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Welcome to the NSBE's second newsletter of 2009. In this edition we have feedback on various topics of relevance to our valuable members. We intend to make this a quarterly publication to maintain an effective communication channel with everyone.



3RD NSBE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Devonvale Golf & Wine Farms,
Stellenbosch, Cape Town
12 – 13 November 2009

"TOWARDS A TRANSFORMED ENGINEERING LANDSCAPE"

2009 NSBE CONFERENCE: 12TH AND 13TH NOVEMBER 2009

It is with great pleasure and excitement to report that the NSBE will hold its Elective conference at Devonvale Golf and Wine Estate, Cape Town on the 12th and 13th of November 2009. A golf day on the 11th will precede the conference. We wish to urge all our members to diarize this period as you will shortly receive invitations for your participation. Our Managing Director, Mr. Vusi Mdakane is working on the conference programme, sponsorships, and invitations. These will be sent to you in due course.

GOOD NEWS: The first 60 fully paid up NSBE members will get free conference attendance and accommodation. So, WALALA WASALA

Our Deputy President is negotiating with her employer, South African Airways to package discounted air fares to the conference. Obviously this will depend on the number of people attending from outside Western Cape.

Two high profile personalities have confirmed attendance and participation in the conference. These are the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Geoff Doidge who will deliver the opening speech, and the Secretary General of the ANC, Mr. Gwede Mantashe. He will be the key note speaker at the Gala Dinner.

There is a strong suggestion that we should have spouses program that runs parallel with the conference. This will be in a form of excursions which they will attend whilst we deliberate on conference matters. Cape Town is one of South Africa's leading tourist's destinations! What do you think? Send your views to Ms. Silindile Mbatha at: silindile.mbatha@nsbe.org.za

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



1. APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW ECSA COUNCIL 2009 – 2013 TERMS OF OFFICE

The NSBE wishes to congratulate those who were appointed by the Honourable Minister Geoff Doidge to serve as council members for the above term of office. We are further delighted to announce that some members of the NSBE were appointed. These include our Deputy President Lebo Leshabane. Once again, CONGRATULATIONS! We hope you will lift the banner of transformation.

On the same item, I wish to bring to your attention that the NSBE is not happy with the new composition of ECSA Council. The President of the NSBE objected to the Minister against the recommendation of the appointed council primarily on its demographic representation and irregularities in the nomination process. We are of the view that ECSA will not transform if the ethos, profile, and character of the outgoing council are maintained in the newly appointed council. For that reason, we are challenging the composition and appointment of the new council in court. Whilst we appreciate the appointment of our people, we hope that our court challenge will bring more of our people than we have in the current appointment.

2. RECOGNITION OF THE NSBE BY PUBLIC WORKS

We are negotiating with Public works to enlist us along the likes of CESA, Sabtaco for points scoring when tendering for work. Our initiatives advance the development of engineers and therefore our efforts should be recognized in industry. This will be an added value to join NSBE.

We are also working on running accredited programme for the Continued Professional Development (CPD) of our members. This is important for those who are registered with ECSA to retain their professional registration.

3. MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

We plan to formally launch our mentorship program in the conference. The programme is the flagship of our transformation drive. Those who volunteer to mentor are requested to attend the conference so that they can meet the sample of student mentees.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES

The last extended NEC meeting held on 03rd July 2009 resolved to establish sub-committees that will serve to ensure the widespread participation of members in NSBE activities. You are therefore urged as members to present yourselves for serving in anyone of the following sub-committees:

- ❖ Publicity committee
- ❖ Branding
- ❖ Skills development/Mentorship committee
- ❖ Research committee
- ❖ Committee dealing with regulatory issues
- ❖ Invoicing committee
- ❖ Conference organizing committee

Should you wish to participate please send your details to Silindile Mbatha, silindile.mbatha@nsbe.org.za

MEMBERSHIP

As mentioned in the previous edition, our aim for 2009 is to quantify the value that the organisation offers to its members. The registration and payment processes are undergoing ongoing optimisation and simplification to benefit all stakeholders.

The membership fee for 2009 is R 800.00, which is equivalent to the ECSA discount registered members enjoy. Those members not yet ECSA registered can claim this fee back from SARS during their annual income tax assessment.

Fellow members are urged to pay their subscription fees. It is impossible for any organization to maintain its programmes without adequate funding. Without your contributions, the NSBE is unsustainable. Miss Silindile Mbatha is sending out invoices to those who are in our database. Should you fail to receive this invoice, kindly contact her on 033 345 0783, so that your membership standing is properly restored.

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