capture those fleeting bursts of reflected signals from meteor trails—bursts that may last only fractions of a second! With this mode, VHF and UHF operators can achieve contacts of 500 to 2 000 kilometres or more, even when the bands seem completely dead.



13:15 Refreshment Break

13:45 Development of a contesting and DXing dashboard for the HamSCI personal space weather station.

Speaker: Owen J. Ruzanski KD3ALD, Computer Engineering Student, The University of Scranton, USA. Aspiring Network Engineer / RF Engineer with hands-on experience in IT administration, networking and RF experimentation. Passionate about embedded systems, computer engineering and applied problem-solving. The HamSCI Personal Space Weather Station is a multi-instrument system designed to measure space weather for both scientific research and amateur radio operations. The core of the PSWS is the RX-888/ KA9Q-radio WSPR Daemon-Grape HF SDR. While most PSWS development efforts thus far have focused on strictly scientific objectives, this project aims to make the data available and useful in real time for radio amateurs. The dashboard has a goal of enhancing real-time HF propagation assessments for Radio Amateurs.



14:45 Technology in providing effective SARL HAMNET emergency communication



Speaker: Brian Jacobs, ZS6YZ, SARL Hamnet National Director. It is all about using the best technology available and having a plan B for when technology fails. As "Communication Specialists" we provide what works best and have a whole bag of tricks that we can fall back on when needed. Gone are the days of the Bakkie and Baofeng brigade.

15:15 The SARL Noise monitoring Project

Speaker: Anton Janovsky, ZR6AIC. The SARL HF noise monitoring system takes a 12 x 1MHz bandwidth sample every 2 minutes using the RTL power utility and saves the measurements in a CVS file. The 2-minute scheduling is done with a Crontab calling a script in the HF-noise directory. The RF samples are taken at a 1MHz bandwidth from 1MHz to 30MHz, therefore 29 of CVS files are created and get appended as the measurements are made.



15:45 The Final Word



2026 Annual General Meeting

1. Opening and Welcome

- 1.1 The Chairman of the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society
- 1.2 The President of the SARL

2. Rules of Debate (as per SARL Constitution and Rules, Rule 11.2.2)

11.2.2 to approve the rules of debate using the rules of debate attached hereto as a guideline.

11.2.2.1 The proposer of a motion gets ten minutes to discuss the motion and put it to the meeting.

11.2.2.2 The seconder and each person who would like to speak on the topic gets two minutes.

11.2.2.3 A person gets one opportunity to speak on a motion or agenda item and only if he/she has additional inputs to make to the discussion is he/she allowed to make a further input.

11.2.2.4 After discussion the proposer gets five minutes to sum up, after which the matter is put to the vote.

3. Apologies

4. Declaration of quorum, being members present and by proxy.

5. Remembrance of Silent Keys

We pause in remembrance of the following radio amateurs who have passed on and gone home since the 2025 AGM held on 17 May 2025.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”

Hulle word nie oud soos ons wat bly vergrys,
Die jare sal hulle nie raak nog die tyd se eis
En, soos die son sak of die môre ontvou,
Eer hul herinnering – ons sal onthou.

Tienie Herbst, ZS6MHH; Ted Smook, ZS2TED; Martin Macdonald, ZS6MJH; Thomas Mostert, ZS6THM; John Fielding, ZS5JF; Lionel Lucas, ZS6AEE; Johannes Nel, ZS6JPN; Dave Court, EI3IO; Wolfgang ‘Wolf’ Hadel, DK2OM; Riaan Venter, ZS6RXY; PC Snyman, ZS6KVF; Roy Alexander, ZS6MI; Sidney Freeman, ZS5SID/ZS6SID; Philip Hull, ZS6CMI; Barrie Brokensha, ZS6AJY; Previn Govender, ZS1GOV; Roger Manton, ZR1AKK; Gus Winter, ZS2MC; Keith Duffield, ZS5KAD; Tony Beckett, ZR1TT; Eddie Dry, ZS1EJD; John Norman, ZS5JX; Pieter Machiel du Toit, ZL1PDT/ZL1LIG / ZS1PDT; Philip Grobler, ZS1PB; Bert Cornell, ZS5MO; Ivor Westwood, ZS1WY; Gerick Vercuiel, ZS1DG; Jan Erasmus, ZS5G; Rob MacGeoghan, ZS2ROB; Colin Thomas, G3PSM; Alwyn Petrus Burger, ZS6BTH; Hal Lund, ZS6WB; Koos de Kock, ZS5KDK; Mario Vosloo, ZS1MV; (Information as of 2 April 2026.)

6. Receive and approve minutes of 2025 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the South African Radio League Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 17 May 2025 at the Royal Elephant Hotel and Conference Centre, Eldoraigne, Pretoria

Present

Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL, SARL President

Members registered and by proxy – 251.

Dennis Green, ZS4BS, SARL Secretary

Item	Discussion	For Action
	WELCOME	
1.1	Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL, opened the meeting at 08:40 and welcomed everybody at the 2025 AGM at the Royal Elephant Hotel and members on the Zoom platform. A special word of thanks to Annette, ZR6D and Brian, ZS6YZ for the historical display in the foyer and in the hall. We are extremely honoured to be attending this AGM.	
	Nico read out a message from Sylvain Azarian, F4GKR the president of IARU Region 1. “On the occasion of this weekend celebrating SARL's 100th anniversary, I offer my sincere congratulations to the	

