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Dear registered Professionals, Candidates and Stakeholders

SACLAP hopes that the third quarterly newsletter finds you well and so close to the end of the year (....or almost!). It is that time of the year when everyone is beginning to feel the impact of another busy year and trying to finalise work before the holiday season.

The past three months has been a very busy time for SACLAP and we take this opportunity to update you accordingly:

COUNCIL MATTERS

Pieter Ackerman, a state representative has resigned. SACLAP is in the process of assisting the Department of Public Works to replace him.

SACLAP would like to congratulate Abbigail El Mohamadi and Ilham Gabier on the birth of their babies.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Registration Policy

The Registration Policy is in the process of being amended, following a robust workshop session with all involved in the month of August. The current policy will remain valid until the new policy is approved by the Council and gazetted.

Professional Exams:

As per the previous newsletter, the exams took place in June 2014. Five (5) candidates wrote in Johannesburg and three (3) in Cape Town of which five (5) wrote in order to be registered as Professional Landscape Architects and three (3) as Professional Landscape technologists. The outcome of the Professional examinations is as follows:

- Four (4) passed and qualified to be registered as professionals.
- Three (3) have to re-write the Environmental Planning Process Paper on the 1st November 2014 in Pretoria, Cape Town and Durban, and the results would be made available, early in 2015.
- One (1) failed outright and has the opportunity to re-write the Environmental Section as mentioned above (November 2014) or sit for all three Professional Registration Papers in June 2015.

Interview (Recognition of Prior Learning) Route

Six (6) applicants were confirmed and the evaluations took place at the beginning of June 2014 in Gauteng only. The outcome of this process is as follows:

- One (1) applicant was upgraded to a Professional Landscape Architect as she was assessed in previous interview processes and also passed the professional registration examination.
- Three (3) applicants were confirmed to be Candidate Landscape Architects.
- One (1) applicant was retained as a Candidate Landscape Architect.
- One (1) applicant was retained as a Candidate Landscape Technologist.

SACLAP welcomes the following individuals into the professional fraternity:

Warren Lange	Professional Landscape Architect
Su Ann Brüschen	Professional Landscape Architect
Donovan Gillman	Professional Landscape Architect
Elize Meyer	Professional Landscape Architect
Fiona Smith	Professional Landscape Technologist

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The SACLAP Professional Practice Committee met on a monthly basis from January to May 2014 and meetings are now held every second month.

- The amendments to the **CPD and Voluntary Association Policies** are still in progress.
- The process for the **2015 CPD submissions** are as follows:
 - ✓ Registered professionals to submit on or before March 2015.
 - ✓ From the 1 April 2015, a new policy will be circulated for public comment.
 - ✓ From the 1 June 2015, there will be a new policy for implementation.
 - ✓ SACLAP will inform registered persons by the 1 July 2015 of the outcome of CPD point allocation and then issue new professional registration certificates.
- Since the last newsletter, the Competition Commission has requested more information from SACLAP on **Identification of Work** which was prepared and submitted by the Registrar. Subsequently more questions have arisen.
- The Competition Commission has also received the application for exemption from SACLAP regarding the **Professional Fees Guidelines**. No feedback has been received to date. The last gazetted guideline professional fees are dated April 2013.
- Thank you to all the individuals that have sent **certified copies of their IDs and Qualifications**. If you have not done so yet, kindly forward to SACLAP, at your earliest convenience. Please note that SACLAP requires these documents for governance purposes and so your co-operation would be highly appreciated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SACLAP has requested a meeting with the Department of Public Works to obtain additional funding that is required to further develop the SACLAP and deliver on its mandates. A meeting is scheduled to take place with National Treasury on the 17th October 2014, to resolve the matter.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee's progress is as follows:

- The Education Committee met with Professor Naidoo from the Council of Higher Education (CHE) in August 2014. CHE is considering partnering with other Built Environment Professional Councils when undertaking accreditations.

NEW REGISTRATION CATEGORIES TASK TEAM

The Task Team continues to meet on a monthly basis. A roundtable event took place on the 4th and 5th of August 2014 at the Unisa Campus in Florida, Johannesburg.

The event was well attended on both days and after two days of rigorous brainstorming the following should be noted:

- The context of the new registration category is within the Built Environment (BE) in terms of the outcome of the visits to the tertiary institutions. It is clear that horticulture could either service the BE or could register professionally with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP).
- RPL has to be factored in, due to the diversity of backgrounds and skills in new registration categories that are to be formed.
- The meeting agreed that the Landscape Managers and Ornamental Horticulturists can be amalgamated and have four streams of registration and the name of this discipline is to be resolved jointly by all stakeholders.

GENERAL

The following items are shared for your information:

- **Council for the Built Environment:**

The Inauguration of the fourth term CBE councillors took place on the 5th September 2014 at the CBE office. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Ida Marie Breed and Ancunel Steyn (SACLAP nominations) were appointed to the Council.

The keynote address was made by the Honourable TW Nxesi MP, Minister of Public Works. His speech focussed on the achievements of the outgoing third term Council which included the following below but not limited to:

- ✓ Facilitating the process of the six Built Environment Professional Councils (BEPCs) as co-signatories to the Construction Health and Safety Accord;
- ✓ The co-championing of the Skills Plan for the government's infrastructure roll-out programme under the leadership of the Department of Higher Education and Training;
- ✓ The formulation of a transformation implementation framework and model.

He further highlighted the challenges of the CBE namely:

- ✓ Corporate governance
- ✓ Slow pace of transformation which is confronted by the CBE and all six BEPCs.

To download the full speech by Minister Nxesi, follow this link [\(CBE\) Inauguration of the 4th Term Council in Pretoria](#) .

- **Professional Consultants Services Agreement Committee (PROCSA)** - please take note that as per previous correspondence, the Landscape Architect/Client Agreement of SACLAP has been replaced by the PROCSA agreement which consists of :
 1. Agreement : Terms and Conditions
 2. Annexure A: Schedule (Schedule of Project variables)
 3. Annexure B: Services (Scope of Services specific to each discipline).

This document can be accessed and purchased on the [PROCSA website](#).

- **Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)** – SACLAP successfully launched the OHS guideline document on 3rd and 10th October 2014 in Gauteng and Cape Town respectively. Although the attendance was not as good as expected, SACLAP will present further workshops and training on the OHS in 2015.

- **Department of Public Works:** SACLAP continues to engage with the Department and has raised further issues and concerns for deliberation. It is hoped that further meetings will take place soon in order to resolve the outstanding matters.

SACLAP would also like to place on record its appreciation and gratitude to all, for your commitment, time and input from time to time on various matters to develop and grow the industry.

Feel free to write to the Registrar, Bernadette Vollmer (registrar@saclap.org.za) should you have any suggestions, concerns, questions etc. that you would like the Council to address.

Yours sincerely

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