



**SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL
FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SURVEYORS**

PLATO CPD Events Attendance Register

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Event description	Meeting of Southern Cape Land Surveyors at George								
Event Location	Office Alliance at No 123 Mitchell St. George .								
Event Type	AGM	Conference	Congress	Workshop	Lecture	Seminar	Course	Meeting	Colloquium
Event type	Other	Bi-annual meeting of Land Surveyors in Southern Cape : discussing matters of professional concern .							
Event dates	start date	21/02/2013		end date	21/02/2013				

Event organiser / organisation	M.J. Van Schalkwyk acting on behalf of Southern Cape Land Surveyors								
Contact person name	MJ (Lennis) van Schalkwyk Cell 079 398 8567								
Contact person email	mjvs.survey@gmail.com								

PLATO CPD No			PLATO CPD Category	
Event day	1/2 day	21/02/2013	CPD points per day	0,5

(separate registers for each day of event - signed by members)

SOUTHERN CAPE LAND SURVEYORS MEETING 21st Feb 2013 15h00-18h00

Place : Office Alliance at No. 123 Mitchell Street George

	Name of Attendee	Signature	cost R50/person
1	John Bailey	<i>J. Bailey</i> PLS 0019	✓
2	Willem Knoetze		
3	Kobus Conradie	<i>K. Conradie</i> PLS 0973	✓
4	Hannes Gildenhuys	<i>H. Gildenhuys</i> PLS 1133	✓
5	Mark de Bruyn	<i>M. de Bruyn</i> PLS 0134	✓
6	Abrie Louw	<i>A. Louw</i> PLS 0356	✓
7	Phillip Teggin	<i>P. Teggin</i> PLS 1118	✓
8	Tommie Visagie	<i>T. Visagie</i> PLS 1036	✓
9	Graham Savage	<i>G. Savage</i> PLS 0543	✓
10	Lennis van Schalkwyk (M.J.)	<i>L. van Schalkwyk</i> PLS 0607	✓
11	David Friedman	<i>D. Friedman</i> PLS 1803	✓
12	Henk le Roux	<i>H. le Roux</i> PLS 1055	✓
13	Kobus Maree J.K.	<i>K. Maree</i> PLS 0375	✓
14	Pieter Boshoff P.F.	<i>P. Boshoff</i> PLS 0063	✓
15	Robert Gemmel	<i>R. Gemmel</i> PLS 0208	✓
16	Leon van der Walt	<i>L. van der Walt</i> PLS 0643	✓
17	Bonnee van der Walt	<i>B. van der Walt</i> PLS 0640	✓
18	Francois van der Walt	<i>F. van der Walt</i> PLS 0641	✓
A	P.C. Tarboton	Total Cost (incl VAT) <i>P.C. Tarboton</i> PLS 0605	R684-00 ✓

- 1 Kobus du Toit Maak Verskoning - NEE
- 2 Shaun McMillan Maak Verskoning - NEE
- 3 PAT TARBOTON " " "
- 4 ~~Willem~~ Willem Knoetze

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF SOUTHERN CAPE PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS FORUM
HELD AT OFFICE RELIANCE PREMISES GEORGE
ON 21 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 15H00**

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Attendance : As per the attendance register.

Mr Lennis Van Schalkwyk read out e-mail correspondence between himself and Mr Peter Newmarch, the President of SAGI ,which emphasized that SAGI will not condone any price collusion discussion but that a discussion on tariff in general, is acceptable.

The SAGI President also emphasized that SAGI would require that a certain standard of survey work be maintained and that Land Surveyors observe and comply with conduct rules.

Lennis proposed to SAGI that survey records be submitted for all boundary surveys, inclusive of beacon location surveys whether beacons are replaced or not, so as to ensure compliance with regulations and upholding of standards. Mr. Newmarch is in favour of this proposal and also suggested that SAGI should be put in a position to carry out random inspections of surveys to enforce compliance of the standards and conduct rules.

The Southern Cape Surveyors would henceforth report bad surveys and have such surveys discussed at the next Forum meeting, ultimately lodging complaints to PLATO , should it be deemed necessary.

