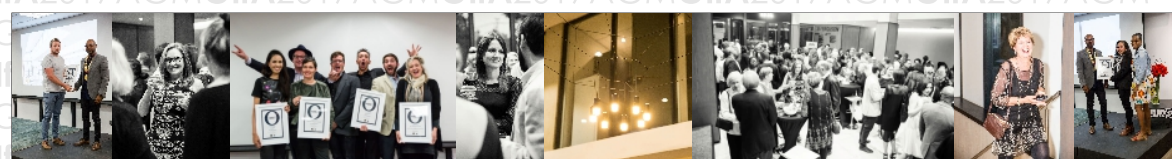


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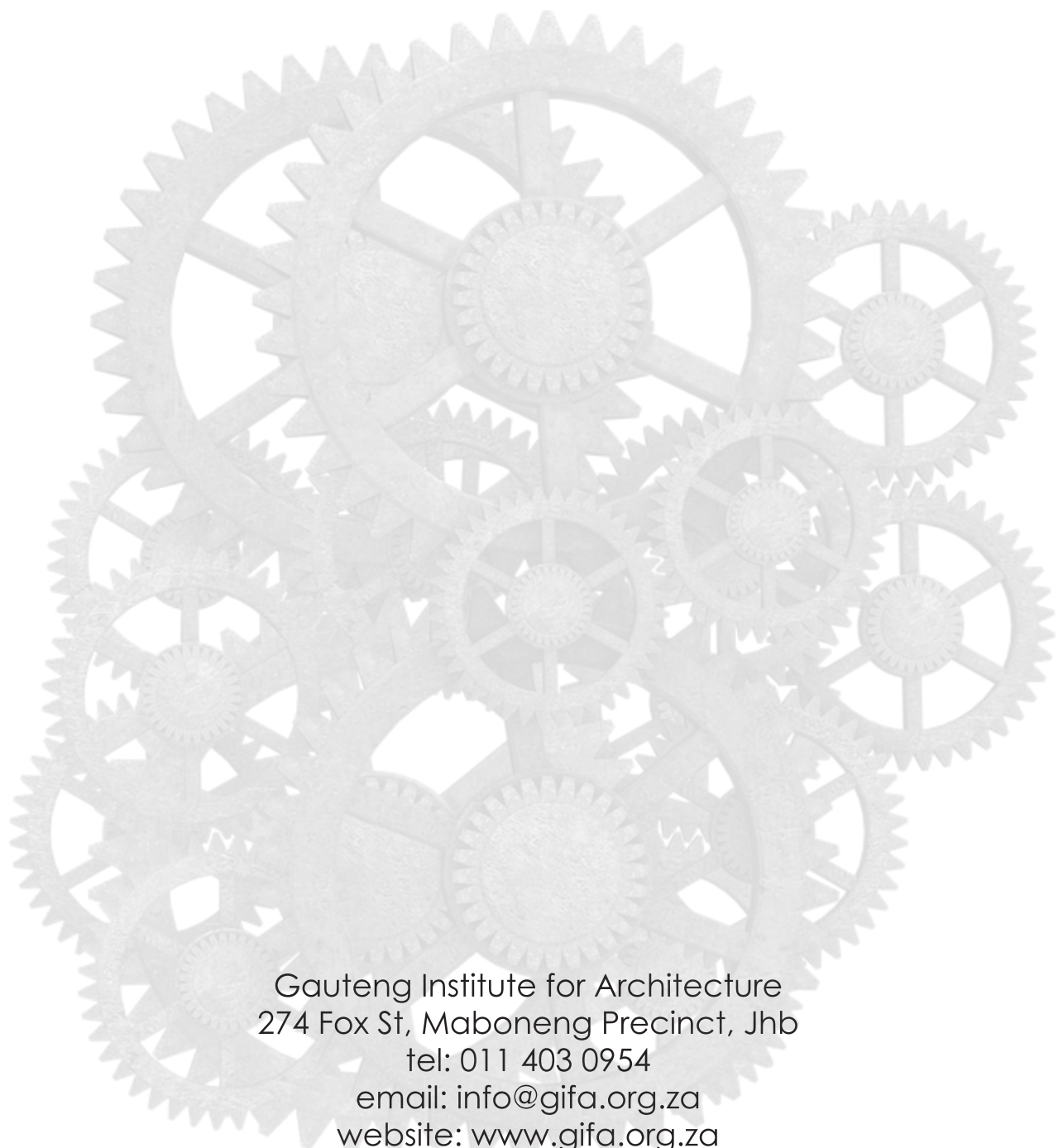
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### **11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017**

Gauteng Institute for Architecture  
Annual General Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 22nd November at 17H00 at  
274 Fox St, Maboneng Precinct, Johannesburg.





2017 GIFA REGIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY



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### AGENDA

*Master of Ceremonies - Krynauw Nel*

1. Notice	17:00
2. Welcome remarks (cell phones off; minuter)	
3. Attendance and apologies	17:05
4. Quorum	17:10
5. Guest Speaker Obert Chakarisa - CEO SAIA	17:15
6. Confirmation of the 2016 AGM minutes and actions	17:30
7. Guest Speaker Felix Linda Mampuru	17:35
8. GIaA Presidents annual Report	17:50
9. Financial report	18:05
10. Ratification of new committee	18:15
11. Q&A and Specific motions	18:25
12. General	18:35
13. Thanks and closure	18:50
14. Cocktails follow & End Of Year function	











2017 GIFA/MARLEY BURSARY AWARDS FUNCTION



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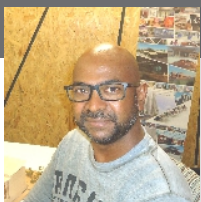
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Kumarsen Thamburan**

**T**wenty three years into our young democracy, Gauteng being the most cosmopolitan and demographically diverse province in the country, provides us as a Region of SAIA with an incredible opportunity to celebrate the profession and its achievements - past, present and future. We are fortunate to have a melting pot of diverse thinkers that are able to make our profession more accessible to the proportionately representative of the demographics of our country. We are cognisant of the previously marginalised sector of our population and continue the process of 'transformation' to further our goals of equality and equal opportunity amongst all that participate in this profession. This path to equality is a long and tedious one and we endeavour to reach our goals as a VA of advocacy, transformation and upliftment to no end. We have embarked on special programmes with tertiary institutions in order to realise the goals we have set out to achieve.

