

CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS

NEWS FROM SACPLAN

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NEW SACPLAN COUNCIL

As earlier reported, the Association has been officially recognised as a so-called "Voluntary Association" as defined in the Planning Professions Act, 2002 (Act 36 of 2002). The certificate issued by the South African Council for Planners is posted on the official website of the Association.

The Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform recently appointed a new council in terms of the Planning Professions Act, 2002 (Act 36 of 2002) for the next term. The newly appointed members of Council and the Appeal Board include 3 planners from private practice, namely Maartje Weyers from Port Elizabeth, Adv. Petrus Steyn from the Mogale City area and Peter Dacomb from the Tshwane area.

Other Members Appointed by the Minister are:

SACPLAN COUNCIL MEMBERS	SACPLAN APPEALS BOARD MEMBERS
Mr Khethukuthula (Kheta) Zulu (Chairperson) A/1903/2014	Mr. Thulani Bhengu (Chairperson) A/143/2009
Dr James Chakwizira (Deputy Chairperson) A/1522/2012	Ms. Lauretta Teffo (Deputy Chairperson) A/1153/1999
Ms Eulander (Tshepiso) Lentsoane (Alternate Chairperson) A/1504/2012	Ms. Maartje Weyers A/1206/2001
Mr. Andile Cekiso B/8132/2005	Adv. Petrus Steyn (Alternate Chairperson) A/704/1992
Ms Thuso Morake A/1784/2013	Adv. Pat Mabaso
Mrs Natasha Murray A/2225/2015	
Dr Hangwelani Magidimisha A/1678/2013	
Prof. Verna Nel A/187/1985	
Ms Nellie Lester	
Mr Puvendra Akkiah A/1634/2012	
Mr Tshepo Monakedi A/1950/2014	
Dr Yandisa Mashalaba A/1310/2005	
Mr. Peter Dacomb A/521/1987	
Dr. Wangechi Karuri-Sebina A/2509/2017	

PLANNING PROFESSIONS ACT REVISION (PPA)

Against the background of the turmoil of recently changed legislation and the adoption of municipal by-laws, comes the news that SACPLAN (via the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform) is in the process of revisiting the Planning Professions Act, 2002 (Act 36 of 2002). Various proposed amendments are currently being considered before official presentations will be made to the relevant Portfolio Committee of Parliament in the hope that the amended Act will be brought into operation during the course of 2018.

The PPA, as it currently reads, contains a number of minor errors and contradictions and omissions which require to be remedied. In addition, certain new considerations have emerged with regard to the categories of registered persons identified in the Act. Currently, there is a distinction with regard to a professional planner, a technical planner and is a candidate planner. Given the changing landscape within which academic qualifications are regulated, and having regard to the various SAQA levels, the categories of registered persons in the PPA appear not to cater appropriately for same. Whilst these matters are yet to be brought to finalisation, it appears that a number of new categories of registered persons are being considered. More about this will follow.

The newly appointed SACPLAN Council will also be taking up the proverbial cudgels to revive the process of achieving the ever evasive goal of identifying work to be reserved for registered persons in terms of the Act and to bring about a new professional fee guideline to accord with the changed demands and challenges associated with legislation such as the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (SPLUMA) and the various municipal by-laws associated therewith.

In this regard the latest potential obstacle has emerged in the form of the Competitions Commission. Apparently similar attempts by the Engineering Council of SA (ECSA) have met with stiff opposition from the Commission.

Ongoing attempts at arranging meetings with representatives of the Commission are underway.

FRESH FACES AND QUIRKY TITLES

New SAACPP member firms

The ongoing efforts of the Association to grow in numbers, to remain relevant and to provide sufficient gravitas when engaging with the Government sector and other role players in the planning field, have resulted in a number of new additions to the fold. The SAACPP welcomes the following firms:

- **Ideal Consulting**
Principal: Charles le Roux
Area: Roodepoort
- **Kamohelo Land Management Consultants**
Principal: Tokelo Molefe
Area: Soweto
- **NE Town Planning**
Principal: Nolte Ekkerd
Area: Rustenburg
- **Sandy De Beer Consulting Town Planners**
Principal: Sandy De Beer
Area: Bryanston
- **Natura Professional Planners (Pty) Ltd**
Principal: Theo Pieterse
Area: Modimolle

- **K-Inc**
Principal: Donnée Engelbrecht
Area: Saxonwold
- **Urban Devco**
Principal: DC Gibb
Area: Roodepoort
- **ProfPlanners**
Principal: JD Du Plessis
PJ Buys
Area: Polokwane

Here's hoping that our new members will actively participate in the activities of the Association and contribute fresh insights with regard to same.

Yours faithfully



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