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Mr Jack W Cunnington**

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1. Address Change & Office Relocation

Please note that the Johannesburg office of ICMEESA has relocated.

The Observatory location had for the past few years been regularly debated as to the suitability of the site. Accommodation more appropriate to our needs has been located in the Bruma area, adjacent to similar professional institutions.

The new site has been occupied, so the updated contact details are valid with immediate effect:

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The email, fax and website remain the same.

2. Time for change!! Office Bearers for 2010.

We wish to appeal to members to favourably consider making themselves available for election onto the Council of ICMEESA.

This appeal is specifically reflected on the younger guard, who are really the members who will be more affected by the changes to legislation and work practice.

Change can only be to the benefit of ICMEESA, so we appeal to all members, even if not previously involved, to consider making themselves available for election. With modern communication mediums we have minimised the number of meetings, so as not to place onerous demands on already busy schedules. Council Meetings are held quarterly, with travel assistance budgeted for.

The dates and days of the week on which the meetings are to be held is scheduled by the newly elected Council so as to ensure that maximum attendance by the elected office bearers can occur.

If you were pondering your desire to be involved, perhaps this quick three question quiz will assist.

Into which of the following three unofficial membership categories do you consider yourself to be in:

- 1 Those that make things happen.
- 2 Those that watch things happen.
- 3 Those that wonder what happened.

In which one do you consider yourself fitting into?

If it is the first, then please give the secretary a call NOW!!!

If you fit into any of the latter two, then you need to get involved, so that you can move to the former category. So better you get more involved anyway!!!!

3. Composition of Council.

The Constitution of ICMEESA states that Council shall be as follows:

3.2 Composition of Council

The Council shall consist of:

- 3.2.1 *The President*
- 3.2.2 *Three Vice Presidents*
- 3.2.3 *The Immediate Past President*
- 3.2.4 *The Honorary Treasurer*
- 3.2.5 *Not more than sixteen (16) Corporate Members of the Institution of who not more than eight (8) may be Members.*
- 3.2.6 *The Chairman of each Branch Committee and appointed representative, and*
- 3.2.7 *The two next most immediate Past Presidents available and willing to serve for the ensuing year.*

4. Executive Committee

The constitution requires the following:

3.3 Executive Committee

The Council will appoint from its own members an Executive Committee that shall consist of:

- 3.3.1 *The President.*
- 3.3.2 *The Immediate Past President*
- 3.3.3 *The Three Vice Presidents.*
- 3.3.4 *The Honorary Treasurer and*
- 3.3.5 *Such other members as the Council may deem fit, but not exceeding nine in number.*

The Council may from time to time delegate to the Executive Committee such of its power or duties as it deems necessary for the day to day administration and management of the affairs of the Institution and may at any time withdraw or modify any power or duty so delegated.

5. Nominations to Council

The content of this newsletter is ensuring that Council complies with section 5.9 of the Constitution, as the notice calling for nominations to Council. On the rear of this newsletter is a nomination form.

Members desiring to become involved, and unable to obtain the necessary nomination by another member, should feel free to submit a nomination form, signed by them as the candidate. This will be seen as a formal notification of your serious intent to become involved and certainly not viewed as an arrogant gesture. To ensure we remain in accordance with section 5.9, a

Council member will make the necessary contact with the nominee to verify his credentials and then act as proposer should he be confident to do so.

Nominations require the following constitutional procedure:

5.9 Nominations for Council

A notice calling for nominations for the Council shall be sent to all corporate members not later than ninety days prior to the Council meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting. The notice shall specify the number of vacancies on the Council. No member whose subscription is in arrear shall be eligible for election to the Council. Past Presidents who have ceased to be members of the Council may offer themselves for election to Council and may be elected to any office.

5.9 Acceptance of Nominations to Council

All nominations shall be lodged with the Secretary not less than sixty days prior to the date of the Council meeting next preceding the Annual General Meeting. These nominations must be signed by the proposer and if possible by the nominee. If this is not feasible, a letter signed by the proposer, stating that the nominee has telephonically accepted the nomination, is acceptable.

5.11 List of Candidates for Council

At least fifty days prior to the Council meeting next preceding the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall cause to be forwarded to each member a list of all nominated candidates in the form of a ballot paper. Only if the number of nominations exceeds the number of candidates as specified in clause 3.2 of this constitution. Ballot papers shall show a return of the number of Council and Standing Committee Meetings and General Meetings held during the year and the number attended by each member of Council.

6. Annual Function – Gauteng

The President and his wife will be delighted to have you and your partner join them on this very enjoyable festive occasion.

The Annual Function is being held on:-

Date: Saturday 24th October 2009

Time: 12H00 FOR 12H30

Venue: Boston BBQ Gold Reef City, Johannesburg,

Price: R280.00 per couple or R140.00 per person.
(This will include a small gift for the ladies and wine at the table)

Dress: Smart Casual

R.S.V.P: Monday 19th October 2009

Please advise the secretary if you are able to attend.

Dear Member

NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCIES ON COUNCIL - 2010

In terms of clause 5.10 of the Constitution nominations for vacancies on the Council for 2010 is hereby called for from Corporate Members of the Institution. I.e. Honorary Members, Life Members, Senior Members, Members and Retired members.

Closing date for nominations is 16:00 on 05 December 2009.

Vacancies exist for **14** Council Members of whom not more than **7** may be Members, more than one **(1)** associate and not more than one **(1)** Patron.

When considering members for nomination, please take the following into account:

1. Corporate members whose subscriptions are not in arrears only may submit nominations.
2. As the policy and functions of the Institution are initiated principally at Council meetings held quarterly in Johannesburg members accepting such nomination are required to commit themselves to attend these meetings and to take an active part in the business of council and it's committees.
3. Branch chairpersons and one representative per branch are ex officio members of Council and should therefore not be included in this nomination.
4. In terms of clause 5.11 of the Constitution, members are required to obtain confirmation of acceptance from nominees before submitting such nominations. This can be done by obtaining the signatures of nominees on the nomination form or by attaching a letter confirming the nominee's acceptance of the nomination.
5. The following Council Members will serve their second year of their term of office: M Yates, B Alam.
6. The immediate Past President Mr J W Cunnington will serve on Council in accordance with the provision of clause 3.2 of the Constitution.
7. The following retiring Council Members may be considered for re-nomination: Dr G A Müller, A du Plessis, du Toit Grobler, V C Townsend, I Buchanan, R Holmwood, D Reading, G Clack, H Lambert, S Ngema
8. A nomination shall be made on the Nomination Form: Addendum A. Please fax, mail or email the completed form to the secretary.

Yours sincerely

J W Cunnington
President -2009

ADDENDUM A

NOMINATION FORM - COUNCIL 2010

*Please delete if not applicable

<u>FULL NAME OF NOMINEE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NOMINEE SIGNATURE / LETTER</u>
1.	SENIOR MEMBER	
2.	SENIOR MEMBER	
3.	SENIOR MEMBER	
4.	SENIOR MEMBER	
5.	SENIOR MEMBER	
6.	SENIOR MEMBER	
7.	SENIOR MEMBER	
8.	SENIOR MEMBER	
9.	SENIOR MEMBER	
10.	*SENIOR MEMBER	
11.	*SENIOR MEMBER	
12.	*SENIOR MEMBER	
13.	ASSOCIATE	
14.	PATRON	

PROPOSER'S INFORMATION

FULL NAME..... **MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (if known)**

TEL (H)..... **TEL (W)**.....

SIGNATURE..... **DATE**.....