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	entire South African amateur radio community. Congratulations on the journey you've made and good luck for the next 100 years”!	
1.2	The agenda is projected on the screen.	
2.	RULES OF DEBATE	
2.1	Nico, ZS6QL presents the rules of debate. It was projected on the screen for the meeting.	
3.	APOLOGIES	
	ZS4VP tendered his apologies.	
4.	DECLARATION OF QUORUM	
4.1	There are 1 566 members allowed to vote. To allow the AGM to proceed, a 10% quorum or 156,6 members is required. Rounded off to 157 members. At 09:20 on Saturday 20 April 2024, the SARL Secretary has 65 members registered and 186 proxies = 251 members or 16,03%. Thus, there is a quorum to continue with the meeting.	
	The oldest member present at the AGM is Tjerk Lammers, ZS1J/ZS6P who is 85 years young and the youngest is Maryna Eales, ZR6MC who is 23 years young. Average age 59,7 years. The oldest member who submitted a proxy is Henry Chamberlain, ZS1AAZ who is 90 years young and the youngest member to submit a proxy is Petrus Lotriet, ZU3PL who is 9 years young.	
5.	REMEMBRANCE	
5.1	Dennis Green, ZS4BS, read the Remembrance for the Silent Keys and the meeting observed a moment of silence.	
	Hennie Greyling, ZS4HG; Jimmy de Sande, ZS2JIM; Craig Dagleish, ZS5CID; Solly Nieman, V51SN; Artie Perold ZS1HL; Michael Folkey, ZR4MF; Mario Garofoli, ZS6MIO; Andrew van Heerden, ZS6AVH; Viv Wells, ZS6CAA; Neville Engelbrecht, ZS1P (ex-ZS6BSQ); Vic Moore, ZS3VIC; John de Beer, ZS3JDB; Sam Mc Leary, ZS1OR; Rae Vincent-Lambert, ZS6RAE; Gavin Badenhorst, ZS6BG; Hilda Lange ex-ZS6HL; Patty Little, ex-ZR6OBS; Pine Pienaar, ZS4ZB (ex ZS1ZE); Kobus Jooste, ZS3KJ; André Shaw ZS1AN; Tinus Fleming, ZR6PAT; Bert Von Rahden, ZS6LP; Alwyn du Plessis, ZS1APC; Dudley Burrows, ZS1DB; Bernd "Jerry" Sinner, 9J2BS/ZS6JBS; Bill Smith, ZS6XD; Frans Marais, ZS4FM; Les Mandy, ZS1KF (ex ZS2KF and ZS4WA); Andre Meyer, ZS1AMP; Elmarie McCash ZS6EM; Chris Pretorius, ZS1FC; Neville Busse, ZS6BN; Rachel de Bruyn, ZR6RDB; Kleingert Horn, ZS6HRN; Michael Howell, ZS1PE; Koos de Leeuw, ZS6KDL; Andre van Tonder, ZS6HE; Mervyn Todd, ZS5QI; Evert van der Horst, ZS6AQW; Marthinus Delpport, ZS6MRJ; Fredericus de Vries, ZS1ADD; Ben Fourie, ZS6BEN; Johan de Bruin, ZS6JHB.	
6.	APPROVAL OF THE 2024 AGM MINUTES	
6.1	The Minutes of the 2024 AGM are accepted by the meeting. Proposed by Jan Botha, ZS4JAN and seconded by Tjerk Lammers, ZS1J/ZS6P.	
7.	PRESIDENTS REPORT	

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7.1	Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL, presented the Presidents Report and the SARL Annual Report.	
7.2	<p>Dear Esteemed Members of the South African Radio League,</p> <p>Good morning, a warm welcome to everyone present here today as well as online, thank you for joining us as we celebrate a unique milestone, the Centenary of the SARL.</p> <p>We are incredibly grateful to be surrounded by so many people who have been part of this journey, that started from our founding members and continues through dedication and commitment of our current members as well as community partners.</p> <p>I consider myself to be very fortunate to be a radio amateur in this centenary year, let alone being President of the SARL.</p> <p>It is indeed my pleasure and honour to chair this AGM today and not to only reflect on the past but to encourage our current generation to continue to build on this legacy of our pioneers with innovation, renewed commitment and pushing the boundaries of what is possible as we continue our journey into the future.</p> <p>We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the generations of dedicated individuals who have shaped our history.</p> <p>The South African Radio Relay League (SARRL) was formed on 20 May 1925 with Raymond Coombs as honorary organising secretary and through the efforts of several regional and local radio societies including clubs that were established around the time of the First World War.</p> <p>The first president to be elected was OM Joseph White and the first SARRL conference was held in Johannesburg in April 1926.</p> <p>Later, the name was changed to become the South African Radio League (SARL) as we know it today. “QTC” was the first printed magazine issued by the League. No. 1. Vol. 1 was issued in May 1928. The editor was OM RS Perry, A9Z.</p> <p>It is also important to remember that on 18 April 1925, the IARU was formed in Paris and the SARL a founder member.</p> <p>From humble beginnings to this remarkable milestone are the League’s testament to the enduring power of a vision, the strength of its people and the unwavering commitment to its mission. The SARL and its members can be incredibly proud of what have been accomplished together and we look into the future to continue building upon this legacy.</p> <p>When one thinks about how the world looked like hundred years ago, the technologies and telecommunication trends that seemed innovative and transformative at that time have been surpassed beyond anything that could have been imagined. Given the incredible increase in the rate of technological change, innovation and development, we can only imagine what it will be like in a hundred years from now.</p>	