GiFa's Constitution upholds the core values of the profession in an attempt to maintain the integrity and stature that this age old profession deserves. We recognize the diverse cultural background of our complex society and pursue to conserve and sustain the value thereof. At this point we can safely say that South African architects are well underway in creating our own identity and brand in architecture that firmly gives us a position in the global arena of merit. We firmly believe that society as a whole has a major role to play in being consumers of the built environment. Social progress will definitely be a by-product of this.

### **TRANSFORMATION** – *The key to preserving our profession*

Definition: *[means a marked change in form, nature or appearance] and this simply suggests doing things differently.*



23 years into our democracy and the injustices of the past still lingers and contribute widely to the “professional apartheid” that we face daily in our lives as architects. Black architects only represent about 18% of the total number of 3772 registered architects in the profession. The lack of equality and equal opportunity seems to be the order of the era with very little or no effort to integrate our very threatened profession whilst it is business as usual for the privileged few. Needless to say this is not a sustainable path to ensuring survival of our beautiful profession. If we look deeper we will find that the disparities of the past seem to plague the industry as a whole.

It is saddening to note that in a profession made up a group of lateral and open-minded thinkers is still unable to bring about cohesion within the profession with a common goal and shared vision in the interest of contributing to the built environment fabric. If architecture and society are intrinsically connected, then society as a whole needs to be more cohesive and integrated in order to encourage unity and progressiveness. We as architects have the power to close this gap and bring about inclusivity. For those that see transformation as purely a “race” issue may have a narrow minded view and further be grossly misinformed. Transformation is about the unified front of diverse people changing the way things are usually carried out. It is an attempt to move away from what is familiar into something that is more inclusive.

Our profession has certainly taken the longest time for transformation to gain traction and this has certainly had a negative impact on the survival rate of young up and coming practices and professionals alike. This uncertainty is very clearly demonstrated in the decline of registered architects that SACAP reflected in its latest annual report. This begs the question are we our own worst enemies that do not seem to be pulling together to save a profession under threat?

The lack of skills transfer through joint ventures and collaboration by default further places our profession at risk of demise and fails society by not providing the gravely needed service delivery. It all seems simple, that in order for us to survive, knowledge transfer and succession planning needs to be the order of the day, hereby ensuring sustainability of the profession. There is no doubt that the lack of adequate statutory controls further works against transformation efforts, thereby undermining the process.

Over the past five years there has been a steady decline in the number of registered architects despite the increase in numbers of graduates of colour from ALS's. This is clear indication that the post graduates in our profession are not registering as professional architects or even worse, they are not staying in the profession.



One can argue many reasons for this being the case, but the most evident reason for this is the lack of sustainability to practice as an architect of colour this is proving to be more and more difficult within an untransformed profession and industry as a whole. The net effect of this is the lack of skills transfer and succession within the profession. This begs the question - are architects of colour lacking capability to practice as professionals or is the lack of opportunity to practice as professionals the root of the problem? This proves that the lack of whole and true transformation is contributing to the decay of our profession at a rapid rate.

The necessity of a unified profession is becoming more and more critical, in light of the bureaucracy surrounding the practicing architect. As long as onerous regulation plagues the profession, we will continue to find it more difficult to practice as custodians of the built environment, a once revered title sought by all that were passionate about making a positive contribution to society, by simply providing shelter. Where to from here? Do we continue in pursuit of well-deserved and gravely needed transformation or do we resign from our passion to provide shelter? Is racism within the profession more rife now than it was when the struggle against apartheid seemed to be the order of the day? The fate of our profession certainly hangs in the balance amidst the talk of change with little or no action behind it.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2017**

### **GIFA/Marley Bursary Programme**

In a joint venture bursary programme between the Gauteng Institute for Architecture (GIFA) and Marley Building Systems, six deserving architectural students from the University of Johannesburg (UJ) and the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) have been awarded bursaries to the value of R150 000. This is the first time in the history of GIFA that this is being done, and we hope to ensure that we continue this initiative well into the foreseeable future in order to make the profession more accessible to deserving people of colour making it more inclusive and representative of the demographics of the country, thereby creating equal opportunity in a currently exclusive profession due to the disparities and injustices of the past. This is our small way of changing the future. There are far too many deserving students out there that have financial need and are very capable of succeeding in their academic careers.

#### ***Bursary students 2017:***

1. Aissata Balde - *University of Johannesburg*
2. Moeketsi Phori - *University of Johannesburg*
3. Megan-Louise Wilson - *University of Johannesburg*
4. Moeketsi Phori - *University of Johannesburg*
5. Keitsitse Losoba - *Wits University*
6. Thami Khubeka - *Wits University*





## **Launch of our Transformation Committee**

GIFA's transformation mandate is to clearly articulate ethical standards by achieving sustainable ethical culture within the architectural profession. We can achieve this by monitoring and managing programmes, guidelines and practices. Arising out of this is the successful participation of the bursary recipients on our newly formed student committee. We hope that this will bridge the gap between the Institute and the Tertiary Learning sites to further encourage student involvement in the Institute.

## **Membership**

Our membership currently stands at 491. This spans across all categories of membership and demographically represents 389 whites, 80 black African, 20 Indians and 2 coloureds. Our PDI category equates to roughly 26% of our total membership. Needless to say we have a fair amount of work ahead of us to change this disparity.

## **Challenges**

GIFA's greatest challenge currently remains SACAP. Whilst we satisfy SACAP's requirements as a VA, our membership seems dissatisfied with regards to the manner in which SACAP conducts its affairs. The two most prominent issues are the lack of publication of the IDoW and the timeous publication of fee tariffs relative to the different categories of registration as depicted in the Architects Act 44 Of 2000. SACAP not addressing transformation issues to make the profession more inclusive seems to contribute to the decline in the number of registered architects in the country finding it difficult for them to sustain their careers within the built environment.

