



BOTANICAL SOCIETY
OF SOUTH AFRICA

Notice: Dated 10 March 2023

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS TO BE HELD ON Saturday 11 March 2023

with Orientation at 10:00 and meeting proceeding to commence at 10:30 to 12:30 (SAST) via the Zoom platform.

The Zoom link for the meeting will be open for joining from 10:00 SAST.
Link to RSVP for in person attendance: <https://bit.ly/botsocsgm11March23>

BotSoc is currently in transition as it navigates through the various changes that have come about due to the review of the Collaboration Agreement between BotSoc and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI). We recognize that the changes to our member benefits, as a result of SANBI's withdrawal of the free garden access benefit, from all except Life members is an important matter for us to discuss. We are therefore calling for a Special General Meeting.

Agenda:

Welcome, attendance and confirmation of Quorum by the Chairperson of Council Kyra Lunderstedt

1. Feedback on the SANBI Collaboration Review.
2. Life Membership and associated guest entry benefits

Q&A session

3. Resolution 1: Revised membership category fees (refer to Resolution 3 AGM 2 July 2022) (Voting)
4. Resolution 2: Change reference of Corporate membership to Corporate Donor in support of Fundraising. (Voting)
5. Resolution 3: Inclusion of Affiliate membership as a membership category. (Voting)

Q&A Session

6. Consultation and information sharing aligned to the general benefits for members, including the *Veld & Flora* magazine.
7. Fundraising programme and the BotSoc Heritage Circle.
8. Conservation themes and future plans.
9. Q&A and General
 - 9.1 Additional Resolutions proposed by Jonathan Schrire and Seconded by Prof Eugene Moll (Voting online to accommodate recent submission)

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Resolution 4: That Council make available in full for all Members, by 13th March 2023,

- a) The most recent signed Collaboration Agreement between BotSoc and SANBI;
- b) The latest draft of the proposed revision of the above Collaboration Agreement;
- c) All legal opinions obtained which relate to SANBI's intention to remove benefits from both Life and Ordinary BotSoc members.

Resolution 5: That Council does not enter into any further binding agreements with SANBI, including the proposed revision of the Collaboration Agreement, unless and until this is approved by vote at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 1st July 2023.

9.2 Questions received by Independent Scrutineer

10. Thanks and closing

Council has decided on an online zoom SGM to ensure maximum reach nationally and internationally, and to minimize unplanned expenditure associated with having a hybrid or in person SGM. This is especially considering the current circumstances and the financial austerity measures toward securing the sustainability of the organization.

Online voting will be available for those members present in the zoom meeting that have **not** submitted a Proxy or Vote form via email or physical submission at our National office.

Varying load shedding timetables nationally might affect online voting and will be outside the control of the BotSoc. Contingency measures will be announced at the start of the meeting.

Documentation:

1. All Proposed Resolution Motivations and Background for SGM 11 March 2023 (Additional Proposal submitted also uploaded on website)
2. Past Resolutions as presented at the AGM held on 2 July 2022

3. Proxy voting form

For email or physical submission by no later than 10:00 am on Friday 10 March 2023 to the Independent Auditor, Ms Annelie Esterhuysen, at botsocsgm11032023@gmail.com for verification, or at the BotSoc National Office, Gate 2, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, Rhodes Drive, Newlands. A post box slot is available for after-hours submission.

4. Member Voting form

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Please note the closing submission date on your calendar:

Proxy votes close 10:00 am on Friday 10 March 2023

Postal votes close 10:00 am on Friday 10 March 2023

Questions close 10:00 am on Friday 10 March 2023 with submission to the Independent Independent Scrutineer/ Auditor at botsocsgm11032023@gmail.com