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	<p>To me, it is clear that we will continue with the work of shaping and advancing the joy, art and science of amateur radio as our prime mission to ensure a future for amateur radio.</p> <p>To place a centenary in perspective and to give some context to the world we live in at present, Steven Spielberg, the well-known film director, once said, “Social media has taken over in America to such an extreme that to get my own kids to look back a week in their history is a miracle, let alone 100 years.”</p> <p>Many of you will remember the 1966 epic spaghetti Western film “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”, starring Clint Eastwood.</p> <p>From a “Good” perspective the SARL has continued to thrive, thanks to the robust foundation built on your commitment and passion. I am pleased to report that the SARL maintained stability both from a membership and a financial perspective.</p> <p>As for “The Bad,” growth from an RAE perspective is disappointing, with a drop in candidate numbers and dwindling opportunities to attend RAE classes as very few clubs present lectures and online classes compared to the not too distant past.</p> <p>And for toughest part of this year — “the Ugly” — something very significant threatens amateur radio and the SARL (and no, it is not the website that was a victim of a cyber-attack).</p> <p>We are without a doubt in a bad place when it comes to volunteerism, including leadership. It is a well-known fact that our clubs are the backbone of the SARL and amateur radio within communities. Very noticeable are the clubs that die off as the members who could have led them into the future were never developed or given the opportunity to be coached. This includes those who never raised their hands to step up to the plate.</p> <p>A determined effort is required to put a spotlight on this issue and the topic of succession planning is not only applicable to the industry and large companies but is also quite relevant on club and council level. We have work to do in this area and the work is just beginning.</p> <p>All is not just gloom and doom, so let us circle back to “the Good” perspective. I have experienced a remarkable level of support and assistance from our members in many ways to the SARL, including council. Without your dedicated support, the League will not be able to function to provide the service that is due to our members.</p>	
7.3	<p>Volunteering in the SARL</p> <p>Milton Friedman who received the Nobel prize in 1976 once said, “There's no such thing as a free lunch” and although he was talking about economics, there is a definite bearing on life itself. Nothing in life comes without a cost – time, energy, commitment and sacrifice.</p> <p>The SARL depend entirely on a group of volunteers and appointees to perform various tasks and to fill several portfolios. To recruit capable volunteers with the time, dedication and</p>	

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	<p>commitment to execute these routine and time-consuming work within the SARL, is most challenging.</p> <p>Most concerning is that certain skills and experience, including a willingness of members to step forward to fill positions within the SARL, is declining. We are extremely grateful for the excellent work being done by fellow councillors, portfolio managers and appointees with families and full-time occupations, committing their personal time and expertise at no cost, to run the SARL successfully.</p> <p>You may be asking, “Where do all these volunteers fit to ensure that the League operates successfully?”</p>	
7.4	<p>SARL Centenary Publication</p> <p>I would like to step back for a moment and mention the significant effort started in 2021 to capture and document the rich history of the SARL. These artifacts and related information will serve as a valuable reference for current and future generations, detailing the achievements and challenges faced by the league over the past century.</p> <p>The outcome of this project will be a Commemorative Handbook to be published upon completion.</p> <p>The research and processing of all historical information into a book is an enormous task and, in all fairness, does not end, as the League’s history will need to be kept alive and recorded as we journey into the future.</p> <p>A warm thank you to Anette, ZR6D supported by Brian, ZS6YZ who took on this enormous task to ensure that the history of the League will be preserved for future generations.</p>	
7.5	<p>News and Publications</p> <p>Our news team compiled the weekly national news bulletin for publication and transmission on Sundays from various clubs and by individuals. This includes the newsreaders and relay stations as well. Then there is the monthly SARL publication of Radio ZS and the weekly HF Happenings, which are published through the dedicated work of the Editor of Radio ZS.</p>	
7.6	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>A group of appointees attend to the Forum and Swop Shop, the Website and performs Database Management. The portfolios pertain to Awards Management, Repeater Coordination working groups, V/UHF working groups, QSL Bureau Management, Contest Management, youth development, the Amateur Radio Today-programme and Regulatory Affairs.</p> <p>We also acknowledge the crucial work of the SARL/ICASA liaison committee, currently reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ICASA and the League signed way back in 2016.</p> <p>Then the work done by our Legal Advisor, Treasurer and councillors and the excellent work of the SARL HAMNET</p>	

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	<p>organisation, serving our communities and providing a public service.</p> <p>To these individuals my message is that your devotion and dedication in applying your talents, skills and experience timeously to fuel our mutual efforts in running the League is remarkable and is sincerely appreciated.</p>	
7.7	<p>Lectures and Annual RAE Examinations</p> <p>The RAE examinations during May and October are administrated by the SARL on behalf of ICASA, in line with the Memorandum of Understanding between ICASA and the SARL.</p> <p>This is accomplished with dedication and commitment from the RAE Manager, Noel, ZR6DX, Gerhard, ZS6CRS, assistant RAE Manager, Kelley Dorey, our Office Administrator, Gary Immelmann, ZS6YI and numerous lecturers and Chief Invigilators, allowing for a successful RAE to be held countrywide.</p> <p>Council is most grateful for the excellent work being done by these individuals, including everyone who continually seek better ways to accomplish successful lectures and training.</p>	
7.8	<p>SARL HAMNET</p> <p>HAMNET, the SARL division for disaster communication, under the leadership of Brian ZS6YZ, the national HAMNET Director, Keith Lowes, ZS5WFD, the deputy national Director and regional directors, does excellent work within society that allows for awareness and public relations pertaining to amateur radio.</p> <p>HAMNET works closely with the South African Search and Rescue (SASAR), which is a division of the Department of Transport, Local Government Disaster Management and disaster management in local municipalities, the Western Cape with Wilderness Search and Rescue, the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination (ARCC) and Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC).</p> <p>May I take this this opportunity to thank you all for always being the best you can be, working as a team in the execution of this important task of providing emergency communications during search and rescue incidents.</p>	
7.9	<p>The 2025 BACAR Centennial Launch</p> <p>Every year the BACAR launch and recovery event in Secunda is a highlight that we look forward to. A commemorative SARL Centenary launch is earmarked for October this year. The team of the Secunda Radio Club is a group of seasoned experts offering us their commitment to do so again this year, as stated by Christo ZR6LJK during last year’s launch.</p>	
7.10	<p>Workshop and Presentation</p> <p>SARL Centenary Technical Symposium - this event was held on Saturday, 22 March, online, with attendance from amateurs in Europe with a programme that covered a broad list of topics and organised by Hans van de Groenendaal ZS6AKV.</p>	

