



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

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Report on the second quarter of the 2017/2018 financial year

Dear SACLAP Registered Professionals, Candidates, Students and Stakeholders,

SACLAP trusts that this finds you well and brings you the latest update on the various mandates of the Council.

1. COUNCIL AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS

1.1 Meet the new Council

As per the Announcement on 23 October 2017, the new Council was inaugurated and are as follows:



Back standing: Willie Mothowamodimo, Gregory Mofokeng, Ralene Fischer, Elize van Staden, Dr Francis Nzama & Edward Hutamo.

Front seated: Thabo Munyai (President) & Frans van Wyk (Vice President).

Apology: Herman de Lange, Resigned: Prof Richard Martin Hendrick

1.2 Important milestones achieved since the previous Quarter

- The first and the second **CBE Quarterly Reports** have been submitted.
- The **Professional Registration Assessment Process** outcomes were made known at the end of August 2017. Well done to those who passed and are now professionally registered.
- The procurement process was undertaken for the **Registrar** to replace Bernadette Vollmer and her assistant Aso Balan. The process was concluded and SACLAP is happy to announce the appointment of Cecilia Chinga as registrar and Phindile Tsepetsi as her assistant.
- The **2017 – 2021 Council** has been appointed and inaugurated on 20 October 2017.

1.3 Work under way

- All the committees of Council are to be re-constituted within the next month to proceed where the out-going Council left off.
- The mentor workshops for the landscape architectural profession are to be re-scheduled.
- The workshops for the landscape architectural candidates are to be scheduled.
- The workshops for the landscape management profession are to be scheduled to guide individuals as to how the registration processes unfold.
- Dates are to be set for various processes for the coming year.

2. REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The following important dates and activities are to be noted:

2.2 Professional Registration Assessment Process for 2017 – Landscape Architectural Profession

The Council takes note of all the queries that have been received from candidates relating to certain sections. Please be advised that the issues are being looked into, and with the new committees that are being established, the matters will be addressed as soon as possible.

2.3 Workshop for the Landscape Management Professions

Dates to follow.

2.4 Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for the Landscape Management Profession

As per the previous email that was circulated by the IERM and SALI, please be reminded of the following important date for the Registration by Review (RPL) for the Landscape Managers:

- **Round 4 closing for submission on 2 February 2018:** Evaluation outcome anticipated end of May 2018

The details of what the submission entails are set out in the Registration Policy as well as the Addendum for the Landscape Management Profession which can be found on the SACLAP website (www:saclap.org.za).

2.5 Registration Policy & the Addendum for the Landscape Architectural Profession

In line with the new categories of registration with SACLAP, the following is to be noted:

- i. Candidate Landscape Architectural Technologists that have attained an Honours qualification are to please ensure that SACLAP has a copy of the latest qualification that has been received.
- ii. As a result of the new policy, the Professional Landscape Architectural Technologists (NQF 7) who qualify for upgrading to Professional Senior Landscape Architectural Technologists will be contacted in this regard. An upgrade process is being established and individuals will be advised of the necessary requirements and timeframes in due course.

2.6 Free Student Registration

SACLAP continues to register students (at no cost to the student), who are currently completing their studies in Landscape Architecture and Landscape Technology or other programmes relating to the professions. This allows students to remain up to date on SACLAP matters and in preparation for entry to the professional realm. Should you be interested and in need of an application form, visit the website on www.saclap.org.za and click on the download section where you will find the necessary form.

3. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

3.1 Code of Practice and Fee Protocol

This document was due for revision in the fourth quarter of the last financial year (January to March 2017) unfortunately this deliverable has not been reached due to capacity within the Registrar's Office. If anyone is available to assist, please contact the Registrar's Office – I have had no takers as yet.

Please also be advised that it has come to the attention of SACLAP that substantial discounting of fees is being practised. SACLAP requests that you please be responsible when tendering / quoting for projects.

3.2 Continued Professional Development (CPD) 2018 for the Landscape Architectural Profession

A reminder to all registered professionals that you need to submit your annual CPD by 30 March 2018.

The individuals that are in year five need to undertake a full five year submission, on as per the template on the website, also by 30 March 2017. If you are not sure which year you fall under, then please contact the Phindile (administrator@saclap.org.za).

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

4.1 Financial Sustainability of SACLAP

To date no feedback has been received from DPW. Following up continues.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5.1 Academic Forum Matters

A meeting has not been held in this period. The next meeting is scheduled for early in November.

5.2 Accreditation

The visits for 2018 are in the process of being planned.

6. GENERAL

The following items are shared for your information:

6.1 Council matters

Mr Jimmy Hendrick informed SACLAP that due to unforeseen family matters he cannot take up the role of being a council member. Bernadette Vollmer has taken up the matter with DPW and will revert as and when a response has been obtained.

6.2 Committee Matters

As the committees are currently being re-constituted, SACLAP reminds all registered professionals that volunteers are welcome. If you are interested to serve on any committee, please contact Phindile (administrator@saclap.org.za).

6.3 SACLAP Registrar's Office

The office of the Registrar has relocated to Pretoria. Space is being shared within the CBE office space. The new physical address of SACLAP is as follows:

**Corobay Corner, Block A 2nd Floor
169 Corobay Avenue, Waterkloof Glen, Pretoria.**

Tel: 087 980 9846

SACLAP reminds you to please contact the Registrar at registrar@saclap.org.za for additional queries and comments on matters affecting the landscape professions.

Yours sincerely

Thabo Munyai (President)