

SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION (SACQSP)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2005/2006:

1. GENERAL

The purpose of this section of the Annual Report of the CBE is to provide the Minister of Public Works with a summary of the activities of the Councils for the Built Environment Professions that fall within the mandate of the CBE.

These Councils are the following:

- South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP)
- South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP)
- South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession (SALAP)
- Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA)
- South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP)
- South African Council for the Property Valuers Profession (SACPVP).

In terms of section 4(v) of the Council for the Built Environment Act, 2000, the CBE is obliged to submit a summary of the annual reports of the Councils for the respective professions. The particular section reads as follows:

“receive and assimilate the annual reports of the councils for the professions and submit a summary to the Minister;”

In compliance with this requirement, the CBE requested all the Councils to prepare annual reports to provide the Minister with an overview of the activities of the respective Councils. In addition, each of the Councils is also obliged to submit their audited financial statements for the period under review and these are included in Annexures to this annual report.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION (SACQSP)

2.1 LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

The Quantity Surveying profession has benefited from a governing institution in one form or another since 1905. The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors was formed in 1971 with the proclamation of Act 36 of 1970. This legislation, with subsequent amendments, governed the profession up until the establishment of the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP) in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act (Act 49 of 2000), which was promulgated on 26 November 2000 and came into operation on 26 January 2001.

2.2 VISION, MISSION AND VALUE STATEMENTS

Vision

To facilitate world class professional practice in Quantity Surveying that is in the forefront of the development of the built environment.

Mission

To ensure continuous evaluation and enhancement of internationally acclaimed standards of education, performance and ethics that supports the integrated development and public protection.

Value

The cornerstone of the Council's activities is based on professional integrity, accountability, transparency, honesty, commitment and inclusiveness and to act in the public and nation's interest at all times.

2.3 ORGANISATION - COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The following 17 (seventeen) persons were appointed as members of the Council by the Minister of Public Works for the four-year period from 2005 to 2009:

In terms of Section 3.(1)(a) of the Act (nine registered persons, nominated by the voluntary associations and any registered persons):

- Mr RL Chauke
- Mr MP Kgole
- Mr M Grant
- Mr HB van der Kolf
- Professor NJ Maritz
- Mr NM Mteza
- Ms I Pieterse
- Mr GT Chaane
- Ms KM Mogodi

In terms of Section 3.(1)(b) of the Act (two professionals, who are professors or lecturers in Quantity Surveying at an accredited educational institution):

- Professor RN Nkado (President)
- Professor JJP Verster

In terms of Section 3.(1)(c) of the Act (three professionals in the service of the State, nominated by any sphere of government):

- Ms G Pasley
- Ms NC van den Hoven (Vice President)
- Mr FJ Pretorius

In terms of Section 3.(1)(d) of the Act (three members of the public, nominated through an open process of public participation):

- Professor PA Bowen
- Ms JS Moodley
- Professor RG Pearl

2.4 INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The organisation is managed by its Registrar, Mr EF Wortmann, and ten other personnel members responsible for office administration, registration, programmes and finances. The personnel and infrastructure costs are shared between the SACQSP and the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS). The offices are situated at Waterfall Office Park, Bekker Road, Midrand, Gauteng.

The Council holds two full Council meetings and approximately six Executive Committee meetings per year. Over and above the Executive Committee there are nine other committees in place to achieve compliance with all regulatory requirements and these are:

- Education and Standards Committee
- Professional Fees Committee
- Finance and Resources Committee
- Professional Disciplinary Committee
- Legal and Legislative Committee
- Registration Committee
- Empowerment Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Standards Generating Body (SGB)

2.5 REGISTERED PERSONS

As at 22 August 2006, the Council had a total of 2 392 registered persons, made up as follows:

- Professional Quantity Surveyors (PrQS) 1 685
- Candidate Quantity Surveyors (Candidate QS) 707
- Total 2 392

The registration statistics are indicated in the schedule below.

REGION	PrQS	Candidate QS	TOTAL
Eastern Cape	110	59	169
Western Cape	301	95	396
Free State	76	23	99
Gauteng North (PTA & Surround)	288	88	376
Gauteng South (JHB & Surround)	416	164	580
KwaZulu Natal	222	106	328
Limpopo Province	31	22	53
Mpumalanga	42	31	73
Namibia	27	1	28
North West Province	40	16	56
Northern Cape	13	11	24
Outside RSA	47	48	95
Overseas	72	43	115
TOTAL	1685	707	2392

2.6 REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

In terms of the above, the Council had since its inception elected to limit the total number of registration categories to only one professional PrQS category. This has been the situation for the entire period under review. The Council has however recently taken the decision to introduce a tiered level of registration system, which will be introduced with effect from the beginning of the next financial year, being 1 April 2007. All necessary statutory requirements will be formally gazetted by the date to make that all possible and invitations will be extended to all as yet unregistered Quantity Surveyors to consider registration in the newly created categories.