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	<p>AMSAT South Africa Space Symposium - another event that deserves to be mentioned involving many of our member, is the AMSAT South Africa Space Symposium to be held on Saturday, 4 August 2025. Every year this event attracts local and international interest. The aim of the AMSAT SA Space Symposium is to take amateur radio into space and to encourage more amateur satellite operation, development and research.</p>	
7.11	<p>Contest Working Group</p> <p>Contesting is an integral part of our hobby and popular from a national and international sporting perspective. Under the experienced leadership of Johann Bezuidenhout, ZS6JBZ with team members Gerhard Coetzee - ZS3TG; Phillip van Tonder - ZS6PVT, Karel Bezuidenhout - ZS6WN and Karel Bezuidenhout (Junior) - ZR6K ensures that this important aspect of our hobby functions extremely well.</p> <p>I would like to thank this team sincerely for your continued support and dedication in executing this important work, ensuring that the contesting management required continue to cater for the contest preferences of a broad spectrum of amateur radio operators.</p> <p>I have touched on various topics in this report. Detailed information on these topics is available in the SARL Annual Report. Please read more about these topics, achievements and work done by the League, working groups and appointees, as compiled by our Secretary, Dennis Green ZS4BS.</p>	
7.12	<p>Affiliated Clubs</p> <p>Throughout amateur radio’s history, clubs have recruited and trained new radio amateurs and have provided a community setting in which radio amateurs have been able to continue their education and training.</p> <p>I receive many calls and emails for advice on the topic of how to grow our club. Over the years I have come to realise that expectations have become the main obstacle and to quote William Shakespeare “Expectations are the root of all heartache”. In a world where instant gratification is the standard, we measure ourselves and get hurt by our expectations.</p> <p>A club with a vision to grow needs to take a holistic view. It all starts with presenting a RAE course. These courses include lectures and practical training in preparation for the examination. Sadly, after an examination session, many candidates who successfully passed the RAE, lose interest over time and do not renew their licences. The root cause is mainly that there is very little support from clubs after becoming licenced.</p> <p>The success factor lies in a basic principle of not doing the same old activities organised by the same individuals, but by allowing RAE candidates and all current members of all ages to be active</p>	

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	<p>participants, knowledgeable and responsible members of the amateur radio community.</p> <p>To club members: find your passion, your topic of interest and take up the challenge to grow and contribute along the way in assisting a fellow radio amateur as part of the amateur spirit as we know it.</p> <p>On the bright side, the above noted tendency is not standard practice within our well-known clubs who continue to support newcomers, building their on-air confidence in various ways to ensure that they become seasoned operators.</p> <p>Do not forget the importance of our public presence and image. We need to improve on our public relations and image to strengthen our position, as the current image in society is very often that amateur radio is a relic from the past. What is there that we offer and do to attract today’s younger generation? We need to embrace modern technology and demonstrate its usefulness both as a self-learning platform and its practical use within society.</p>	
7.13	<p>In closing...</p> <p>May I use this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors and members for another successful year. Your admirable commitment and dedication over the past year have been pivotal in managing the League and I sincerely appreciated it.</p> <p>Looking into the future, as individuals, clubs, working group members and council, we give back to amateur radio that pays (to a certain extent) the debt that we owe to those who came before us who built and established what we enjoy at present.</p> <p>"Today is not just a celebration of the past, but a celebration of the potential we have for the future."</p> <p>Amateur Radio has changed tremendously in a hundred years and will continue to change. The SARL and its members must be ready to keep up with the ever-changing technology environment to adapt and respond to ensure that we stay relevant in the future.</p> <p>May this centenary inspire us to reach even greater heights and to make an even greater impact on the world of amateur radio and our service to society.</p> <p>Here's to the next 100 years! May it be filled with enjoyment, success, personal growth and a committed effort to advance the art and science of amateur radio.</p>	
8.	FINANCES	
8.1	Corrie de Beer, ZS6CDB presented the Financial Report.	
8.2	I can once again report that Council has succeeded in improving the financial position of the SARL for the financial year ending 30 June 2024. The Cash and Cash Equivalents have risen from R2 935 857 to R3 059 103 a net change of R123 246 (4,2%) for the financial year ending 30 June 2024.	

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	<p>The League’s income increased year on year by R267 606 mainly due to the use of transfers from contingency / surplus funds to the value of R211 293 and other income equating to R56 313. Thus, if the League did not have these contingency / surplus funds available it would have only been an increase of 6,8% year on year.</p> <p>The SARL, excluding SARL HAMNET showed an operating surplus of R20 511 against the budget surplus of a R3 500. The difference between the AFS surplus of R57 372 is directly attributed to expenditure of SARL HAMNET. Because SARL HAMNET is a division of the SARL, the League is legally required to report movements in the AFS. Any increase or decrease in the SARL HAMNET finances does not affect SARL members related finances in any way.</p> <p>The Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 30 June 2024 and a summary of Income and Expenditure vs Budget for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 and the proposed budget for 2025/2026 is available either in the 2025 AGM Booklet or website that was made available to all members.</p>	
8.3	2025/2026 BUDGET	
8.4	As per AGM booklet council proposes to increase membership subscriptions by an average of 2,9% except for SADC Members that will now be the same as an ordinary member.	
8.5	Motion 2025-01. To receive the 2023/24 Annual Financial Statements.	
8.5.1	Proposed by ZS6YI and seconded by ZS6SKY. Agree: 251. Disagree: 0 Abstain: 0.	
8.6	Motion 2025-02. To receive and ratify the proposed subscriptions for year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.	
8.6.1	Proposed by ZS6WN and seconded by ZS6RSW. The proposed subscription was accepted - Agree: 251. Disagree: 0. Abstain: 0.	
8.7	Motion 2025-03. Receive the proposed budget for year ending 30 June 2026.	
8.7.1	Proposed by ZS6GUY and seconded by ZS6YZ. The budget was accepted - Agree: 251. Disagree: 0. Abstain: 0.	
8.8	Motion 2025-04. Appointment of Beans Accounting Services as reviewers until the 2026 AGM	
8.8.1	Proposed by ZS1DFR and seconded by ZS6P. The proposal was approved - Agree: 251. Disagree: 0. Abstain: 0. The SARL Secretary will submit a motion to the 2026 AGM to change the text of the Rules pertaining to the Auditors.	ZS4BS
9.	MOTIONS	
9.1	No motions were received by 31 January 2025.	
10.	ELECTION OF COUNCIL	
10.1	The following Councillors are in the middle of their two-year term of office which ends at the 2026 SARL AGM – Dave Higgs, ZS2DH; Karel Bezuidenhout, ZR6K; Chris Turner, ZS6GM; Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT and Dennis Green, ZS4BS.	

