



BOARD MEETING No 38

Date: 17 September 2015 **TIME:** 11:30-14:00 **VENUE:** The Kingdom Hotel

MEMBERS:

Mr P Mtonda	Chairman (pre-election)	ESCOM, Malawi	Present
Ms S Mgonja	Member	TANESCO, Tanzania	Present
Mr G Mulli	Member	KPLC, Kenya	Absent
Mr B Phiri	Member	ZESCO, Zambia	Absent
Mr S Maphumulo	Member	AMEU, South Africa	Apology ¹
Mr B Siso	Chairman (post-election)	ZESA, Zimbabwe	Present
Mr M L Nkoy	Member	SNEL, DR Congo	Absent
Mr M Seitlheko	Member	LEC, Lesotho	Present
Mr S Hatega	Member	UMEME, Uganda	Present
Mr Rick St John	Member	Affiliate Members	Apology
Mr K Msebenzi	Executive Director	PIESA	Present
Mr G Tosen	Secretariat	PIESA	Apology
Mr Jean Venter	Secretariat	PIESA	Apology

1. A SPECIAL MEETING WITH IERE

The three IERE members who came to attend the conference requested to have a special meeting with the board members, before the start of the board meeting. This was essentially for them to reaffirm their continued support for PIESA activities and they wanted to know if PIESA had any issues to discuss. The Executive Director pointed out that there was an initiative to seek further assistance from IERE regarding the electrification project in Northern Uganda. Details of the project will be made available to IERE as they are available.

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The outgoing chairman welcomed the Advisory Committee members to present their reports from the Tuesday meetings. Presentations were made by all except the Electrification Advisory Committee who undertook to submit their report later by email.

3. PRESENTATIONS BY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Environmental Management & Safety	Appendix A
Revenue Protection	Appendix B
Standardization	Appendix C

4. NOMINATIONS OF BOARD CHAIR

¹ Represented by Mr Lawrence Juku

After the departure of the Advisory Committee members, the outgoing chairman opened the formal board meeting by commenting on the trend of poor attendance at both board and advisory committee meetings. Members that attend any meeting should endeavour to feedback information to the utility. He suggested that PIESA feedback should be incorporated into high level management meetings to keep the rest of the utility apprised of PIESA activities. He also commented on the presence of both Namibia and Mozambique as observers with a view to join PIESA.

The outgoing chairman led the discussion regarding the election of a chair for the next two years as per the PIESA constitution. The Executive Director submitted that only 2 nominations had been received, namely Engineer B. Siso from ZESA and Engineer P. Mtonda (the outgoing chair for another term). The outgoing chair explained his situation regarding his contract with ESCOM. The board decided to vote on the 2 candidates, with Eng S. Mgonja chairing the session when the 2 candidates had gone out. The outcome of the election was that Eng B. Siso was elected the new chair for the period 2015 – 2017. The new chair was duly congratulated and was asked by the outgoing chair to take over the chairing of the board meeting.

5. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was read and confirmed.

6. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2015 were read and accepted. The secretariat should communicate with board members from KPLC and ZESCO in particular to find out why there were no participants at the Victoria Falls Conference from these two countries. In response to the requirement stated in the May board meeting for the Advisory Committee and Board meetings to be held on consecutive days, the board decided that at the Africa Utility Week meeting, the Advisory Committees should meet on the Sunday preceding the week of the conference so that the board meeting is on the Monday. Then those who want to leave can do so and those who want to stay for the AUW can also do so.

7. FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The financial statements and budget were dealt with and accepted in the previous board meeting. These were made available for members to comment. It was suggested that when sending the invoices, the Secretariat should cc the email to the board members

8. ANNUAL REPORT

The Executive Director presented the annual report and distributed it to members. More copies were to be distributed at the Annual General Meeting. Members were encouraged to distribute the report in their organisations. An electronic version is available on the PIESA website.

9. REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director gave a summary of the activities since the last board meeting (**Appendix D**). A special report on the efforts to establish a magazine for PIESA was presented (**Appendix E**). The intention had been to launch the magazine at the Victoria Falls Conference. The funding model for

the costs of the production requires no money outflow from PIESA, but from advertising revenues. What was not foreseen was the difficulty in convincing advertisers to fund a launch product without seeing any sample. The ED asked the board to fund a nominal amount to launch the magazine. Details will be discussed with the chairman and is necessary by Round Robin approval by the board.

10. PROGRAMME 2016

Due to time constraints, there was no time for discussing the next conference venue. The Secretariat is looking at some suggestions and is also open to any suggestions from anybody. The two suggestions of Lesotho or Uganda seem not to be ready for the February meeting.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

N/A

12. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

N/A

13. CLOSURE