## **Financial standing**

GIFA remains to be financially challenged, we hope to turn this around in our 2017-2018 fiscal year.

With a lot being said and asked about the relevance of GIFA and its merits, GIFA is the voice of the profession in Gauteng for the members it holds. It is an organization that strives to bring about awareness and uphold the integrity of the profession. It provides a platform to showcase the contributions of all its members within the built environment. We hope that with the commitment of the membership, GIFA will continue to make a difference. Thank you.



## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Clara Almeida**

**T**he main action from the vice-president's position over the past year has been to ask and hear comments from our various interested stakeholders \_ Architects, students, sponsors, people in the built environment space. I have gathered these into four main streams of action, which are not tied to any specific committee but rather permeate all our structures. The specific examples proposed below for action during 2018-2019 and beyond, are not finite and any activity not listed but desired can slot into any of the planned main streams.

Dialogues with the **Youth** | Dialogues on **Smart Practice** |  
Dialogue: **Architecture for Everyone** | Dialogue **across Borders**

### **1. Dialogue with the Youth:** students / universities (Wits, UJ, TUT, Pta)

- a. the Graduates show (1<sup>st</sup> week of February)
- b. student bursaries...
- c. the SLOW-DATE pairing mentorship program: student & Architect | financial advice | life mentor advice | ethics development
- d. the DROP-BOX: recycling to students: hardware, clothes, books, materials...
- e. movie night: once-a-month: alternatively at Wits/UJ: films on/with Architecture | get from AAFF (Africa Architecture Film Festival) and Embassies...
- f. ManuFACTORY: a show combining design schools with Making & Market | Trade & Industry (TUT / FADA / Wits?) \_ *prepare in 2018 for 2019*



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- g. Solar Decathlon\_Africa: prepare in 2018 for 2019-2020 \_ Dept. Trade & Industry / major contractors / BASA...
- h. Competition amongst school learners, to develop Architecture conversation.
- i. Support AZA2018: 3 ~ 5 May

## 2. Dialogues on Smart Practice:

- a. Workshops with young and older practices, Small vs Big | Legal | Digital | Economics
- b. The August **unCONFERENCE** | exclusion and inclusion practices | without mentioning gender or female.
- c. Workshops in Soweto with architecture practitioners & others \_ pairing with [www.bizschool.org.za](http://www.bizschool.org.za) at GIBS \_ funds procured by partner & GIfA \_ course content by BizShool \_ later pursue partnership with CoJ (database access).
- d. The applied research HUB | GIfA as a host base for PhD applied research in Architecture... *prepare 2017 for 2018?*

## 3. Dialogue: Architecture for Everyone:

- a. TOURS of Award winners \_ 1st & 3rd Saturday of every month
- b. TOURS: GIfA EXTRA: doing tours of Architects' designed Interiors, bridges or whatever else, populating the days we have avoided formal tours due to spiritual holidays.
- c. MAKE A CITY workshop | child-parent activity (*coincide with children's Day?*)
- d. Colloquium: WAYS of LIFE: how do we live and work today: IN the city and within nature?
- e. ROOFTOPS partnership \_ an urban space manufacture involving women Architects/Urban Designers/Community
- f. Search for major sponsor for major annual prize for "Life-Time Award" \_ celebrating long lasting, resilient, adaptable structures that do not have to be demolished but adapt, with a minimum of... 10 years life?

- g. World Architecture Day: table @ gathering places – assist people on their houses for 10'
- h. Regional awards 2019.

#### 4. Dialogue across Borders (disciplines)

- a. PRESENT Architecture: Award Winners talks | *invite 2 other people from other disciplines for discussion? The week after the tour...*
- b. City Futures Dialogues | alliances with parallel space stakeholders, leaders | dinner dialogues in private houses which are great Architecture | catering by insiders or outsiders dependent on funding.
- c. The SOUTH/SOUTH alliance: 2 (or more) international lectures. People originating from the southern hemisphere, or BRICS / SADEC regions \_ to talk about great solutions made by local systems.
- d. An award for HOUSING | project-based | celebrating creativity and engagement with various stakeholders | procure funding and allocation for it to be built through a pilot-project system.

We hope that YOU will be part of the change, part of the solution...  
because we're in it together



"money wont create success, the freedom  
to make it will"  
- Nelson Mandela



## TREASURER'S REPORT



**Clarence Kachipande**

**D**espite continued pressure and uncertainty from the current socio-economic-political landscape, traditional mainstream revenue collection from our membership has so far remained surprisingly steadfast/ consistent (only 0.8% down). Members have however begun to "tighten their belts" elsewhere, and this is reflected in diminished revenue generated from CPD seminars and events (reduced uptake due to cost & affordability reasons). Office location has also not worked in our favour sometimes, and has impacted negatively on document sales (56.5% reduction). As a result, our Gross profit reflects an overall negative 17.7% decrease (R 1,267,685 for 2016 vs R1,043,317 for 2017).

Our corporate sponsorship revenue has taken a slight knock (15.4% down), mostly as a result of a reduced sponsorship from our traditional main funders, coupled with the effects of staff transitional and operational issues (evolving roles & responsibilities). This alternative income, albeit still nowhere close to desired levels, is increasingly significant. There's room for improvement, and should 2018 yield a more favourable economic environment than anticipated, there will be ample opportunity to maximize and grow this much needed income stream.

Challenges aside, we have done reasonably well under the circumstances, and purpose specific corporate funding has allowed us to sacrifice a little (R150k) to make a tangible difference in the field of Architecture. Hence we were able to award bursaries to 6 students of Architecture (3 from Wits and 3 from UJ), for the first time in GIfA's history, thanks to the insistence of our outgoing President (Mr Kumarsen Thamburan), and a partnership with Marley Building Systems. We hope that GIfA continues to lead by example with such endeavors to support and equalize our built environment.

## Tax Clearance & Legacy Tax Issues

It has been a rather taxing affair (no pun intended) but after many years of back and forth frustration with SARS, we are ecstatic to announce that we have finally attained our Tax clearance certificate. This is really a welcome development that will allow us to tap into other income streams generally, and more particularly from the government sector.

