



## **JB Marks Alumni AGM**

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Date: Saturday, 01 September 2018

Time: 10h00 – 14h00

Venue: EBMTC (Midrand)

MINUTES OF THE JB MARKS ALUMNI GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI MEMBERS HELD AT ELIJAH BARAYI MEMORIAL TRAINING CENTRE (EBMTC) AT 127 NEW ROAD, MIDRAND ON THE 01 September 2018 AT 10H00AM.

**JB Marks Education Trust Fund Staff present:**

1. Mr. Jako Mokgosi – Principal Officer
2. Mr. Nkululeko Ngcobo – Data Management & Financial Administrator
3. Ms. Welsina Sekanka – Alumni Relationship Office
4. Ms. Refilwe Motloane – Professional Development Officer

**JB Marks Alumni Executive present:**

1. Mrs. Nandipha Tselanyane – Chairperson
2. Mr. Tjotso Kuhlase – Deputy Chair Person
3. Mr. Sibusiso Dlamini - Stakeholder Relations Portfolio
4. Ms. Zama Madonsela – Stakeholder Relations Portfolio
5. Mr. Scelo Ncamiso – Finance & Audit Portfolio
6. Ms. Thando Mota – Marketing & Communications Portfolio
7. Mr. Doctor Magera - Marketing & Communications Portfolio
8. Ms. Khokhelwa Zokwana – Community Outreach Portfolio
9. Ms. Nomahlubi Madikgetla – Community Outreach Portfolio
10. Mr. Melikhaya Soboyisi - Student Development Portfolio
11. Ms Noluvu Hodana - Student Development Portfolio

**Apologies**

1. Ms Kamogelo Molefi – Legal & Compliance
2. Ms Kgotatso Makafola – Secretary

**Chairman of the Meeting:** Tjotjo Kuhlase

**Opening**

Mr. Kuhlase, Deputy Chairperson of the Alumni, extended a warm welcome to all the stakeholders present at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the JB Marks Alumni. He requested that the meeting be open with a National Anthem of the Republic of South Africa.

The Chairperson, after confirming that the requisite quorum was present, called the meeting to order and handed over to Mr. Jako Mokgosi, the Principal Officer of JB Marks Education Trust Fund.

## **Item No.1: The Principal Office Report**

The Principal Officer delivered an in-depth presentation of the JB Marks Education Trust Fund and provided a holistic update on the Trust Fund, such as application process, Regions and Financials etc. He also provided an update on the successful outcomes of the 2012 to 2017 Strategy (*5 year Strategy*) and also highlighted some of the activities for 2022 Strategy. Showcased the class of 2017 top graduates who were celebrated and honoured at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual JB Marks Graduation Awards Ceremony.

## **Item No.2: Alumni Report - Chairperson**

The Alumni Chairperson, Mrs. Nandipha Tselanyane, addressed the members and briefed them about the JB Marks Alumni Executive structure and the amendments that were made on the structure due to members who either resigned or were no longer available to serve.

The Chairperson noted the activities of the Alumni during the last fiscal year. She further brought to notice the achievements made by the Alumni over the year and also highlighted the activities the Alumni were unable to accomplish within the same period. The Chairperson highlighted some of the detailed achievement, such as the following:

### **Career Guidance days**

The Chairperson noted that in the past year we have managed to visit several schools. We have been to Mafikeng, Bloemfontein, Klerksdorp, and Swaziland. They are all listed with their number of learners, the impact, and the reach rather, that we were able to make; it is all in the presentation. So, a total of over three thousand (3295) learners that we impacted overall throughout the different provinces. The Chairperson stated that all of this work is done through volunteering and the commitment of the Alumni

### **Mandela Fun Day**

As part of the Mandela Day Celebration, the Alumni identified Children's Home based in Midrand; which housed children from the ages of 0 – 18 years, and the Alumni went on a fundraising program and were able to find partners. The Alumni themselves also donated money to work on the programme and amongst the Alumni. Lone Creek spur sponsored with burgers, cool drinks and lucky packs for the children; Oasis Midrand sponsored with 100 bottles of water; EBMTCC sponsored with meals for the alumni R5180 cash donations from alumni and friends to secure jumping castle, sound etc and other equipment that ensured the success of the event. Soccer and Netball kits from NUM, Scelo team and Moeti

and Face paint by Thobile (Alumni). Clothes, sanitary towels, grocery, toys donations from alumni and friends.

### **Empowerment Dialogue**

Another community outreach programme scheduled for the on Woman's day, the 9<sup>th</sup> of August. Alumni visited an NGO, in Soweto, the NGO has a whole yard of programmes that they give to the communities to empower the young teenagers, those who have been exposed to AIDS and over and above that, they help with the peer-related issues, they assist and mentor.

### **Adopt a school**

Executive Committee previously identified a school in the Port St John's, Eastern Cape. The school is very disadvantaged and this is supported by scientific evidence, scientific research. So, as part of adopting this school, it was really about how we can assist this school. In partnership with the respective stakeholders. The project is underway and we still need sponsorship to finish and close the project.

### **Golf Day, Other Events, Fundraising**

Initially, the Golf Day was scheduled for 2018, and this was just for fundraising purposes to support our programmes. The chairperson reiterated that all these programmes required resources to cater for transport, accommodation. The chairperson stated that a decision was taken to move this to the following year, due to the planning that is required to make this a success. The Chairperson also stated that a number of potential sponsors/donors were identified and would be approached.

The chairperson stated that the Alumni has partnered with the MUM Women's structure and the JB Marks Primary school. The Alumni was later requested to assist the school in the next year in building a library. We also went to the Youth Day Commemoration in the Free State with the MUM Youth structure, this is also part of our marketing, they allow us to promote and just give them an idea of who we are and what we are doing.

