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ICMEESA – President 2008
Mr Chris Schnehage

The President and Council of ICMEESA wish all our members and their families, 'best wishes for the upcoming festive season and trust that 2009 will truly be a happy and prosperous new year for you all.

The President of The Institution of Certificated Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, South Africa, has pleasure in inviting you, as a member of the Institution, to attend the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday 05 March 2009

Time : 15:30 for 16:00

Venue: In the Telescope Auditorium, 18A Gill Street, Observatory, Johannesburg.

Dress: Formal

RSVP: The Secretary, Mrs. Fiona Revolta, before 27 February 2009

A Cocktail Party in the Dome will follow the AGM

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2. Office Bearers Nominated for 2009

In accordance with clause 3.4 of the constitution:

The President, Vice Presidents and Honorary Treasurer for the ensuing year shall be Members of the Institution and shall be elected by the Council. Their election shall be announced at the Council Meeting of the Institution immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

At the Council meeting held on 4th November 2008, the following members were provisionally elected to serve council for 2009. These elections will constitutionally be announced at the meeting to be held on 28th January 2009, which will precede the Annual General meeting:

Office Bearers:

President:	Jack Cunnington
Immediate Past President:	Chris Schnehage
Senior Vice President:	Obed Letsholo
Honorary Treasurer:	Robbie Holmwood

Elected Council members:

A du Plessis,
I Buchanan,
Dr G A Müller,
Vaughan Townsend
du Toit Grobler,
Klaus Schönteich (KZN Branch),
Henry Lambert (2nd Term) (Gauteng Branch),
Buzile Alam (Gauteng Branch)

Branch Chairpersons:

Central Branch – Dave Reading
Klerksdorp -
Rustenburg – Jonathan Dawson (Representative)
Western Cape – Chris Schnehage
KwaZulu-Natal - Sibusiso Ngema
Free State – Ian Buchanan
Eastern Cape – Greg Clack

3. Financial Status 2008

It is now a pleasure to report with such regular monotony on the sound financial state of our institution. Again, thank you to you, the members for your positive reaction to the prompt payment of subscription fees. With the sound control of operational costs by our secretary, Mrs Fiona Revolva, the income from subscriptions exceeded expenditure, resulting in us ending the year with a slight surplus on operational expenditure. The financial statements will be submitted to the auditors for formal presentation at the Annual General Meeting on 5th March 2009. We have managed to maintain this healthy trend for the past few years and have managed to accumulate a healthy foundation to cater for any unforeseen expenditures.

Subscription income is our main source of income with which we need to operate the administrative function of the Institution. This includes the payment of 10% of subscriptions received, to the various Branches on a pro rata basis of membership subscriptions received from members of that Branch. This is to cover administrative costs of branch activities. Hence the reference above to “operational” expenditure, as it ignores income from interest from investments, and income from the WP Jones Bursary Trust Fund.

4. Membership Subscriptions 2009

At the November Council meeting it was agreed that subscription increases will be restricted to a 6% increase. For the main membership base of Member and Senior Member grades it is a R32 increase.

The subscription fees for 2009, including VAT, will be as follows:

• Senior	R 570.00
• Member	R 570.00
• Associate	R 570.00
• Student	R 448.00
• Patron	R 1141.00
• Retired <20	R 285.00
• Retired >20	R 143.00

5. Study Bursary Scheme

Members are reminded that ICMEESA does have a bursary scheme for students studying Mechanical or Electrical Engineering. This is for either University studies or Technikon. Although bursaries are not restricted to our members' families, they will be given favourable consideration.

