

**Internet South Africa - AGM 2021**

**Date: Thursday, 24 June 2021**

**Venue: Protea Fire & Ice Hotel, Kloof Street, Cape Town**

**Time: 17:30 - 20:00**

**Members in Attendance: (7)**

Alan Levin  
Adri Loubser  
Coenraad Loubser  
Shaun Courtney  
Andy Rabagliati  
Clive Banditi  
Liberty Bwanali

**Online Attendance: (27)**

Percy Nhau  
Adrian Schofield  
Alan Eloff  
Ant Brooks  
Arthur Goldstuck  
Brian Nkala  
Chris Kotze  
Clement Nyirenda  
Elton Thobejane  
Enoch Mbewe  
Ethan Mudanwanhu  
Gustav Meyer  
Inus Scheepers  
Joey - Techfuse  
Lerato Seema  
Misheck Nyirenda  
Molehe Wesi  
Peter Peele  
Rod  
Sagren Naidoo  
Shaun Pather  
Sullivan Mphahlele  
Thando Malinga  
Towela Nyirenda-Jere  
Varsha Sewlal  
Vusumuzi Bhengu  
William Stucke

## Minutes:

Full presentation and report can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/5VhAIOAjYDY>

The Chairperson welcomed members to the 2nd AGM of Internet South Africa meeting and delivered the Chairperson's report.

### Minutes from previous AGM:

- (2019) The past year:
  - Opened a Bank Account to receive Admin grants
  - Participated and came 2nd in Chapterthon
- (2020) The year ahead:
  - There are many opportunities in 2020
  - Chapterthon 2020
  - 2 x Small Grants to value of \$3500 each. Applications open in April. Anyone can apply with the board's help.
  - 1 x Large Grant for up the \$30,000 over two year. Idea needs to be innovative
- The board in 2020 needs to have a secretary as it's a charter requirement and a requirement for Adri to stand for Chair again.
- Financial Report
- Board Selection

### The past year:

- 83 new members since last AGM
- Participated in Chapterthon 2020 - "I heart the Internet"
  - Chapterthon was to "create a DIY manual"
  - A non-technical manual for incubating networks - please review, discuss, improve, distribute!
- Continued ties with the communities from 2020 and 2019 Chapterthon (Qokolweni and Mthimkulu)
- Two rejected applications for small grants; was advised to rather do a large grant.
- 34 Members participated in the ISOC Fundamentals Program
- ISOC Rankings: Went from a Kilobit to Megabit Chapter

### The year ahead:

- Foundation Grants:
  - Beyond The Net Small Grant
  - Beyond The Net Large Grant
  - Research Grant
  - Internet Governance Grant
- Foundation Fellowships:
  - IGF Youth Ambassadors
  - Early Career Fellowships
  - Mid Career Fellowship (from 2022)
- Local
  - Chapterthon 2021 (deadline is next week)
  - Connect with other members: <https://connect.internetsociety.org/> + Facebook

- Ways to Volunteer and Participate: Blogging, Meetings, Webinar, Videos, etc
- Areas of Improvement
  - Goals and Actions for 2022. Where to from here?

## Financial Report

All finances are in Wave Apps. Access can be requested from the Treasurer

Item		Money Received	Money Spent
Opening Balance	<b>R 24,123.33</b>		
Admin Grant		R 9,232.05	
- AGM (tbc)			R 7,860
- Banking Fees			R 1,369.80
Chapterthon Grant		R 33,258	
- Hardware & Installation			R 31,708
- Copywriting			R 1,350
<b>Total</b>		<b>R 42,490.05</b>	<b>R 42 287.80</b>
<b>Trial Closing Balance</b>	<b>R 24,325.58</b>		

## Q&A:

A range of questions were discussed:

1. (unknown)What do we mean by the ISOC-ZA vs Internet SA split?
  - a. **ISOC-ZA** is a local civil society organisation in local policy development. Needs to raise funds independently.
  - b. **Internet SA** is a member of ISOC Global and represents them as a Chapter in South Africa. ISA also receives funding from ISOC Global
2. (unknown)Is there a founding document (resolution)?
  - a. Yes
  - b. [ISOC-ZA](#)
  - c. [Internet SA](#)
3. Liberty Bwanali: How do young ISP's get help from ISOC? How do they get access to infrastructure and training? Is there a structure available?
  - a. Coenraad responded that we cannot know how to help unless we're asked for specific help.
  - b. ISA is there to do admin and help "keep the vehicle on the road", but they do not "hold the steering wheel". We rely on members to ask for help and take responsibility for their problems and to show the organisation how to help.

- c. Andy also responded: Apply for money! We are a branch of the global Internet Society. Write a proposal and send it to the board, help you get it right for the Internet Society and help you apply.
  - d. ISOC-ZA looks at it from a Government Policy perspective and tries to affect government policy. There is a paper written by Ms Mandla Msimang from Pygma Consulting that is a landmark paper: [Financing universal access to digital technology and services](#).
- 4. Do we have a WISP training course that they would like to trail:
  - a. Adri: Send us your course so we can take a look
  - b. Coenraad: We can support any project that
  - c. Andy says that it sounds amazing, and you should write a proposal
- 5. What type of help can Liberty get access to?
  - a. Adri: Send us your proposal so we can see how we can help
- 6. Goals suggestion for next year: Policy reform opportunity with regards to funding
  - a. Shaun Pather explains: This is with regards to the policy paper that Allen mentioned. Democratizing the internet is important and should be a part of our goals.
  - b. Alan Levin calls this “public policy participation” which would be a function of ISOC-ZA. Yes, it is needed, and people need to get involved in civil society and parliamentary discussions. Alan is happy to support anyone that wants to get involved. If you’re looking for funding however, it needs to be discussed with ISA.
- 7. Peter Peele commented that he is concerned about not getting feedback on his proposals.
  - a. Adri clarified that this is an “ISOC Fundamentals Program” related query.
  - b. Adri requested that she and Peter take up the issue the following day (which has been done)
  - c. Side note: Follow up on your proposals. Everyone is a volunteer.

**Board selection:**

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Roles and responsibilities to be decided at the first board meeting (date tbc).

Sincerely

Adri Loubser  
Chairperson  
25 June 2021