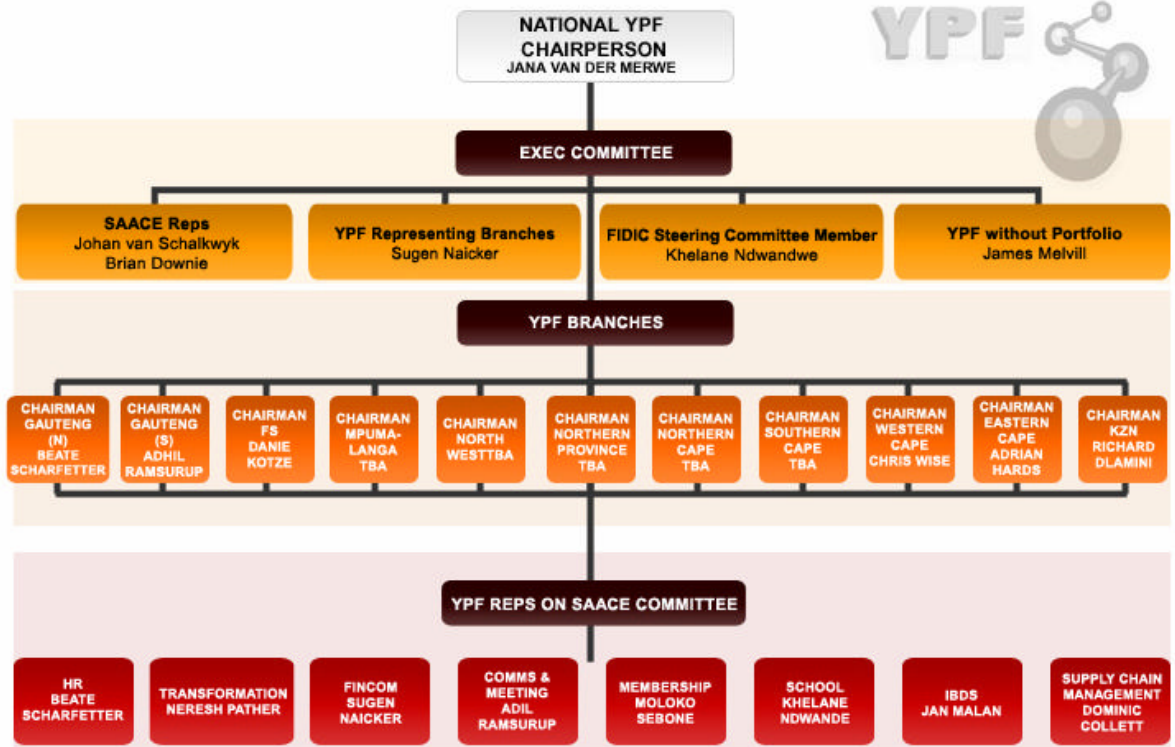


NEWS

- **Young Professionals Forum** - The Committee structure for 2006 will change with a newly formed National Committee representative. The new Committee structure for 2006 is shown below.



The YPF needs your input so that we can make the changes that you want in the industry. Please contact your branch chairperson for details on meetings and activities that you could help with, but just as importantly any suggestions that you might have.

- **Webster Ndodana the new President of the SAACE met with the media** on the 18th January and he certainly has made an impact and has attracted a lot of media attention which is good for our industry.
- The **first DSTV programme** to assist you with your CPD points was broadcast on **1st February 2006 at 20h30** - for registered LLLS subscriber

CONTRACTUAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

- **ECSA Code of Professional Conduct** - Please take note that the new ECSA Code of Conduct has been gazetted on the 15th December 2005. Any disciplinary action taken against a professional engineer, arising from an event that took place prior to that date, will be based on the old code. The new code is soon to be published on the ECSA website at www.ecsa.co.za.
- **Department of Public Works (DPW)** - The joint motivation/position paper relating to the appointment of the consultant as agent under the OH&S Act and Construction Regulations has now been signed by the Presidents of SAACE, SABBACO, SAIA, and ASAQS. This document will be submitted to the DPW shortly.

SCHOOL OF CONSULTING ENGINEERING

- **Continual Professional Development, (CPD)** - IT IS TIME!, 2006 has arrived and I hope you have planned and documented your plan of action to accumulate your CPD credits. It is worth it to pay ECSA a visit on www.ecsa.co.za and test your profile on the website. If you still need further help, contact Johan van Schalkwyk who will assist you where he can at - johanv@saace.co.za (011) 463-2022.

- **Life Long Learning Solutions (LLLS)** - Don't loose out and don't make life difficult for yourself, register with LLLS and accumulate your credits without disrupting your work or paying a small fortune for training. The first of 10 programmes was broadcast on the 1 February at 20h30. Reminder of the topics:
 - CPD and Engineering
 - QMS made easy
 - Transformation
 - Risk management
 - Tendering process
 - HR and CETA issues
 - Procurement
 - Costing modules
 - Clients vs. Consultants
 - Marketing and CommunicationsThis is your CPD intervention so make it work for you. (Registration forms are available from johanv@saace.co.za).

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

A lot has happened in the last few months, there is a growing sense amongst all Engineers that the winds of change are blowing once again, but that this time it is our industry that is going to bear the brunt of it. With the publication of Alyson Lawless' "Numbers and Needs" last year, young professionals are now asking what is being done about the problems and possible solutions this document highlighted. But I would like to urge you all not to sit back and wait for the powers that be to make those decisions. It is imperative that we all stand together and get involved. The launches of the YPF branches were all well attended and it is clear that we are all concerned, but what is needed now is for you to go to the meetings, get involved, ask the questions, and make the suggestions.

I call all branches of the YPF to hold an open general meeting where anyone can have their say and ask questions and make suggestions that can be written down and forwarded to the YPF National Committee. Once we know what you want from us, we can do everything we can to get it for you.

If you have any Comments or suggestions for this newsletter, please send them to James Melvill at jamesm@sun.ac.za

Regards
James Melvill.