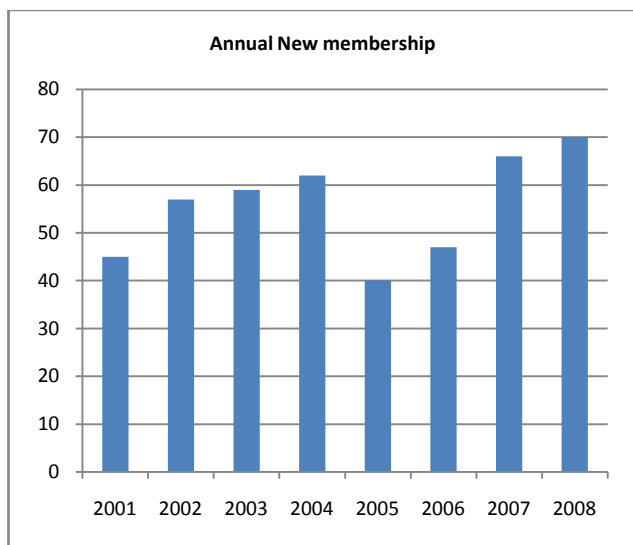
With the continued financial support from WP Jones trust fund the bursary scheme has developed to more than just being able to make a minor contribution towards studies. We now offer full support of all tuition fees and associated cost of study material. We now also have the ability to support the student for the full course, depending on the results achieved for the previous year. Should the bursar not perform academically by passing the required examinations, the

continued bursary support will, for obvious reasons, be reviewed by council.

Previous bursars have received support for the entire course.

Members can contact the secretary for application forms and more information. Members are also encouraged to refer needy students to us for consideration as a bursar.

6. Membership Trends



The above graph shows the continued positive trend for the new membership figures for the previous number of years has culminated in a record of 70 new members for 2008.

Recruiting new members is one thing, but more importantly is the retention of those members. Communication is a critical factor in retaining members as they need to be aware of the "value add" that membership brings. Much of the value is of an indirect nature, through ICMEESA member representation and involvement in professional bodies affecting the engineering environment. This involvement however, needs to be communicated to the members so that they are fully aware of the factors affecting the profession.

Communication to members has, over the past few years, improved through the distribution of this Newsletter, the Western Cape Branch Bulletins, website and magazines such as Vector. The lack of membership resignations indicates that we are satisfying the vast majority of the membership base.

We request feedback from you, the members, on where you feel we can improve in satisfying your need. Please communicate your comment and any criticism to us.

In previous years, branch activity was no doubt the heart of the Institution. This has changed in line with many similar and sister organizations, where member involvement is of major concern. With reduced branch activity, the emphasis must be on the alternative communication channels ensure that we keep the members informed.

To be effective in postal communication, the updating of members contact addresses is vital, so we urge members to please remind members that have relocated and changed employers to please keep us updated with this information. It is this lack of information that leads to what we term "lost" members. Mail is returned address unknown and we are unable to contact the member by other means.

Our Constitution requires that members not in good standing, through paid up subscription fees, cease to be members. Our administrative problem is that we receive payment where we are unable to link the payment to the specific member. This occurs when payments are made without the correct reference number being used. This mostly occurs when payments are made on behalf of the member by his employer without using the correct reference number. This is further complicated when companies make bulk payments on behalf of a group of members. Without the reference number it is impossible for the secretary to associate the payment to the specific member. The reference number shown on the invoice is the member's membership number, preceded by the year invoiced. We request members to have the employer fax or mail a remittance note to ICMEESA, listing the names of the members paid for, if they are unable to use our requested reference number.

Members are encouraged to regularly update their contact details:

- Telephonically; by phoning the secretary who can update or check the database.
- Online; by updating the contact information on the website at www.icmeesa.com.
- New members can also sign on by completing the online application form on the website, which takes a few minutes to complete and submit electronically.

Should a member wish to resume membership, as a result of having lost contact due to omission to update his address, Council will review continued membership without the member having to pay arrears subscriptions.

7. New members 2008

Of interest are the new member membership grades, which show that 40% of new membership is categories other than students.

Membership grades are as follows:

- 22 = Members;
- 3 = Associate;
- 4 = Senior
- 41 = Students

We welcome the following new members that have joined in 2008. May your association with ICMEESA be long and meaningful.