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	The following Councillors are at the end of their two-year term of office which ends at the 2025 SARL AGM - Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL; Corrie de Beer, ZS6CDB; Karel Bezuidenhout, ZS6WN; Guy Eales, ZS6GUY; Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT.	
10.2	By 31 January 2025, nominations, signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder, were received for Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL; Corrie de Beer, ZS6CDB; Karel Bezuidenhout, ZS6WN; Guy Eales, ZS6GUY; Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT. There are five vacancies and five nominations and in terms of Rule 16.5, such nominees shall be declared by the chairman of the relevant AGM to be duly elected.	
10.3	Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL declared the five nominees duly elected.	
11.	OTHER MATTERS	
11.1	<u>The SARL Web Site.</u> ZS6GUY gives feedback on the cyber attack on the old SARL website and the way forward with the new site.	
11.2	<u>SA-QSL.</u> Dave, ZS2DH gives feedback on the new SA-QSL system on the mysarl site.	
11.3	<u>The Swop Shop.</u> Rassie, ZS1YT reports that he met with ZS1AI and discussed the use of the Swop Shop. A link has been placed on the SARL website taking members to https://www.ham-radio-swap-shop.co.za/ .	
11.4	<u>QSL Cards.</u> Gert, ZR6GRT reminded members to collect their QSL cards at the West Rand stand.	
11.5.	<u>Greetings.</u> Riaan, ZS4PR brings greetings from the Sasolburg ARC.	
11.6	<u>Thank you!</u> The Pretoria ARC is thanked for hosting the 2025 National Convention and the PARC-95 event.	
12.	THE 2026 SARL AGM	
12.1	No motion was received to host the 2026 SARL National Convention. Council will deal with the matter during the year.	
13.	CONCLUSION	
13.1	The meeting closed at 11:20 with a vote of thanks to Nico, ZS6QL. The vote of thanks was proposed by Chris, ZS6GM.	

In terms of Rule 13.1 of the Rules of the SARL, “Minutes of the proceedings at all general meetings of the League shall be kept by the League Secretary and shall be ratified by the Council not later than at its second meeting after the AGM or SGM and confirmed at the next general meeting of the League and shall be signed by the chairman of such meeting.”

These minutes were ratified at the Council Meeting of 10 June 2025.

6.1 Matters arising from the 2025 AGM.

7. President's Address

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7.2 SARL Annual Report

8. Financial Matters

8.1 Receive the Treasurer’s report.

The Treasurer’s report will be delivered at the AGM.



8.2 Motion 2026-01. Receive the Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2025.

The Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2025 is a 21 page document that is available separately to this document.

8.3 Receive the unaudited accounts for the period ending 31 December 2024.

Income	Budget 2025/2026	Actual YTD Dec'25
Subscriptions	745,635	592,272
Advertising	12,000	0
Donations	15,000	20,854
Other		1,800
Net RAE Income	50,000	32,419
Transfer from contingency / surplus funds		30,000
Net Interest Received	120,000	102,173
Total Income	942,635	779,519
Expenditure	Budget 2025/2026	Actual YTD Dec'25
Accounting Fee	18,864	9,039
AGM	25,000	-17,350
Amateur Radio Defence Fund	0	0
Amateur Radio Development	0	30,000
Audit Fee	16,500	0
Awards	11,000	0
Bank Charges	9,900	3,126
Computer Costs (including software license)	20,000	2,050
Contests	15,000	0
Council Travel and Accommodation	80,000	18,426
Depreciation	27,500	0
IARU Membership Fees	55,000	47,084
IARU Attendance Costs	38,500	0
Insurance	27,500	12,099
ISP Connectivity (including telephone)	33,000	22,262
IT Development	13,200	0

Licence Renewals	7,150	0
Marketing	40,000	7,578
NARC Lease	58,000	0
NARC Maintenance	33,000	0
NARC Running Expenses	18,150	0
NARC Radio Room	5,500	0
Office Cleaning Contractor & Office General Expenses	27,500	11,745
Office Travel	3,300	321
Printing and Stationery	2,750	631
QSL Bureau	24,200	1,474
100 Year Project		0
Salaries (including UIF)	315,500	153,997
Strategy Meetings	45,650	16,250
Symposium	0	0
Youth Development	14,850	7,145
Total Expenditure	986,514	325,877
Surplus / (Deficit) excluding SARL HAMNET	-43,879	453,642

8.4 Motion 2026-02. Receive the proposed budget for year ending 30 June 2027.

Income	Budget 2026/2027
Subscriptions	717,942
Advertising	12,000
Donations	15,000
Net RAE Income	50,000
Net Interest Received	120,000
Total Income	1,014,942
Expenditure	Budget 2026/2027
Accounting Fee	18,982
AGM	75,000
Audit Fee	16,500
Awards	15,000
Bank Charges	9,900
Computer Costs (including software license)	23,000
Contests	0
Council Travel and Accommodation	85,000
Depreciation	27,500
IARU Membership Fees	55,000
IARU Attendance Costs	38,500
Insurance	26,946
ISP Connectivity (including telephone)	44,796

