

SEPTEMBER **NEWSLETTER**



ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

All members are now paid up for which we thank you. As from 1 October fees for the last quarter of 2012 become due. You will be receiving your *pro forma* invoices from Monday 1 October.

Marketing of the Association via sponsorships and presence at building industry functions has been very evident recently. The SARCEA team at the SEIFSA Golf Day came away with a trophy (for the longest day). We flew our flags at the Gauteng MBA Golf Day but missed out on any prizes and something similar at the KZN MBA Golf Day.

The AGM

Things are warming up for the AGM function so keep the numbers coming in. It would be nice to have the best turn-out for the last 10 years at my last AGM

Training

Still no joy with the registration of the unit standards in the Learnership Qualification. The CETA does not appear to be improving despite the fact that the Administrator has had his term extended for the 3rd time.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

WE have received the first batch of member's banners and I am sure those that have placed orders will be very happy with their purchase. If you haven't yet ordered one for your office reception area, all you need to do is contact Anita.

The tear drop banners on the 6th tee at Zwartkop Country Club were very impressive. We will put a photo on the web site. We have ordered a set of banners and flags for the Western Cape region

The new web site is close to completion and is looking very good. The NEC had a preview presentation from Louis Aylward. He is arranging the transfer of the domain. As soon as it is up for viewing and use please confirm that all your details as listed on the members list are correct. As and when changes take place to the information there please inform the office so the information is always correct.

MBSA

MBSA held a successful Annual Congress at the Wild Coast. Jeff Thomas and I attended the Congress, taking the opportunity to introduce Jeff to the people from MBAs around the country. The event was well supported and there was an air of optimism despite the present depressed state of the construction industry. It was good to see that the new Minister of Public Works Thulas Nxesi not only took the time to be present and on time, but stayed on after his presentation to talk informally with officials of MBSA. It looks as though the new CEO has made an impression.

The new JBCC documents have still not been finalised which means that the MBSA Domestic Contract Agreement has not been completed. The fact of the matter is that the old MBSA document will not work with the new JBCC document which is being referred to as the 2013 version. The legal vetting of the JBCC PBA has been done but this has resulted in a few more queries. Special meetings of the JBCC Technical Committee have been set up to resolve matters.

Health and Safety requirements introduced over and above legal requirements for which no notification was given at tender stage remains a problem. MBSA are addressing the matter as it affects all levels of contracting.

OTHER STUFF

I have mentioned the AGM but it is an important event for the Association. Your support for the meeting, lunch and golf is important so come and enjoy the day with fellow members and tell us what you would like to see the Association doing to improve the circumstances of the rebar fraternity.

Congratulations to Anita on the recent engagement of two of her daughters.

I am going to be overseas for a couple of weeks from 4 October but Jeff will be available. Anita will be able to put you in touch.