### **Q&A Session**

Following the Alumni report, the floor was open for a question and answer session with the executive.

The following questions were posed:

### **Alumni Member:**

Thanked the Chairperson and the Alumni Executive at large for giving us the Annual General Meeting Report. I have questions and recommendations that might also rise as questions.

Questioned the procedure of electing members on the executive and whether the process was open to everyone. Further asked about the Alumni Calendar and whether same was communicated to everyone. Further raised the issue of Alumni who proudly affiliated to the EFF and questioned whether this was not a problem.

### **Sicelo Masuku responded to some of the questions raised**

That every Alumni was eligible to serve on the executive committee. That being involved in various activities of the alumni would provide one with an understanding of the vision and role of the Alumni and encouraged the alumni to reach out to the office that way they would be able to contribute and to do more. That all alumni events were posted on social media platforms etc. that as JB Marks Alumni we are politically aligned to the ANC and political induction of all JB Marks beneficiaries was required at all workshops.

### **Alumni Member:**

Request that the executives should introduce them and which portfolios they represent, before the presentation by the Chairperson.

### **Alumni Member:**

Questioned the attendance of other executive members and whether they had tendered their apologies. That a brief introduction and description of the various portfolios be made to the house.

### **Alumni Member:**

Made a suggestion that all activities of the Alumni be cascaded down to the regions so that they Alumni can popularize what JB Marks is doing for members and the community at large.

### **Chairperson's Response to some of the questions**

#### **Executive Election:**

Clarified the process of election. That the notice would come from the office of the Alumni Relations Officer. That executives are nominated by Alumni to serve in the

structure. The office will send out the responsibilities, the duties that come with serving in the executive committee. Further took note of all the suggestions. What we also must remember is that we are executives, there are internal policies, powers that relates to executive decisions that can be made. It is also important that, for the purposes of functionality, we are empowered to make decisions but in the event that that decision requires the Alumni it will be communicated.

#### Alumni Member:

Asked why is the executive centralized and not decentralized throughout the country; in other words, why do we not have pockets of leaderships throughout.

#### The Chairperson

Responded that It is something that we have tried for years, however that would highly depend on the availability of Alumni in those provinces and. That is the ideal situation. And that is what we want. But that has not happened because of availability.

#### Alumni Member

Noted that his views about AGM, is that it doesn't have finish time and has expectation of an AGM has not been met and noted that the fact that we have to be harassed into our questions, that's problematic. Second, he noted the AGM being an information session

#### Alumni Member

Noted issues of not having access to the constitution it's problematic and noted that a lot of the questions that have been raised should be addressed by the constitution. Also asked what happens when the Alumni is not happy, is the a motherboard available

#### Alumni Member:

Thanked the executive team and appreciated the work done thus far.

#### Deputy Chairperson's Response to some of the questions:

The National Union of Mine Workers, is the Trade Union. that represent their workers once they are employed; 1: members are not compelled to join the African National Congress. If they are however, when you are assured to that the expectation is that you should be; you must – not should, you must be an ANC member, because we are in alliance with the African National Congress, SACP and Cosatu.

And the role that the African National Congress, together with their alliance is playing in the communities. The issue of political induction must be taken forward and addressed to ensure that we educate our JB Marks learners. Because it is the role of the National Union of Mine Workers that has failed in as far as making sure that we popularize what we are doing and also in political education.

**Chairperson's Response to some of the questions:**

Thank you. I am going to answer the last question. I think the principal office is open. If you feel like there are issues are not being adequately addressed here, everybody in the office can assist. From the principal officer, to all the staff members.

**The New Team Is:**

Portfolio	Position	Name	Graduation Year
	<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Nandipha Tselanyane</i>	<i>2013</i>
	<i>Vice Chairperson</i>	<i>Tjotjo Kuhlase</i>	<i>2015</i>
	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Kgothatso Makhafola</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>Stakeholder Relations</i>	<i>Portfolio Head</i>	<i>Sibusiso Dlamini</i>	<i>2016</i>
	<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Zama Madonsela</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Community Outreach</i>	<i>Portfolio Head</i>	<i>Khokhelwa Zokwana</i>	<i>2017</i>
	<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Nomahlubi Madikgetla</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Student Development</i>	<i>Portfolio Head</i>	<i>Melikhaya Soboyisi</i>	<i>2014</i>
	<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Noluvo Hodana</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Marketing &amp; Communications</i>	<i>Portfolio Head</i>	<i>Thando Mota</i>	<i>2017</i>
	<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Doctor Magera</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>Finance Committee</i>	<i>Portfolio Head</i>	<i>Sicelo Ncamiso</i>	<i>2014</i>
	<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Ntseliseng Qopana</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Legal &amp; Compliance</i>	<i>Portfolio Head</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>2014</i>
	<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>vacant</i>	

The Chairperson maintained that the Alumni projects and activities are open to all Alumni members to participate. Communications regarding this will be shared on the JB Marks Social Media platforms or contact Ms. Welsina Sekanka from the office and members can volunteer to participate.

**Item No.3: Closure & Announcement**

Chairperson noted that if you look at our structure the issue of political education is addressed in our structure. Maybe it is the 'how' part that we should focus on. The chairperson appealed that, to those who do not have experience, come into the Alumni. The ideal situation is the Alumni out there flying the flag of JB Marks; this is our proposal of JB Marks, this is what we are doing. With regards to the issue of recognition outside academics; there is an Alumni Leader of the Year Award which is given to an excelling Alumni.

The concerns raised have been noted. Executive structure can only improve and it was helpful to have people who gave input. Positive input and constructive criticism.

Chairperson thanked the Executive Committee and all Alumni for their efforts.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 14:30 p.m.

Announced lunchtime and gala dinner logistics.

Acceptance of Minutes

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_