IT Development	0
Licence Renewals	3,500
Marketing	40,000
NARC Lease	64,784
NARC Maintenance	25,000
NARC Running Expenses	0
NARC Radio Room	5,500
Office Cleaning Contractor & Office General Expenses	30,000
Office Travel	1,500
Printing and Stationery	3,000
QSL Bureau	3,000
Salaries (including UIF)	338,917
Strategy Meetings	50,000
Youth Development	10,000
Total Expenditure	1,011,324
Surplus / (Deficit) excluding SARL HAMNET	3,617

8.5 Motion 2026-03. To receive and ratify the proposed subscriptions for year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

The Council reviewed the financial report and statements tabled at the Strategic Meeting on 6 March 2026 and proposes the following subscriptions for 2026/2027. The SARL subscription year runs from 1 July to 30 June the following year and all fees are payable in South African Rand.

Subscription Rates for 2026 – 2027

Membership category	1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027	% Ordinary member (licenced)
Ordinary member (licenced)	R590.00	100%
Senior member (application by person over 65)	R383.50	65%
Spouse member (spouse of an ordinary member)	R295.00	50%
Students (members under 18 or students under 25 with a valid student card)	R147.50	25%
Overseas member (Licensed or non-licensed resident outside South Africa.)	R590.00	100%
Affiliated Club (Club or another organisation wishing to affiliate with the SARL)	R590.00	100%
Shortwave Listener	R295.00	50%
SADC Membership (is only open to radio amateurs who are members of their national amateur radio society in the SADC country where they reside.)	R590.00	100%

¹ Use the online shop at <https://mysarl.org.za/shop/> (preferred) or contact the SARL Secretary to pay via PayPal.

² SADC membership is limited to all electronic facilities available to ordinary members including download of electronic Radio ZS and the free weekly SARL News service.

8.6 Appointment of Reviewers

Motion 2026-04. Appointment of Beans Accounting Services as Reviewers until the 2027 AGM.

9. Motions

9.1 Motion 2026-05. Changes to the Constitution with respect to the auditing function

Subject	Changes to the Constitution with respect to the auditing function
Motion Number:	2026-05
Proposer:	Dennis Green, ZS4BS, SARL Secretary
Seconders:	SARL Council

Introduction

At the 2025 SARL AGM in Pretoria, the Council was asked to review the SARL Constitution and Rules with respect to the function of the Auditor.

Background

An Independent Review is a limited assurance engagement where the practitioner performs primarily inquiry and analytical procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence as the basis for a conclusion on the financial statements, expressed in accordance with the requirements of ISRE 2400 (Revised). An Independent Review is performed by a practitioner who was not involved in the preparation of the financial statement. In terms of Regulation 29(4) an Independent Review of a company’s annual financial statements must be carried out:

- in the case of a company whose public interest score for the particular financial year was at least 100, by a registered auditor, or a member in good standing of a professional body that has been accredited in terms of section 33 of the Auditing Professions Act; or
- in the case of a company whose public interest score for the particular financial year was less than 100, by:
 - a person contemplated in paragraph (a); or
 - a person who is qualified to be appointed as an accounting officer of a close corporation in terms of section 60 (1), (2) and (4) of the Close Corporations Act, 1984 (Act No. 69 of 1984).

Independent reviews are not required for owner managed profit companies but can be performed voluntarily if the public interest score is less than 350 and the financial statements are independently compiled, or if the public interest score is less than 100. An independent review can also be performed voluntarily for CC’s but the cost versus benefit needs to be considered.

Key points and proposal

It is proposed that the following Rules be changed by removing the word ‘Auditor’ or ‘Auditors’ and replace it with ‘Reviewer’ or ‘Reviewers.’

8.9.1 Copies of the audited accounts, ending 30th June annually, shall be uploaded to the League web site within 14 days after receipt thereof from the auditors.

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8.10 The correctness of the annual account and balance sheet shall be ascertained and certified by the auditor, appointed in accordance with these rules and shall in addition be signed by the President and the League Treasurer.

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9. AUDITOR

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9.1 An auditor shall be appointed at each AGM to hold office until the next AGM, provided that Council shall appoint the first auditor.

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9.2 The retiring auditor shall be eligible for re-appointment without being nominated.

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9.3 Any member wishing to nominate a person other than the retiring auditor shall lodge his written nomination with the League Secretary not later than the 31st day of January immediately preceding the next AGM.

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9.4 Only a person permitted to practice as an accountant or auditor may be appointed auditor, provided that he is not a member of Council, nor shall he be the League Secretary or Treasurer.

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9.5 Subject to the provisions of the foregoing rule, Council may, until the next AGM, fill any casual vacancy that may arise in the office of auditor.

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9.6 The auditor shall examine and verify the correctness of all accounts relating to the income and expenditure of the SARL account for the financial year and of the relevant balance sheet and shall furthermore either duly certify as to the correctness of such account and balance sheet or report to the members of the League as to the correctness thereof.

9.6 The reviewer shall examine and verify the correctness of all accounts relating to the income and expenditure of the SARL account for the financial year and of the relevant balance sheet and shall furthermore either duly certify as to the correctness of such account and balance sheet or report to the members of the League as to the correctness thereof.

9.7 The auditor shall have the right of access to the securities, books, accounts, vouchers and other documents of the League and, in addition, may require from the members of the Council and other officers of the League, such information as may be necessary for the due performance of his duties as an auditor.

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Recommendation

That should the motion be approved, that the SARL Secretary be mandated to update the SARL Constitution and Rules.