In spite of future changes in the admin and Presidency of the institute, with the assistance of our accountants, we encourage and trust that going forward the GIfA will continue to adhere to keep clear records/ books of all its tax affairs to avoid repetition of such a predicament. In the interim we have ensured the employment of sound admin systems to fortify such adherence and good practice.

## Procurement and Spending Protocols

**Clause 7** of our bylaws (procurement and spending protocol) was introduced to encourage **transparency and best practice** in our spending regime. We have tried to implement these practices, albeit this year has been challenging in terms of desired operation and meeting optimum consistent banking system accessibility, due to changes within Mancom, Staff requirements and I.T. issues.

Due to historical theft and fraud issues, the GIfA did away with bank cards in the past. However, for efficiency, we have resolved that there is a pressing need to secure an institute debit card for the office to allow for petty cash payments/ purchases. This will improve on the operations and efficiency of the staff in meeting their deliverables. To control spend, Mancom will deposit minimal monthly funds into a dedicated petty cash account for staff withdrawal or transaction.

Going forward we encourage the incoming Mancom to resolve any outstanding issues to allow for serious adherence to the protocols and guidelines stipulated in clause 7. This is necessary for good governance and to avoid unnecessary complications.

## Accounting and Book Keeping Issues

BMTC continues to oversee both our financial accounting and payroll affairs. The company offers Tax, Investment, Payroll and Accounting Services, and their flexibility has allowed us to add to or remove any services required. As the new Executive Officer comes from a financial admin background, we anticipate a more streamlined internal house-keeping culture, and a possible reduction in the outsourcing of some of the book keeping requirements over time.

## Conclusion and Farewell

All is not doom and gloom. After 10 years of serving this institute in many facets, it is humbling that I now depart as Treasurer, leaving GifA in a reasonably healthy financial position for the next successor to handle. Yes, things could always be better but we can't concern ourselves with what's beyond our control. This has indeed been an overwhelming journey during which I have not only learnt the challenges of our profession, but also gotten to know many of you. We live in interesting times where we know that "when elephants fight, it's the grass that suffers." Yet, despite things looking bleak at the moment, none of us are fortune tellers able to predict the future.

In closing, I would like to add that I have ample faith in the goodwill of the majority of our members in particular, and humanity in general. It is this goodwill and support that I will be relying upon as we embark on building the next chapter of a much needed organization/s, as this is necessary to transform the practice and interface of our Architecture along with the society that it serves. I thank you for your support over the years and invite you to join me in this journey into a future we can at least shape jointly, in spite of the current challenging environment riddled with despondency.

I conclude with my favourite African proverb, in believing that "However long the night, the dawn will break."





## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Abigail Neethling

**F**irst and foremost, I would like to thank the Management Committee for providing me with the leadership opportunity to administer the Institution.

The year was challenging, with no formal hand over document from previous executive managers it was difficult to assess the administration process and procedures within the institution. Coming from corporate environments such as Standard Bank (Corporate and Investment Banking), ABSA Bank (Corporate Banking) and Citadel Investment Services it was clear that GIfA required the implementation of a Strategic Plan.

We have identified an opportunity to implement a 5-year strategic plan aimed at positioning the institute as a relevant public benefits organisation.

Professional Architects interested in joining our **Strategic Plan Development Team** can contact the office on 011-4030954 or email [executivemanager@gifa.org.za](mailto:executivemanager@gifa.org.za). Your input is of the utmost importance.

### Membership

As per the membership report there has been a decline in our membership. Members have raised concerns with regards to the benefits that GIfA currently offers. We will include these concerns in our Strategic Plan and embark on an Outreach Programme whereby we visit our members, so we can focus on service delivery. This will roll out next year February 2018.

### Events

2017-2019 Events calendar considers various focus points aimed at more interactive events contributing to the profession. Please refer to Vice President's Report.

## Sponsorship and Donations

Our main sponsors for the year was **Marley Building Systems** who generously sponsored us with:

- **Gifa/Marley Bursary Programme** – The Bursary Programme assisted three students from The University of Johannesburg and three students from The University of Witwatersrand. They have taken up first right to sponsorship for our **Bursary Programme for 2018**.
- **Women Professional Breakfast** – This event took place in August and was very successful due to our sponsor.
- **Professional Practice Breakfast** – The professional breakfast held on 02 November 2017

Our main sponsors for the Regional Awards was:

- **Aluglass Bautech (Pty) Ltd**
- **Paragon Architects**
- **PPC**
- **Consentino**
- **Dekton**
- **NewTechWood**
- **GAPP Architects & Urban Designers (Pty) Ltd**

Our main sponsor for AGM last year and Professional Breakfast:

- **Just Stone** took up six professional breakfast this year.

Donations

- **Artek4 Architects**
- **HBS**
- **Bamboo**
- **Diamond Products**
- **Radiant Lightning**
- **Afritects**
- **Sundayi Nathan**
- **Eric Wienand**

Our main source of income is sponsorship, without our sponsors we are unable to host CPD events and major events. We will continue to build partnerships with our sponsors and undertake to engage in major sponsorship drives for the next 5 years. To all our sponsors thank you for your contributions for 2016-2017.

## **Committee Portfolios**

### ***Education Committee***

Our most active committee currently is the Education Committee. They have regular meetings and minutes reflecting activities and commitment.

### ***Transformation Committee***

The transformation committee was launched this year and with our first workshop held on 18 October 2017 proved that there is an active interest in transforming the profession. We look forward to an ongoing series of workshops addressing the current statistics within the profession.

### ***Professional Practice Committee***

We need members to join our Professional Practice Committee as we require a Municipal Liaison to facilitate a close working relationship with the Municipality. There is a responsibility to activate the Professional Practice Committee to ensure that the profession is protected.