MemGrade	Title	Surname	Initials	Branch
Member	Mr	Abbott	SH	Klerksdorp
Student	Mr	Ansah	RB	Central
Student	Mr	Augumeb	MB	International
Member	Mr	Barr	RE	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	Bentil	JKA	Eastcape
Senior	Mr	Blair	JC	Eastcape
Associate	Mr	Borate	HG	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	Botha	LE	Kwazulu
Member	Mr	Bruwer	AA	Klerksdorp
Student	Mr	Carter	WR	Kwazulu
Student	Miss	Cele	NE	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	de Meillon	EA	Eastcape
Student	Mrs	Delpont	L	Westcape
Student	Mr	Dladla	BJ	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	Dlamini	BN	Kwazulu
Member	Mr	du Plessis	JS	Westcape
Member	Mr	Dunkley	PG	Central
Student	Mr	Els	NJ	Central
Member	Mr	Fourie	JR	Central
Member	Mr	Gee	JE	Freestate
Member	Mr	Glennie	D	Kwazulu
Member	Mr	Govender	M	Kwazulu
Member	Mr	Govender	KS	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	Gwebu	MN	International
Member	Mr	Hahn	WA	International
Student	Mr	Hendricks	HV	Westcape
Senior	Mr	Johnson	GE	Central
Member	Mr	Kloppers	SJ	Eastcape
Senior	Mr	Knott	B	Central
Student	Mr	Krishna	D	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	Lereka	LJ	Freestate
Member	Mr	Lukhele	SM	Central
Student	Mr	Madaka	BS	Westcape
Member	Mr	Marumo	D	Rustenburg
Student		Masike	AK	Central
Associate	Mr	Mathews	S	Central
Student	Mr	Matola	MM	Kwazulu
Member	Mr	McCarthy	LQ	Eastcape
Senior	Mr	Meijer	M	Central
Student	Mr	Mhlongo	MW	Westcape
Student	Mr	Mokgosi	Y	Central
Student	Mr	Molabe	PP	Central
Student	Mr	Mpuzana	EN	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	Mthandi	AT	Westcape

MemGrade	Title	Surname	Initials	Branch
Student	Mr	Mudau	TI	Central
Member	Mr	Munsamy	R	Central
Student	Mr	Naidoo	PS	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	Njikelani	XJ	Central
Student	Mr	Nkalitshana	BD	Westcape
Member	Mr	Olwage	DC	Central
Member	Mr	Opperman	E	Central
Member	Mr	Ramdhani	PR	Rustenburg
Student	Mr	Rautenbach	Marthinus	Central
Student	Mr	Rejdych	AS	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	Saurombe	B	Kwazulu
Student	Mr	Selialia	LA	Freestate
Student	Mr	Setlaelo	LW	Central
Student	Mr	Shiluvana	JS	Rustenburg
Student	Mr	Shozi	WS	Kwazulu
Member	Mr	Singh	D	Kwazulu
Associate	Mr	Small	GO	Westcape
Member	Mr	Stadt	MI	Eastcape
Student	Mr	Steenkamp	AC	Central
Member	Mr	Theys	AJ	Westcape
Student	Mr	van der Colff	WM	Central
Student	Mr	van Zyl	WA	Central
Student		Vermeulen	WH	Westcape
Student	Mr	Vermeulen	DM	Eastcape
Member	Mr	Watkins	SM	Central
Member	Mr	Wilcock	DG	Eastcape

8. BEPA Bill withdrawn.

The controversial Built Environment Professions Bill has been withdrawn. It was stated that a number of the technical and legal details contained within the Bill overlapped and needed to be reworked before it could be tabled again in Parliament. In addition, the Built Environment Professions Bill had not been subjected to the Nedlac process whereby various public and private stakeholders had an opportunity to review the Bill. The Department of Public Works was embarking on a process whereby all stakeholders would be consulted on the Bill “properly” before its promulgation. The Minister conceded that there were many “convincing concerns” and that the department would have to “listen to both sides of the story” before the Bill could be tabled again. If the Bill was not promulgated during this session of Parliament, Bill would certainly be tabled during the next session.

9. Web Site Technical Problems

We apologize to members for the problems being experienced on the website. The problems are being attended to and will be rectified soon.