9.2 Motion 2026-06.

Subject	Changes to the Constitution with respect to Governance
Motion Number:	2026-06
Proposer:	Chris Turner, ZS6GM
Seconders:	SARL Council

Introduction

The Constitution and Rules of the SARL provide for the governance of the League and roles of office bearers. Over the years, due to pressure to fill portfolios, the lines between Governance and Operations have become blurred creating a conflict of interest. Good governance in any organisation requires a clear distinction between the responsibilities and roles.

This motion is intended to clarify the current rules whilst maintaining context and spirit.

Background

It is generally accepted in any organisation that board members (elected councillors), hold legal, fiduciary and ultimate responsibility for the viability of the organisation, while appointed advisors and operations staff provide expertise to assist the board without having the same legal liability or voting power on the board

Why Distinction Is Crucial

- **Preventing Conflict of Interest:** For example, if an honorary legal advisor is also a voting board member, they might struggle to give unbiased advice if their legal actions are questioned, or if they must review their own work.
- **Clear Authority:** It protects the organisation by ensuring that those with fiduciary responsibility make the decisions, while specialists provide necessary expertise without taking over the leadership direction.
- **Operational Efficiency:** A small board focused on governance works better than a large board trying to micromanage. Appointing, rather than electing, specialists allow the organisation to bring in expertise (e.g., a treasurer or legal counsel) without subjecting them to a popularity contest.

Specific Roles

- **Elected Treasurer:** While usually an officer, if the Treasurer is a "Board Member," they hold the fiduciary duty for financial oversight.

- **Appointed Financial/Legal Advisor:** This is often an honorary or specialised role where someone advises the Board Treasurer or the Board directly without voting on the board's decisions, thus separating the advice from the liability.
- **Managers/Staff:** These individuals are hired or appointed to manage the day-to-day work, have defined roles or hold specific portfolios such as Awards, RAE, Spectrum Management.

The following provides an example of how appointed advisors are subject to the control and direction of the elected board and their roles are primarily to support the board in fulfilling its fiduciary duties providing a clear distinction between Governance and Operations.

Role of Council

The Council is collectively responsible for the long-term success and strategic direction of the League. Its core functions include:

- **Strategy:** Approving the mission, vision and multi-year strategic plans.
- **Fiduciary Duty:** Ensuring financial solvency, approving the annual budget and overseeing audits.
- **Risk Management:** Identifying and mitigating significant legal, financial and reputational risks.
- **Performance:** Appointing and evaluating the performance of the President.
- **Compliance:** Ensuring the organisation adheres to its Constitution and Rules and relevant laws.

Role of Management (Operations)

Management is responsible for the day-to-day execution of the Board’s strategy. Their authority includes:

- **Execution:** Implementing approved programmes, services and projects.
- **Reporting:** Providing the Board with timely, accurate data and progress reports to inform strategic decisions.
- **Operational Policy:** Developing internal procedures that align with Board-level policies.

Appointed & Honorary Roles (Advisory)

The Board may appoint individuals with specific expertise to support governance and head up portfolios and subcommittees without granting them voting rights or full director liability. These include

- **Treasurer:** While often a Board member, the Treasurer’s specific duty is to monitor financial records, present reports and ensure internal controls are robust.
- **Legal Advisor:** Provides counsel on contracts, compliance and liability. This role is strictly **consultative**; they advise but do not direct the Board's vote.
- **Honorary Advisors:** Typically appointed for their prestige or niche knowledge (e.g., a "Scientific Advisor"). They attend meetings by invitation and do not count toward a quorum.



- **Working group leaders**, such as Regulatory Liaison, Emergency Communications, Public Relations, Technical Projects, Membership and Examinations.

Delegation of Authority

The Council maintains ‘Reserved Powers,’ as defined by the Constitution.

The Constitution clearly defines the role of Council in clause 5, but Rule 19.4, whilst providing for the appointment of honorary roles and advisors does not clearly define the hierarchy accountability.

CONSTITUTION

5. GOVERNMENT OF THE LEAGUE

5.1 The government of the League shall be in accordance with its constitution and rules, which shall be binding upon all members of the League.

5.2 The affairs of the League shall be administered, controlled and conducted by a body which shall be known as "Council". Council may, subject to any conditions or limitations imposed by the rules, delegate any of its powers or functions to anybody or committee constituted in terms of the rules.

5.3 Council shall consist of 10 (ten) members referred to as “the full number of Council.”

5.4 The members of Council will accept a fiduciary responsibility for the association and will not be connected persons in relation to each other and no single person, directly or indirectly, controls the decision-making powers relating to the League.

RULES

19. OFFICE BEARERS

19.1 At every first meeting held after the AGM the council members shall, from among their number, elect a chairman and a vice-chairman who shall also be the President and Vice-president of the League, respectively.

19.2 Council shall also at such first meeting, or as soon as possible thereafter, appoint in either an honorary or paid capacity a secretary and a treasurer, provided that Council may, in its discretion, combine the office of secretary and/or treasurer with any other portfolio or office within the Council.

19.3 An Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall attend all meetings of Council but shall not be entitled to vote thereat unless they have been elected to Council as provided for in these rules.

19.4 Council may also, in its discretion, from time to time appoint in an honorary capacity

any other office bearer, including an editor, advertising and/or business manager, technical adviser and a legal adviser.

19.5 The honorary legal adviser (and the honorary technical adviser) shall be entitled:

19.5.1 to receive the notice and agenda of every Council meeting and the minutes thereof.

19.5.2 to attend any meeting of Council.

19.5.3 to take part in the deliberations of Council meetings, but he shall have no vote thereat unless he be an elected member of Council.

19.5.4 to submit, in person or in writing, for consideration at any meeting of Council, AGM or SGM, his views or opinion upon any matter concerning the interests of the League.

19.6 All honorary office bearers shall hold office until the AGM immediately following the date of their appointments whereupon they shall retire, provided that Council, in its discretion, may extend the date of such retirement for a period not exceeding three months from the date of the aforementioned AGM.