### ***Heritage Committee***

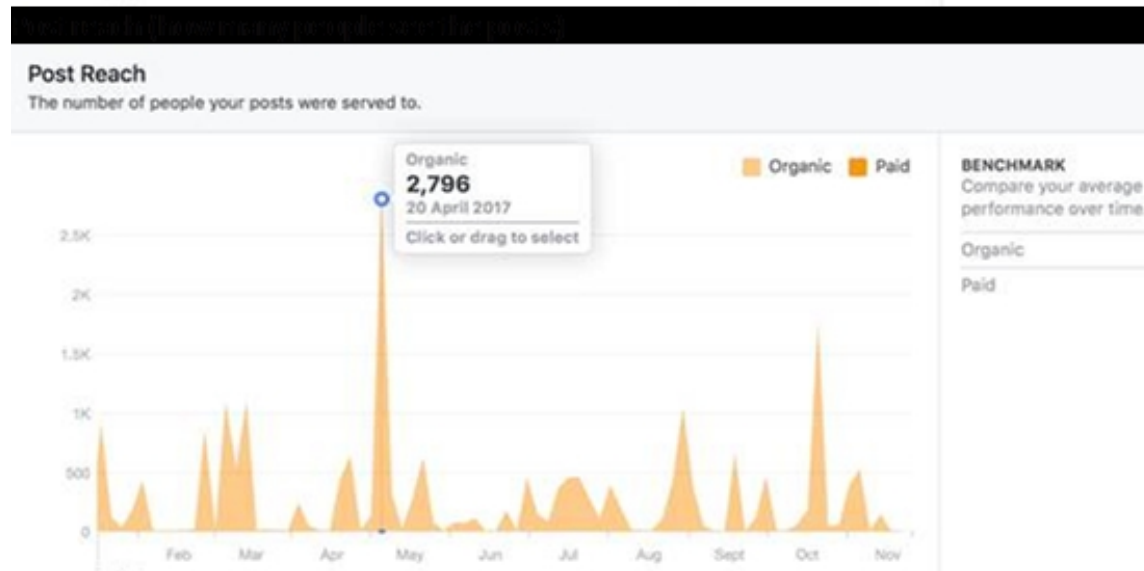
As with Professional Practice we require members to join our Heritage Committee as to ensure that the Heritage of the City is protected. Please come and join this committee.

### ***Marketing Committee***

We had very little marketing exposure this year. We seek young vibrant individuals to join our marketing committee. Whether you are a friend of GIfA, student or business affiliate interested in being a part of this exciting team and adventure, please feel free to contact our offices to find out more about how you can assist us in exposing GIfA to the public.



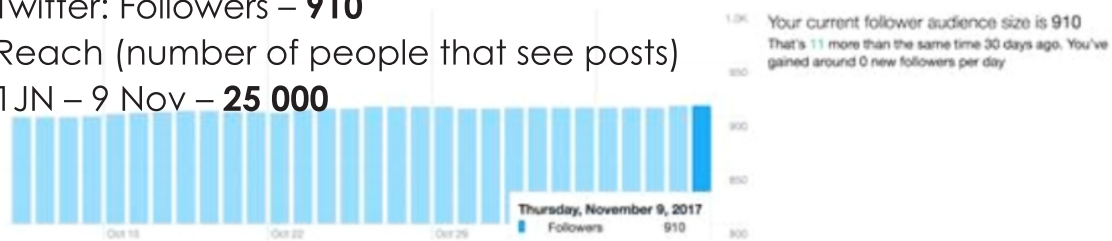
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Reach (number of people that see posts)

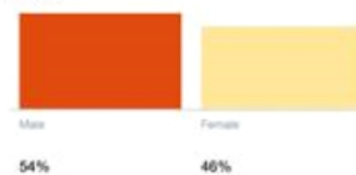
1JN – 9 Nov – **25 000**

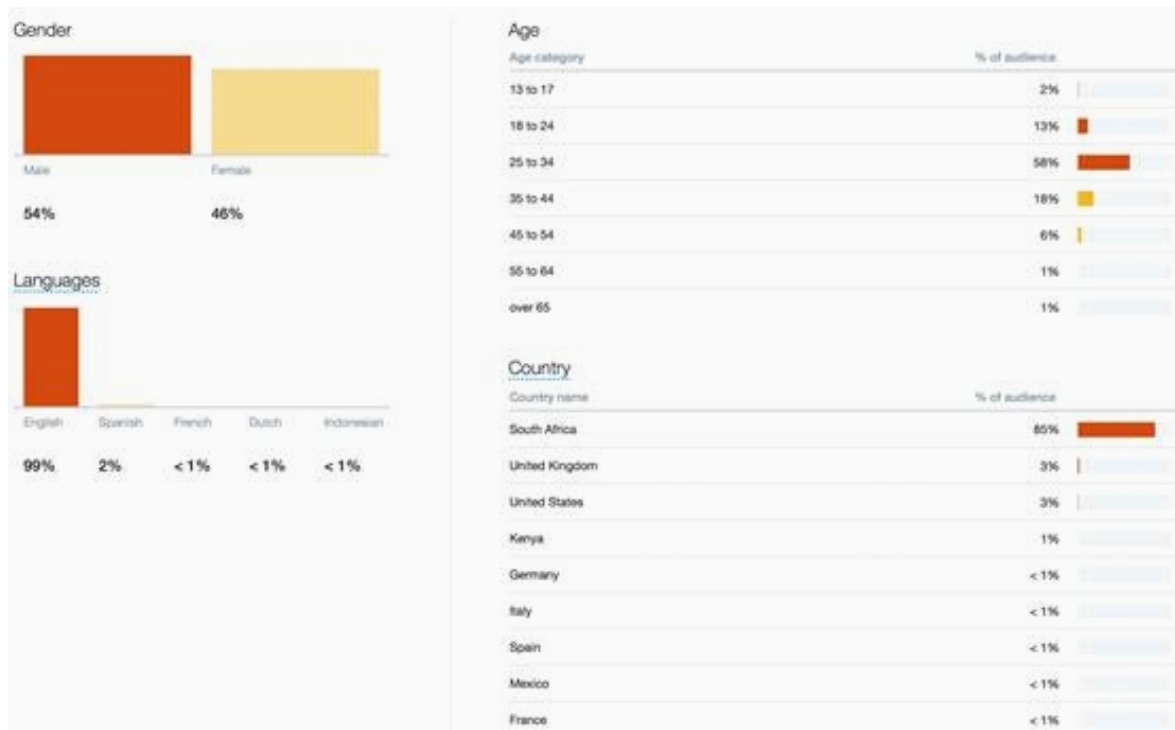


### Interests



### Gender





#### Device categories

Device type	% of audience
iOS devices	24%
Android devices	32%
Blackberry phones and tablets	< 1%
Mobile web on other devices	< 1%
Desktop and laptop computers	91%

