

## Questions about the project in terms of governance:

The following are excerpts from a report written to PAWC, the provincial government Department under whom we are registered.

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### **Accessibility to Broader Community**

*How does the management committee/board ensure that the AGM is accessible to other role-players, beneficiaries and the broader community?*

We send newsletters to all our donors and other NPOs on our database; we advertise in the Argus Newspaper. We inform the parents of the children in our community programme who are our community base, the civic in the area, the school clinic, and the teachers of the schools our children attend.

*How long may a member serve on the management committee/board before the member must be replaced to enable new members of the community to join the organisation?*

New members join the organisation all the time. **Membership** is geared to giving poorer people a voice because anyone who donates anything, no matter how small, material or cash, has a right to vote.

Although nothing is stipulated in the constitution which is drawn up according to NPO standards and has to be passed by them, the **Management Committee** may not hold the same office more than 3 years running. Every year the committee looks for new members and usually they are elected.

*How often does the management committee/board meet?*

Once a month.

*Do the management committee/board receive training?*

Training is done every 3 to 4 years depending on the need. This includes training in the King Commission standards and procedures of managing the project with regard to M & E. Some committee members attended counselling training and AIDs training with staff members. Financial training has been done in the past. Committee members do have training in many aspects from their own work places, and previous experience.