

Staying in TOUCH WITH MEMBERS

January - February 2024

ACTIVITIES

1 ACEB MEMBERSHIP

Welcome 4 new members

- ✓ Aquaducts Engineering Services – Corporate member (Managing Director – Mr Wilson Lesole Ketjebile)
- ✓ Pinagare Engineers – Corporate member (Managing Director – Mr Modiri Seralanyane)
- ✓ Julzon (Managing Director – Lesson July)
- ✓ TK and Associates (Managing Director – Mr Thusani Gaotlhobogwe)

Membership Subscriptions

Annual Membership subscription invoices were sent to members on 10th January 2024. Fees were increased by 5.9%, being CPI+2%, which amounted to **P4 380.00**.

Membership Registration fees were also increased by 5.9% to **P2 030.00**

As at 29th February 2024 only 39 members had paid their Annual Subscriptions.

2 FIDIC AFRICA INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE

The next FIDIC Africa Conference will be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 26th – 29th May 2024.

Registration Fees: US\$650 Members, and US\$300 Future Leaders

Registration deadline: 15th April 2024.

No	Packages	Amount (Pula)			
		Registration Fees	Air Fare	Accommodation Holiday Inn (4 nights)	Total
1	J' Burg – Addis – Dar (Return)	9 750	5 890	6 540	22 180
2	J' Burg – Dar – J' Burg (Return)	9 750	8 180	6 540	24 470
3	Gab - J' Burg – Dar (Return)	9 750	10 480	6 540	26 770
4	Gab – Addis – Dar (Return)	9 750	10 480	6 540	26 770

3 FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference

The FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference is scheduled for 8 – 10 September 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland.

4 FIDIC CONTRACTS TRAINING

Following the demise of Dr Sebastian Hok, ACEB Secretariat has reached out to other FIDIC trainers with the hope to replace Dr Hok. Furthermore, a Training Agreement was signed with FIDIC with the hope that they will be able to provide trainers.

The Agreement is for a period of one (1) year commencing 15/01/2024 to 14/01/2025.

For Royalties, FIDIC is charging a fixed sum of 10% of the registration fee per delegate to the training and a fixed sum equivalent to the full registration fee of one delegate for in-person Training. Increased to 20% for Online Training. This is undebatable, according to FIDIC. It leaves us with no option but to increase the course fees.

5 MEETINGS/ EVENTS ATTENDED

A presentation by Catalyst Project Team (CPT) with regard to implementation of projects under the Development Managers was arranged for ACEB members on 18th January 2023. The meeting was well attended, by 27 ACEB members and 12 people from the CPT. The main purpose of this meeting was for CPT to clarify and answer any questions from ACEB members regarding implementation of projects under the Development Managers.

6 ACEB FUTURE LEADERS

Job Shadowing Launch

Job shadowing launch was successfully held on 21st February 2024 at the Palapye-Mmashia (NSC2.2) Water Transfer Project hosted by Bergstan with students from Mahalapye Brigade. There were approximately 140 students present during the presentation but only 4 students with 1 lecturer/ Supervisor were able to go for the site tour due to lack of transportation. Overall, positive feedback was received from Mahalapye Brigade, they were very pleased with the launch and requested for another site tour. Their wish is to give all students site experience as the team which was selected were very excited about it and reported to have been very informative, and that on the next tour they will arrange for transportation to ensure that all students are present.

Road Activation

ACEB Future Leaders received an invitation from ERB to partner with them on road activations. They had their first opportunity at the Graduation/Open day that was held at Balsago University on 23rd February 2024. The purpose of these activations is to engage with audiences and promote a positive brand awareness.

7 ACEB COMMITTEES UPDATE

The following committees have started or continued to meet:

- ✓ **Marketing and Events** – currently looking into planning for the Annual Engineering Excellence Awards 2024.
- ✓ **Communications, Ethics and Integrity** – their 1st article “Bribery and kickbacks in Botswana’s construction industry” is expected to appear in the Gazette Online newspaper in the week beginning 18th March 2024.
- ✓ **Finance** –The Terms of Reference have been finalised, now working on the ACEB Investment/Fund Raising Strategy
- ✓ **Membership** – The committee is in the process of developing the TOR.
- ✓ **Education and Training** –Action planning is ongoing for ACEB School of Consulting Engineering (SCE):
 - Carryout market survey - Done
 - Identify suitable courses – ongoing
 - Identify Trainers – EOI has gone out
 - Arrange the Training of Trainers course – TBA

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