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Dear registered Professionals, Candidates and Stakeholders,

With 2014 well on its way, the new council is finding its feet and is happy to report as follows on numerous items:

COUNCIL MATTERS

On the 19th of February 2014, SACLAP met with numerous stakeholders and held a Strategic Planning Session. The session was facilitated by Mr Alan Brews of Strat Align. The Council is reviewing and finalising the outcome of the Strategic Session and will be sharing the new vision, key goals and objectives with the landscape sector in the near future.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Candidates and Mentors are once again advised that SACLAP has amended the timeframes for candidacy deliverables in order to make the examinations more readily accessible to newly graduated individuals. A declaration form has also been generated, specifically for the mentors to assist in the evaluation of the candidate's progress. All candidates and registered professionals are to familiarise themselves with the amended documents and timeframes. Submission of these documents should follow the timeframes below.

The confirmed dates for the registration process in 2014 are as follows:

Candidate Route:

1. Submission of all candidacy documentation as per the Registration Policy for those that are eligible to write the professional registration examinations is moved, as per emails to candidates, to the **14 March 2014**.
2. SACLAP will confirm the examination entrance eligibility with candidates no later than end of April 2014.
3. The Compulsory Candidate Workshops will be held on **10 May 2014 in Cape Town & 17 May 2014 in Gauteng** (confirmation of the venues and times will follow shortly).
4. The Professional Registration Examination will take place on Saturday **7 June 2014**. The venues and times will be confirmed in due course.

Interview (Recognition of Prior Learning) Route:

1. Submission of all documentation (as per the Registration Policy Document) for those that are eligible for interviews is moved to **17 April 2014**.
2. SACLAP is to confirm eligibility for an interview by no later than end of May 2014.
5. The Interviews will be held in **June / July 2014** pending the number of applications received. The venues and times will be confirmed in due course.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The finalisation of the CPD Policy and the Voluntary Association Policy is well underway and should be circulated for public comment in the first quarter of 2014/2015 financial year.

On another note:

- SACLAP has been engaging with the Competition Commission on a number of matters regarding the Identification of Work process. SACLAP is expecting the final recommendations from the Commission in the first quarter of the 2014/2015 financial year. Current indications are that this milestone will be met as indicated in the November 2013 meeting with the Competition Commission. Once the outcome of the exemption application process has been received, the Regulations relating to the IDOW will be finalised and promulgated for Public Comment and then signed into law to effect the IDOW.
- SACLAP has also started engaging with the Competition Commission regarding the gazetting of professional guideline fees. A payment of R100 000.00 has to be made by SACLAP to take this matter forward. To date, SACLAP is trying to source the money to pay the Competition Commission. On the other hand, the Council is questioning whether the gazetting of Professional Fees is in fact beneficial to the profession. More information will be shared in the future newsletters.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has prepared a budget for the 2014 / 2015 financial year. As soon as it has been finalised it can be made available on request.

Please note that the financial year end for SACLAP is 31 March 2014. In line with this, all the SACLAP rates will be increased as of 1 April 2014. A mailer indicating the new rates was disseminated recently by the Secretariat.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SACLAP confirms that the Education Committee consists of Mr Gregory Mofokeng and Mr Frans van Wyk. Frans is also the chairperson of this committee. SACLAP is currently in the process of expanding the committee by sourcing key professionals to enhance the workings of the committee.

GENERAL

The following items are shared for your information:

- **Council for the Built Environment Nominations:** As per the emails sent out, the professionals, candidates and stakeholders were requested to forward nominations to the Registrar. Thank you to those that availed themselves for nomination. The Registrar will round robin the list to Council Members for the final four nominations that will be submitted to the CBE.
- **Construction, Health and Safety Accord:** SACLAP is a signatory to this Accord. The vision is “zero harm through collaborative action in the construction sector”. SACLAP has circulated the recent regulations that were promulgated to all in a separate email.
- SACLAP is, as per the Strategic Plan of 2013 – 2014 in the process of finalising the appointment of a Service Provider to prepare a guideline document relating to the **Occupational Health and Safety** that highlights specific aspects relevant to the landscape architectural profession. Interaction with all stakeholders will take place once a draft has been approved by Council.

Please 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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