



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

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Dear registered professionals and candidates,

NONIMATIONS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2009 – 2013 - Nominations for the Council members of the SACLAP

In terms of the Section 4.(1) of the Landscape Architectural Profession Act No. 45 of 2000, SACLAP is to invite registered persons, the voluntary associations and the State to nominate persons who are eligible to serve as Council members. Furthermore, Council also extends the invitation to the public to submit nominations. Nominations are to be submitted in writing on the nomination form that can be found on the website (www.saclap.org.za) to the Secretary (details above) no later than 1 June 2009 together with a 1 page CV of the nominee. For more information refer to the website.

DRAFT IDENTIFICATION OF WORK DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

In terms of the Section 26.(1) c of the Landscape Architectural Profession Act No. 45 of 2000 the SACLAP must prepare an Identification of Work Document that sets out the type of landscape architectural work which may be performed by persons registered in terms of the Act. SACLAP hereby gives notice of the Draft Identification of Work Document for public comment in order to comply with the Statutory requirement of Section 26.(2) of the above stated Act. This document can be found and downloaded from www.saclap.org.za as from 24 April 2009. Comments are to be submitted to the Secretary (see details above) no later than 24 May 2009.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

On 2 April 2009 the Minister of Public Works, Geoff Doidge invited the presidents and registrars of the three smaller councils in the built environment to an informal meeting in order for him to get an understanding of the work undertaken by the councils and the challenges that they face. The minister was found to be very approachable and open minded – and we were informed that the present built environment bill is “dead” and should amendments to the present acts be required in future it will be undertaken in a more consultative manner. This meeting was intended as the first of regular meetings with the councils where the minister would have a two-way direct dialog with the councils.

For the very first time we as a council have been afforded the opportunity of voicing the problems that council faces in the execution of our mandate as per the act. This I believe will in future provide the means by which SACLAP would be better capacitated and provide a better service to the registered professionals.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

A Government Gazette will be published on Friday 24 April 2009 that contains all the documents referred to in this newsletter. As soon as the Gazette number is available the information will be circulated. SACLAP has also requested a hard copy of this document. The intention is to speed post the document to each registered professionals and candidates. We trust that this will assist all persons in participating in

the comment process. An email will be sent out advising when this posting has taken place. In the mean time all the documents have been posted on the website as well.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Johan Barnard and his team have compiled the Draft Professional Fees Guideline Document. This draft will be gazetted for comment. The document will be available for downloading from the SACLAP website from 24 April 2009. Please note that the comments are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than 24 May 2009.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LATEST SACLAP PROFESSIONAL RATES AND THE FEES SCALES WILL ALSO BE GAZETTED TOWARDS THE END OF APRIL. DETAILS OF THE GAZETTE NUMBER WILL BE CIRCULATED TO ALL ONCE THE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Megan Anderson has resigned from Council. We would like to thank Megan Anderson for her dedicated service to SACLAP. The Registration Committee chairperson in the interim is Sonette Smit.

The registration exams were held on Saturday 7 March 2009. Thank you to all who were involved. The time that is given up to set papers, invigilate and mark is much appreciated. We look forward to receiving the results and welcoming the new professionals to our fold.

Those who wish to write the exam in 2009 are encouraged to register as candidates as soon as possible and not to leave it too late. Please do so soonest by obtaining the application form from the website together with the document detailing the requirements and criteria. The documentation is to be posted to SACLAP and electronic copies forwarded to Cynthia@vdw.co.za.

WEBSITE

SACLAP is pleased to note that the website has been well received – [www:saclap.org.za](http://www.saclap.org.za). Please note that at this stage not all the documents are available, however these are in the process of being finalised and uploaded as they are ready.

The website is lacking some photographs. Practices are requested to send photographs or suitable graphics to Bruce at bruce@vdw.co.za. The photographs and graphics will be acknowledged accordingly. The format should be a jpeg 600x800.

SECRETARIAT

Please note that the SACLAP secretariat will be closed as from Friday 24th of April 2009 and will be open to assist you as from Monday 4 May 2009.

Kind regards

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President of Council