Bonnee van der Walt raised the issue of the conducting of bad surveys in the district and in particular of N2 surveys in the Albertinia and Riversdale areas. Her practice has found inaccurate surveys in the area extending from Heidelberg to Great Brak River. These surveys have been reported to the Surveyor-General on a continuous basis without any response from the Surveyor-General in terms of Section 11(d) of Act 8 of 1997 to instruct the concerned Land Surveyor to correct his survey.

Further comment on this issue -

1. Bad surveys must be reported to PLATO and a follow up on progress must be made.
2. If necessary the survey record must be obtained from the Surveyor-General to enable a Land Surveyor to make a thorough assessment of a bad survey.
3. An ombudsman could be appointed to check surveys.
4. The meeting requested that the Surveyor-General and PLATO now respond to the issue of the bad surveys that have been reported to them.

Any Land Surveyor who comes across a bad survey in the future will first approach the Surveyor who undertook the survey to attempt to resolve the issue and if no response is received ,will then raise the issue at the next meeting of the Southern Cape Surveyor Forum, ultimately lodging a complaint with PLATO , should it be deemed necessary.

5. Quotations for survey work :

Lennis raised the issue of undercutting and the embarrassment to the profession of large discrepancies between quotations from Land Surveyors.

This issue was extensively discussed further as follows –

1. Quotations often have to be made against unregistered surveyors who have no survey qualifications.
2. Quotation specifications often have a cadastral component, nevertheless unregistered surveyors issue quotations for this work.
3. Land Surveyors rarely receive feedback on who has been awarded a survey and the price that it has been awarded for.
4. Examples of recent quotations were mentioned by Messrs David Friedman and Hannes Gildenhuys. The former quoted the Department of Public Works an amount of R35K for a survey in Knysna which was awarded to an unregistered surveyor from Cape Town for R10K. The survey was conducted in a manner which made it unusable by the Department. The latter reported a survey in the Northern Cape which required the compilation of boundary data. This

- survey was awarded to an unregistered surveyor by a prominent Consulting Engineering Company. These quotations will be reported upon by the Land Surveyors to SAGI and PLATO.
5. SAGI will be requested to prepare a letter for circulation to all the local Municipalities in which the Municipalities be informed that only Professional Land Surveyors may undertake boundary surveys. This letter may be distributed to the Municipalities by Professional Land Surveyors who practice in the respective areas.
 6. It is in the interest of the public that topographical surveys be conducted professionally and that they be awarded to persons registered under ACT 40 of 1984.

Planning :

It is evident that Professional Land Surveyors are being excluded from planning forums that discuss and formulate Municipal Spatial Development Frameworks.

The new Town Planning Act has not made any provision for a Professional Land Surveyor to undertake planning work which is now exclusively reserved for a registered Town Planner.

Why has SAGI and / or PLATO not informed us of this development?

The meeting adjourned at 17H30.



Minutes Approved

Acting chairman
Lennis (M.J.) van Schalkwyk

Date 21 Feb 2013

AGENDA

Meeting at Office Alliance Tel 044-802-0400 No 123 Mitchell St. George .

Meeting Thursday 15h00 21st Feb 2013. 15h00 Registration and welcome.

1. Welcome+opening of proceedings with prayer .
2. Address by Lennis van Schalkwyk and John Baily.
3. Address by Bonnee van der Walt : poor quality surveys. (15-20 minutes)
4. Unqualified people posing as land surveyors and land surveyors signing documents on their behalf, relating to sub-standard work delivered by Land surveyors.
5. Open discussion relating to Items 2. and 3 and formulating an action plan to eradicate identified problems.
6. The last official tariff (2003) and subsequent recommended tariffs (2006,2009 and 2011) and how to maintain acceptable standards going forward.
Open discussion, sharing views, identifying guidelines going forward.
7. Land Surveyors not allowed to call themselves Township Planners/ Dorpsgebiedsbeplanners any longer- open discussion and the way forward.

8. General .

We hope to vacate facility not later than 18h00 , relating to a total cost of R600-00 plus VAT = R 684-00.