#### Wireless carrier

Carrier name	% of audience
Vodacom	68%
MTN	44%
Cell C	28%
Telkom Mobile / 8.ta / Telkom SA	18%
O2 (UK)	3%
T-Mobile UK	3%
AT&T	2%
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3	1%

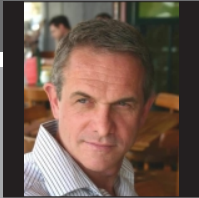
4,036 Viewers | 317 Followers | 2,670 Stories

## Way Forward

As GIfA we want to strive towards educating the public in Architecture. Making the profession more visible and relevant in the economic development of society which faces various socio-economic issues. Architecture can be the driver of economic prosperity. We can only do so with active members, please join us in our venture for long term sustainability of Architecture.



## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT



Krynauw Nel

Mia Jeffrey  
Stacey Leader  
Dock Motsilanyane  
Christo Vosloo  
Kuba Cranicki  
Christos Daskalacos

**B**uilding on the momentum of 2016, 2017 has been a remarkable year for GIfA's Professional Practice Committee. The Committee continues to be a place of interactive learning for members as the latest developments in contracts, statutory requirements, plan approvals, etc are always on the agenda. We continued representation at SAIA's Professional Practice Committee and it is safe to say that GIfA's voice has been

acknowledged by SAIA in particularly its activist stance in representing the members of the profession.

Our committee has formalised itself in important aspects and the voices of academics and the passion and dedication from committee members have further improved the image of and participation in the committee.

SACAP continued to dominate events and closer to home the work and exposure of SACAP issues by Architects for Change was a significant start to the year. Despite the nature of the interactions, including matters such as signed or unsigned MOUs between Regional Volunteers' Associations like GIfA, the benefit was a galvanizing of participation of GIfA members interests in the issues of architecture and the unity shown in the profession. This matter will continue to demand attention as it develops.

In terms of Duty of Care letters, this committee did important work in the rebuttal of these unnecessary agreements and members are alerted to follow SAIS's statements in this regard in the close future. Architects have shown in this matter that they are leaders in the industry and it is likely that other professions and their associations as well as contractors will follow on the work done by architects.



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Our ability as architects to positively influence the industry should never be underestimated.

Our breakfast meeting is going from strength to strength and have become a very active forum for sharing ideas and dealing with practice issues common to all professionals. Special thanks to Kuba Granicki who continues to host and inject energy, fun into these meetings. This also goes for all the regulars that make Professional Practice come alive.

From this forum are renewed calls for interaction between Local Authorities and architects to discuss increased approval times and possible self-regulation by architects without entanglement between the profession and government institutions. The use of the NBR review board as a mechanism has been under scrutiny. We acknowledge the continued presence, guidance and candour of Graham de Kock in so willingly representing the City of Johannesburg at these meetings.

The last quarter of 2017 is likely to see another welcome change at this committee that will show GI fA's commitment to women and transformation by welcoming more women to the committee. How refreshing to see the equal abilities and of women coming into this traditionally male dominated environment.





**Janet Deschepper –Saaiman and Patrick Nayler**

**Ariane Janse Van Rensburg  
Shaun Gaylard  
Francis Fourie  
Trisha Naik**

**Sub-Committee  
Student Committee  
Megan Louise  
Mokeketsi Phori  
Aisha Balde  
Thami Kubheka  
Lauren Konstantinou  
Jessica Wyszowski-Korwin  
Keitsitse Losaba**

**G**IFA EDCOM has been involved in a variety of activities throughout the year. These are listed below.

1. Education Think Tank and Bursary programme. Edcom has been tracking the bursary programmes of SACAP, SAIA & GIFA granted to WITS and UJ students, as a benchmark, for the purposes of exposing the potential to all school learners in Gauteng.
2. Edcom has incorporated numerous student representatives in the committee to bridge the gap between the learning institutions and the professionals. Our

intention is to actively involve the next generations in future policy and strategy for the profession. The end goal is the expansion of the member's role.

There are 3 UJ, 5 WITS and 2 School Student Council members on Edcom.

3. Edcom is in the process of formalizing a business plan to establish a GIFA Research Hub, accessible to all students, professionals and interested parties.
4. Edcom has debated their role in the Transformation Forum, and how best the committee is positioned to create funding and exposure to the youth of the country.

5. Edcom has engaged with CETA, and they will participate in the university transformation workshops. Their experience and knowledge of what bursaries, subsidies etc. are available to the youth and how to expose these options in SA.
6. Edcom is working on a comprehensive Events Calendar for the website, showing all events at GIFA, Wits, and UJ, SAIA etc.
7. Unfortunately World Architecture Day has come and gone. The opportunity to capitalize on exposure could not be achieved this year. The intentions and possibilities were debated, the execution fell short.
8. Edcom achieved marginal exposure on MIX FM, radio station.
9. Throughout the year Janet has been assessing and approving various CPD presentations.  
Edcom needs to advise on streamlining the different systems for lectures, in the hope of achieving consistency in the applications and protocols.  
SACAP has been making noises with reference to changing the application structure for CPD presentations, and “taxing” the VA's on the sponsorships charged. Edcom is assessing a forum to oppose this.
10. Edcom has released the Information Flyers, and will update them as new information is made available or is published explaining exactly what is required to achieve acceptance at any of the universities, and the application process.
11. Careers Days were held at the Glen and Benoni this year. The Waverly event did not feature on Edcom calendar in 2017.
12. Edcom is preparing a list of all the professional companies offering Job shadowing and Student Participation programmes, and will incorporate the information on the website.  
This effort is to bring Practices closer to the students groups, and vice versa.
13. Edcom is well underway with the Essay writing Competition aimed at secondary schools, and will initiate the competition entry documents in the first 2 weeks of 2018.





