



SACLAP NEWS



South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession

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Message from the President

We have come the end of one of the most eventful year in the history of SACLAP. I feel privileged to be at the helm of this organisation during this time.

SACLAP has grown in leaps and bounds thanks to the dedication of the former Council and the Registrar. We continue to enjoy support of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Council for the Built Environment (CBE). In the past year some of the major milestones attained are as follows:

- * Procurement of a full time Registrar and Assistant to the Registrar
- * The successful implementation of the specified category of Landscape Managers
- * The finalization of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy
- * Accreditation of the programmes at the University of Cape Town and the University of Pretoria
- * The move to new office space (thanks to the CBE)

In the last quarter of the last financial year, we unfortunately saw the resignation of Mr Barend Smit as Council President. In line with section 7(2) of the Landscape Architectural Professions Act, I assumed the role of President for the remainder of the Council's Term. At the Inaugural meeting of the 5th Council on the 20th of October 2017, the Council elected me as President. SACLAP begins this term of office with great optimism and hope.

The focus of this Council is to promote, sustain and stabilize the Landscape profession. This will involve active advocacy and engagement with all stakeholders. Defining the value add of our profession in national infrastructure development and maintenance is a priority. The provincial and local authorities as well as the tertiary institutions are important partners in this goal.

In striving to sustain and promote the profession, Council will also prioritise transformation. The new Council will also be reviewing all the organisational policies and procedures to ensure alignment to our mandate and those of the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) and the Department of Public Works (DPW). We are further committed to enhancing the relationship with the voluntary associations such as ILASA, IERM, SALI and etc.



Thabo Munyai

SACLAP PRESIDENT

"SACLAP WISHES ALL ITS STAKEHOLDERS A HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS 2018"



Third quarter activities

This quarter has been very eventful especially with the end of the term of the 4th term Council and the beginning of the term of the 5th Term Council. Between the 31 August 2017 and the 20th October 2017 not much could be done.

The appointment of the New SACLAP Registrar Cecilia Chinga was endorsed by the 5th term Council on recommendation of the 4th Term Council at the inaugural meeting on 20 October 2017. Her Assistant Phindile Tsepetsi commenced her appointment on 1 October 2017.

Cecilia Chinga comes with a wealth of experience having worked at two Built Environment Professional Councils (BEPC) - The South African Council for the Architectural Profession(SACAP) and the South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP).

CBE offers SACLAP office space

Monday 2 October 2017 marked a significant milestone in the history of SACLAP. As the CBE continues in its quest to offer assistance and shared services to the BEPC, a landmark lease agreement was signed. SACLAP has two offices and is able to utilize CBE facilities such as meeting and boardroom space .

LM RPL interviews

November was a very busy time as SACLAP conducted interviews for 6 Landscape Management RPL applicants. The process which was recently concluded yielded very good results. The outcomes will be publicized in the next issue after all the applicants have confirmed receipt of the results. Congratulations to all the applicants who were successful . SACLAP urges them to play an active part in developing the profession as mentors and employers.

LA PRAP resubmission review sessions

A number of candidates that did not fair well in the August process were given an opportunity to resubmit supplementary project reports for Section 2. Others applied for the remark of the Section 3 Environmental Report.

Congratulations to all the candidates who were successful after the resubmission of Section 2 and or Section 3 . SACLAP urges them to play an active part in developing the profession as mentors and employers.



Newly elected SACLAP President giving his inaugural speech

BERNADETTE EKSTEEN (BORN

VOLLMER) RESIGNS AS SACLAP REGISTRAR



SACLAP saw the resignation of the longtime Registrar with effect from 31 October 2017.

Bernadette as she has been fondly known to most of the sector has contributed immensely to the profession through her tireless work at the helm of the Council as the part time Registrar.

She has decided not to be involved in any of the SACLAP committees for now.

"I want to be away for at least six months or so because I have been too close to SACLAP for a long time."

A registered Professional Landscape Architect Bernadette has been involved with SACLAP for over 10 years. Her contribution over the years ranged from being a Council member , administrator and secretariat and finally Registrar.

SACLAP will forever remain indebted to her. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

INAUGURATION OF SACLAP COUNCIL 2017 –2021

The Council was officially inaugurated on 20 October 2017 at the CBE Office. Ms Priscilla Mdlalose, CEO of the CBE was Director of Programmes. The Deputy Director General (Regional Co-ordination) at the DPW Mr Butcher Matutle represented The Minister of Public Works Mr Nathi Nhleko.

Mr Matutle began his speech by congratulating the newly appointed CEO at the CBE. And thanked the outgoing Council for the work that they had performed during their term of office. He welcomed the new Council and encouraged them to maintain a close relationship with the outgoing Council in a bid to continue growing the profession. He encouraged the new Council to lead with distinction and produce quality results.

He further encouraged the Council to work as a team and ensure alignment with the programmes of the Department of Public Works with specific focus on the Minister's Policy Statement, which focused on issues that mattered most and needed immediate intervention. He elaborated on the 5-point plan which included the Department, Parliament, Portfolio Committee, The Sector and MINMEC.

He explained that the DPW was revitalized and over 200 appointments had been made to ensure operationalization of the Strategic Plan and the success of the NDP.

Transformation in the Built Environment Sector remains a very important issue. He encouraged the Council to be progressive and to build capacity and make a meaningful change in the redistribution of wealth .

Mr Matutle , on behalf of the Minister, pledged support for the growth and sustainability of SACLAP.

Council held their first meeting immediately after they were officially inaugurated. the following were elected:

PRESIDENT—Thabo Munyai

VICE PRESIDENT—Frans van Wyk

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Finance Committee—Francis Nzama

Prof Practice Committee—Edward Hutamo

Education Committee—Fran van Wyk

Registration Committee—Elize van Staden

LM Registration Subcomm—Elize van Staden

LA Registration Subcomm—Willie Mothowamodimo



Back standing: Willie Mothowamodimo, Gregory Mofokeng, Ralene Fischer, Butcher Matutle, (DPW DDG) Elize van Staden, Dr Francis Nzama & Edward Hutamo.

Front seated: Bernedette Eksteen, Former SACLAP Registrar, Thabo Munyai (President), Frans van Wyk (Vice President) and Priscilla Mdlalose (CBE CEO)

Committee reports to Council 30 Nov 2017

1. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Academic Forum held in November was well represented. Planning of Accreditation visits to TUT and UNISA in progress

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance committee will review the SACLAP policies next year. The 2017/18 budget appears to be as per projection, subject to SACLAP being able to collect receivables before the end of the financial year. The Secretariat to follow up on unpaid invoices.

3. Professional Practice

The review of CPD submissions to be undertaken next year by the Registrar and the committee. Registered Professionals whose registration validity if lapsing are reminded to submit their returns. More details to be announced early in 2018.

4. Registration

The two sub committees of the Registration committee started the term with a number of activities.

Compulsory Mentor and Candidate workshops will be held early next year. All candidates regardless of the number of months are requested to attend. This will help to reduce the failure rate.

RPL and registration by review processes will also take place early in the new year.

Dates and details will be communicated as soon as Council approves

Important Dates to Note

SACLAP WILL PERIODICALLY SHARE IMPORTANT DATES AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION.

SACLAP CLOSES	15 DECEMBER 2017
SACLAP OPENS	8 JANUARY 2018
CANDIDATE APPLICATION FOR PRAP PROCESS CLOSES	23 FEBRUARY 2018
LM RPL REGISTRATION OPENS	23 FEBRUARY 2018
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31 MARCH 2018
ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE PAYABLE	1 APRIL 2018—31 MAY 2018

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