19.7 Any of the office bearers, not being members of Council, shall at the request of Council attend any or all its meetings but shall not be entitled to vote thereat.

19.8 Save as otherwise in these rules provided, all members of Council and/or office bearers shall act in an honorary capacity, but nothing therein contained shall be deemed to prohibit the payment by Council to any office bearer, not being a member of Council, of any sum of money for services rendered and to a member of Council of any sum of money for special services rendered, but such payment shall be subject to the funds of the League permitting and provided further that such payment shall first have received the approval of members assembled in AGM, as provided for in these rules.

19.9 Council shall appoint a representative as the public officer of the League. The name of the representative and his / her position in the League must be furnished to the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service. The representative must be a responsible member of Council and his position as a member of Council must constantly be kept filled by the League.

Proposal

Amend Rule 19.4 and add sub-rule 19.4.1, renumber 19.6 as 19.4.2 and 19.7 as 19.4.3 and renumber the other paragraphs.

19.4. Council may at its discretion, from time to time, appoint in an honorary capacity any additional officer bearers, working group leaders or portfolio managers as may be defined by Council.

19.4.1 Appointees as defined in 19.4 shall not also be appointed members of Council.

19.4.2 (replaces 19.6) All honorary office bearers and appointees shall hold office until the AGM immediately following the date of their appointment, whereupon they shall retire, provided that Council, in its discretion, may extend the date of such retirement for a period not exceeding three months from the date of the aforementioned AGM.

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19.7 Council shall appoint a representative as the public officer of the League. The name of the representative and his / her position in the League must be furnished to the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service. The representative must be a responsible member of Council and his position as a member of Council must constantly be kept filled by the League.

Recommendation

That should the motion be approved, that the SARL Secretary be mandated to update the SARL Constitution and Rules.

9.3 Motion 2026-07. Amendment of SARL Fees for those from 60 to 65 Years

Subject	Amendment of SARL Fees for those from 60 to 65 Years
Motion Number:	2026-07
Proposer:	Woody Collett, ZS3WL
Seconders:	Deon Fraser, ZS5DCF; Terrance van der Linde, ZS4VDL; Pieter Gaybba, ZS3PG; Alta Gaybba, ZR3PA; Andre Rheder, ZS5AW; Tjaart van der

	Walt, ZS3DR; Neil Holmes, ZS2AI; Mike Otgaar, ZS2AQ and Gerhart Coetzee, ZS3TG
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Introduction

As is normal, from year to year one expects a fee increase to deal with ever increasing costs etc., so the normal expectation is that membership fees increase year on year. This is a fact of life and gets to be dealt with by Council on a yearly basis and it is not an easy task, akin to juggling three or four balls without dropping them. We are all aware the Council do their best to limit fee increases to a minimum.

Background

With the median age of SARL members being somewhere in the mid-fifties, there are those whose age is in the sixties, as well as a portion in the seventies and some even older. SARL introduced a lower fee for those over the age of 65 and this is greatly appreciated by all whose age exceeds 65. However, with many going on pension earlier, some with a reduced income, I feel that Council should amend this fees reduction to include those as mentioned hereunder in the proposal.

Key Points And Proposal

1. There are many who now go on pension at 60 years of age.
2. Reduced income affects many and I believe for those between 60 and 65 the full membership fee at present being R560 per year creates a financial burden which increases yearly.
3. A fair proportion of those members between 60 and 65 give up their SARL membership due to financial constraints and as such the SARL not only loses a member but consequently the SARL will lose that financial income. The last thing that SARL needs to lose that income totally.
4. Membership loss will affect the general financial status of the League and should be avoided.
5. A strong SARL is of benefit to all Amateurs in RSA and Membership retention is of paramount and cardinal importance.
5. That a reduced membership fee of R 350 (Three Hundred and Fifty Rands) be applied to those between 60 and 65 yrs.

Recommendation

That this motion be put on the 2026 AGM Agenda, discussed, voted on and adopted.

10. Matters to be brought to the attention of the AGM

10.1 No matters to be brought to the attention of the AGM were received by 31 January 2026.

11. Election of Councillors

11.1 The following Councillors are in the middle of their two-year term of office which ends at the 2027 SARL AGM – Corrie de Beer, ZS6CDB; Guy Eales, ZS6GUY; Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT; Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL and Karel Bezuidenhout, ZS6WN.



11.2 The following Councillors are at the end of their two-year term of office which ends at the 2026 SARL AGM - Dave Higgs, ZS2DH, Chris Turner, ZS6GM, Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT and Dennis Green, ZS4BS. By 31 January 2026, nominations, signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder, were received for Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT; Dennis Green, ZS4BS; Chris Turner, ZS6GM; Kevern Burger, ZR2BK; Gary Immelman, ZS6YI; Noel Hammond, ZR6DX; Danie Schnedler, ZS6DPS and Brian Jacobs, ZS6YZ. No other nominations were received.

11.3 There are five vacancies and eight nominations and in terms of Rule 16.6, Members of council shall be elected by the ordinary members of the League entitled to vote. Such election shall be conducted before the AGM by electronic means under the following conditions:

- a. Only voting on the secure website will be permitted.
- b. Council shall appoint two independent scrutineers that are not councillors nor directly connected to a nominated person.
- c. Online voting will open on the day that AGM notices are dispatched – Thursday 2 April 2026.
- d. Online voting can be accepted up to midnight, eight days before the AGM – Friday 24 April 2026.

11.4 The result of the voting will be announced at the AGM on Saturday 2 May 2026.

12. Discussion Points

12.1 No discussion points received by 31 January 2026.

13. Any other business

13.1 Date of the 2027 SARL AGM.

13.2 Host and venue of the 2027 SARL AGM.

13.3 The recipients of SARL Awards and Trophies for 2025 will be made know at the Awards Dinner.

14. Closure