**Brian Mckenie**

**Brendan Hart  
Yasmin Mayat  
Dave Gurney**

**B**elow is a summary report of the heritage committee's activities over the past year: The Gifa Heritage Committee has been active over the past year (although in a less visible form than in previous years). The various activities that the committee has been involved in are as follows:

- All members of the committee represent the interests of Gifa/the architectural profession on various Heritage bodies:
  - Brian sits on the Provincial Heritage Resource Authority
  - Yasmin and Brendan sit on the accreditation committee of the Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners
  - David, Brian, Yasmin and Brendan are all members of the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation with David being particularly active
  - Yasmin and Brendan sit on the Joint Plans Committee (east) of the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation
  - Committee members also act as a liaison with various heritage organisations and platforms such as the Heritage Portal and Gauteng Heritage Action Group
- The heritage committee represents Gifa (and to an extent the Architectural Profession) as a commenting body on Heritage Impact Assessments and general heritage issues. In the past year these have included:
  - The Gauteng Provincial Governments Kopanong Precinct in the Johannesburg CBD
  - Various developments relating to mining compounds located on the east rand
  - Various other smaller heritage applications

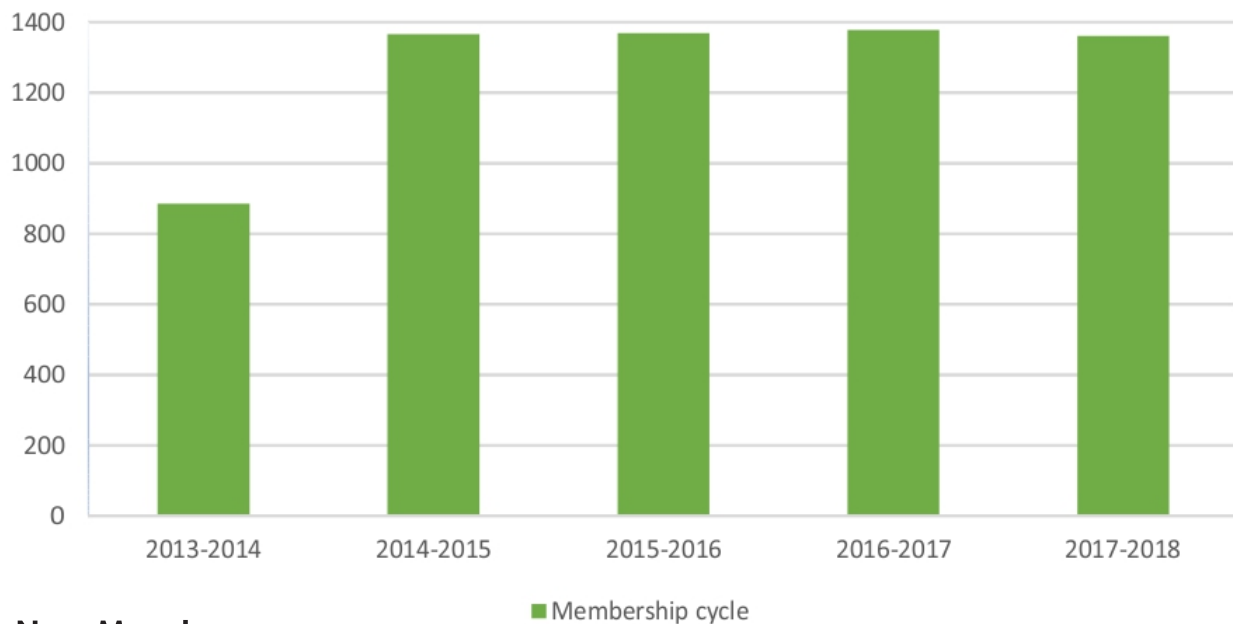
- The committee has been active in activism and the protection of architectural heritage resources. Most notably in the past year the committee was actively involved in protest, PHRAG liaison and lobbying against illegal work undertaken to Peter House, an early 1930's modernist icon and important piece of Johannesburgs architectural heritage located on Bree Street in the Johannesburg CBD. The successful outcome of the process was the issuing of a stop order by the Provincial Heritage Resource Authority Gauteng. The committee will be liaising with the appointed heritage consultants on the repair and restoration work that will need to be undertaken on the building.
- Going forward for the 2017 – 2018 cycle the committee wants to again become more visibly active. This will include:
  - Heritage walking tours, the first being of Edwardian Johannesburg.
  - “National Heritage Resources Act of Dummies” Seminar (successfully held in 2014 & 2015)



**Nthakoana Sibeko**

There is decrease on Membership due to economy, some members are resigning because they cannot afford membership fees anymore, that is why we have decided not to increase the membership fees for 3 cycles now, to make it easy to maintain our membership. Below graph reveals the decrease and increase of membership for five cycle

**Membership Graph**



### New Members

We would like to welcome new members for this cycle and to those who have chosen to transfer their membership from other Regions to us. We look forward to interacting with you as we focus on expanding membership benefits and service delivery to our members.



## Fees

Unlike the past years there is a very slow response on membership fees, and we still urge those that are still behind to contact the office for payment arrangements and our genetic staff will assist them. Please be reminded that our cycle resumes on 1<sup>st</sup> of July and ends the 30<sup>th</sup> June the next year, some members pay their fees late in the year and when they receive invoices for new cycle they feel like they are paying twice in one year it is important to pay fees in time.

We would also like to highlight members that we have a monthly option of payment that they can choose rather than a once off payment, also to take this opportunity to thank all members who have paid their fees in time.

Lastly, I would like to thank my colleagues, our Mancom committee, and all who had helped throughout the year. I thank you all and we value your input and support to the Institute.



## EVENTS REPORT



**Abigail Mkandla**

**T**his has been another busy year for GIfA events. With SACAP closely monitoring members' CPD points submitted for each cycle. The architects have seen the need to collect their points and keeping them up-to-date, more seriously as GIfA offers CPD events that are relevant to their professions, whilst still being stimulating and informative. Amassing CPD points within category 1 for individuals is expensive. GIfA has always strived to arrange events at a reduced price by trade sharing and/or other means with the Presenter involved. This year we have given out 3 free CPD lectures to our members.

