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Dear registered professionals and candidates,

This year is the actual start of the serious work that this Council will have to undertake. The challenges that Council and the professions would have to face have not diminished but rather increased. Council would to the best of its ability try to serve the profession and would like to extend an open invitation to any registered professional and member of the public to bring to the attention of Council any matter that is a concern or may impact on the profession.

CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

With SACLAP having appointed a secretariat some time ago, we are in a position to begin formalising and monitoring the CPD process. **We remind all registered professionals that you are to submit your CPD points by the end of May 2010.** Please allocate all your points that you have accumulated to date. The form that is to be used can be found on the SACLAP website ([www:saclap.org.za](http://www.saclap.org.za)). A list of accredited activities can be found on the ILASA website ([www:ilasa.co.za](http://www.ilasa.co.za)) .

Due to the fact that this system has not been up and running efficiently and effectively in this 4 year cycle, SACLAP will not penalise registered professionals for not having accumulated the full number of points.

Please note that failure to submit your points to date will result in the registered professional being suspended from the list of registered professionals. Should you have any queries please contact the secretariat at the details provided above.

NEWS IN BRIEF

REGISTRATION ISSUES

A reminder to all candidate landscape architects, candidate landscape technologists, candidate landscape technicians and candidate landscape assistants that the exam will be written on Saturday 6 March 2010. We wish all the candidates well!

Council is attempting to increase the numbers of registered professionals and a number of individuals that were not registered but had the qualifications and experience have recently become registered through a process of review. Congratulation to Johan Hosten, Pierre Joubert, Grieta Webb and Berdene Farrell for becoming registered professional landscape architects.

COUNCIL MATTERS

As the new Council has found its feet with mostly new Council members and continues to do so, we would like to bring to your attention that the Committee Chairpersons have been re-allocated and are now as follows:

- Tania du Plessis – Registration Committee Chairperson
- Bernadette Vollmer - Professional Practice Committee Chairperson

- Bernice Rumble – Finance Committee Chairperson
- Neal Dunstan – Education Committee Chairperson
- Ida-Marie Strydom – Legislation Committee Chairperson

REGISTRAR POSITION

Towards the end of last year SACLAP advertised the Registrar position. A number of applications were received. SACLAP is now in the process of analysing the applications together with other alternatives that have come to light. The outcome of this will be made know as soon as possible.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Professional Fee Guideline Document that was published as a draft last September is in the final stages of completion. The final draft will be gazetted and then placed on the SACLAP website.

The PROCSA document, which sets out a contract between the client and the landscape architect is also in the final stage of completion and will be sent back to PROCSA to augment their current suite of documents.

CBE NOMINATIONS

All Councils in the built environment were requested to nominate individuals to serve on the new term of the CBE that starts in May 2010. SACLAP nominated the following experienced professional landscape architects in order for the CBE to select from for appointment to its new Council: Hendrik van der Hoven, Menno Klapwijk and Neal Schoof have availed themselves.

IDENTIFICATION OF WORK DOCUMENT

SACLAP has submitted its final draft to the CBE. The CBE will now follow the process to have the Competition Commission to comment on the document. It is our understanding that the draft regulations will be published for comment. Once it has been approved it will be finally gazetted.

Please feel free contact Council should you feel we can be of assistance to you.

Regards

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President of Council