The introduction of the tiered level of registration categories will be linked to the work recently completed by the Quantity Surveying Standards Generating Body (QS SGB). The QS SGB has completed the process of writing and preparing unit standards and whole qualifications for the Quantity Surveying profession where the outcomes will be linked in with the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) levels 4 to 7.

The proposed registration categories are as follows:

- Reg QS Assistant (NQF level 4)
- Reg QS Technician (NQF level 5)
- Reg QS Technologist (NQF level 6)
- Candidate QS (NQF level 7)
- Professional QS (PrQS) (NQF level 7)
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2.7 IDENTIFICATION OF WORK

The Identification of Work document of the Quantity Surveying profession was presented to the CBE during 2002 and has to date formed the basis of the single registration category.

With the advent of the proposed tiered level of registration categories as detailed above, it has been necessary to re-define the necessary competencies at each of the four respective categories. This draft document has been completed and will shortly be presented to the CBE for approval and formal gazetting.

2.8 CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Introduction

The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) system has been in place since 1999 for all registered Quantity Surveyors in South Africa and is now in its sixth cycle. The primary objective of the CPD system is to enhance professional skills and to ensure that all registered persons maintain their competence throughout their period of registration.

Legal status

The legal requirement for doing CPD rests in the Quantity Surveying Profession Act, 2000 (No. 49 of 2000) where section 13(k) empowers Council to determine conditions relating to continuing education and training. The responsibility to administer the CPD system according to specific criteria and guidelines was outsourced to the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS) as a recognised voluntary association.

The constitution of the ASAQS states in clause 4.2 “The powers of the Association shall be - ...to promote the education, training and continuing professional development of members...” (4.2.4). Currently this delegated responsibility of administering the system lies with the EduTech Centre of the ASAQS.

Current situation

The Council has acknowledged that the introduction of the CPD programme has not been without its problems. The concern is that, where we are almost at the end of the sixth cycle, less than 50% of registered members have to date complied and submitted their returns timeously. Various measures have been put in place to rectify this situation, but much work still needs to be undertaken to address this matter.

The Council has also confirmed that future annual re-registration will be conditional on having satisfied all the requirements of the CPD programme the preceding year. We trust that this will inject the necessary urgency and understanding that compliance with the CPD programme is non-negotiable and in the best interests of the members themselves

2.9 RECOMMENDED TARIFF OF FEES 2005

The Council has published the Tariff of Professional Fees 2005 for the Quantity Surveying profession, which was gazetted during January 2005. In the preparation of the recommended tariff of fees, wide consultation was conducted with the voluntary associations and other interest groups such as the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS), the South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA), SABBACO and the Department of Public Works (DPW).

It should be pointed out that no updates were considered necessary for the year 2006 and the 2005 version is still applicable and the latest version. The decision has however been taken by Council that an updated version will be issued for the year 2007, effective 1 January 2007.

2.10 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The courses that are currently accredited by the SACQSP are BSc Quantity Surveying, BSc Construction Management, B Tech Quantity Surveying and B Tech Construction Management. There are currently six Universities and two Technikons (Universities of Technologies) accredited by the SACQSP in South Africa.

The Council has liaised with the Council for Higher Education (CHE) in order to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (based on the Delegation Model) in terms of which the SACQSP will be entitled to accredit further training institutions in compliance with the Higher Education Act, 1997 requirements. The priorities of the process forward still need to be clarified and agreed with Council for the Higher Education (CHE) before further accreditation visits undertaken.

Eight professional councils are represented on a sub-committee of the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA), called the CETA Built Environment Professional Councils' Technical Advisory committee. In addition to professions falling

within the ambit of the Council for the Built Environment (CBE), the Planners and Land Surveyors are represented in an observer status.

2.11 COMMUNICATION

The Council has ongoing communication with the other Councils of the Built Environment on matters of joint interest. These communications are conducted under the auspices of the Registrars Forum where such meetings are generally held bi-monthly. It has also initiated liaison with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) on matters relating to education standards and accreditation of tertiary institutions for international recognition.

2.12 VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS

There is currently only one recognised voluntary association of the SACQSP, being the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS). Two further applications are currently under review but these will only be granted after some necessary adjustments are made to the current criteria for the acceptance of such multi-disciplinary organisations.

2.13 RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT WITH THE RICS

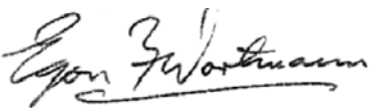
The Council is pleased to announce that on 18 May 2005 it signed a Reciprocity Agreement with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), a worldwide body based in the United Kingdom and boasting a total membership of over 110 000 members. This agreement was the result of the acknowledgement and respect of each other's rigorous registration criteria. It was formally agreed that reciprocal membership would be offered all members of the respective organisations, subject to certain conditions. We were thrilled about this historic development, which has given the Council international recognition and helped to strengthen liaison and contact on an international level.

2.14 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Council's financial year runs under review runs from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

Over this period, the Council has had a surplus of R410 506,00 for the twelve months of reporting to 31 March 2006. Accumulated funds total 484 355,00. The audited financial statements for the period under review are attached.

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