The strong symbiotic relationship with the universities also assisted architects in different ways to attain CPD points for free. We appreciate all the efforts, endless support, gesture displayed to the architectural profession through different lecture series which is beneficiary to the architects done by GSA. One of the most auspicious benefits of becoming a GIfA member is the reduction of the CPD event attendee by fifty per cent. This year tours are starting to emerge with all regional awards winning projects being visited and are continuing up to next year. It means that GIfA calendar will be rich with events for the next two years.

The Professional Practice breakfasts held once a month, have been very excellent and were facilitated by Kuba and Krynauw Nel. We have seen a lot of interactions with SACAP as well as a SAIA getting involved. Costs incurred for these events were more manageable as we had Justone taking up sponsorship for 6 months and Marley taking two of the professional breakfast. Attendees enjoy the fact-to-face interaction and the opportunity to discuss relevant matters and issues affecting the profession. Women professional breakfast was one of the informative and well attended event for 2017. They really enjoyed it as they were given a platform to express themselves on matters that concerns women in architecture also young women architects were also involved. This event has shown growth in women attendance.

The Young graduate curated an impressive exhibition which has been highly received by both the public and the architectural profession. Also, an eye-catching display was the Regional awards mini exhibition held in our space at our offices, And all projects were well built and displayed as different people kept on visiting them. So far, this year all our events were well attended.

GIfA managed to get profits from events especially workshops. reducing events fees to the level of other regions is a strategy of attracting more attendees this is shown by PIA members migrating to GIfA.

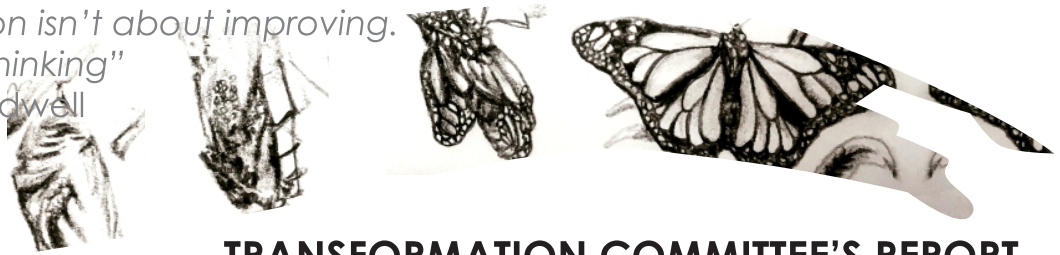
### **Update**

- 32 events held in total this year as compared to last year we had 28
- All paid workshops give us a small profit margin
- Architectural candidates who attends PPE workshop they always attain good marks. The PPE workshop is done twice a year and is conducted by Christos Daskalacos

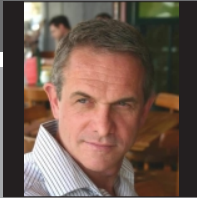
Going forward, GIfA will continue to strive to offer CPD events that not only maintain the veracity of the profession, but that also motivates attendees to want to collect their points because the events are appropriate, inspiring and offer good value.



*"transformation isn't about improving.  
It's about re-thinking"*  
-Malcolm Gladwell



## TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT



Lone Poulson  
Tahira Toffa  
Leago Madumo

Krynauw Nel

Events at GlfA in 2017 provided the perfect timing to establish formally this committee at GlfA in recognition of GlfA. GlfA members and their always-open attitudes. GlfA membership's attitudes were particularly clear during the events around SACAP and feedback to GlfA members earlier in the year. We have often expressed the view that Voluntary

Associations should be even more active regarding stimulation and execution of transformation in our profession. GlfA can be proud to work from the position and attitudes we find in our region regarding transformation. What a long way we have come. There is still much to do.

From inception this committee has been creative and energetic and has achieved much in its short existence. From a lead from our Vice President to link up with COJ, a connection was immediately made that has resulted in a Winter School at UJ for the empowerment of townships architectural professionals. We acknowledge the work of Leago Madumo in this respect. It provided much needed upliftment where required and will be an on-going initiative.

In arranging its first formal event, GlfA found synergy with SAIA and on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 collaborated a historic meeting regarding transformation, this was held at GlfA offices. It was a great success and participants have expressed surprise at how far we have come along this road in attitude if not statistics. Many have asked to join to make a further difference. The light-hearted and frank way in which issues were addressed bodes well for the work to come. From the GlfA transformation committee, we owe a debt of gratitude to Penny Sebe and all "SAIA Transformers" especially Lone Poulson, our own co-convenor, Tahira Toffa, Abigail Neethling and as always Janet Saaiman for arranging details for this event. I am sure this is a committee which will gain even more momentum and traction with great results to follow. It is likely that another meeting will follow with committee member of both GlfA and SAIA and that this will result in an open day on this topic. This will be an event not to be missed.

It is with gratitude for the energy and support I have found that I officially hand over the convenorship to Tahira Toffa and pledge me continued support to her and to this important committee.

## GIfA'S NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS & PRESIDENTS

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MAX KIRCHHOFFER

STANLEY HAROLD SEGAL

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R. Howden	1911	B. S Cooke	1953
H. G. Veale	1912	C. M Sinclair	1954
W. H. Stucke	1913	H. G Summerley	1955
J. E. Beardwood	1914	M. L Bryer	1955 - 1956
Walter Reid	1915	D. M. Calderwood	1957 - 1958
E. H. Waugh	1916	SWR Gildenhuys	1958 - 1959
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M. J. Harris	1918	H. N. Joubert	1960 - 1961
D. N. Burton	1919	M. D. Ringrose	1961 - 1962
D. M. Sinclair	1920	J. S. B. Taylor	1962 - 1963
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Allen Wilson	1924	J. G. O. Watson	1966 - 1967
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A. S. Furner	1941	R. B. Pringrove	1991 - 1993
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W. A. Macdonald	1945	Kwazi A Dwomoh	2004 - 2006
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C. C. Irvine-Smith	1949	Daniel van Der Merwe	2012 - 2015
H. G. Porter	1950	Kumarsen Thamburan	2016 - 2018
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