



SA COUNCIL FOR THE  
**PROPERTY VALUERS PROFESSION**

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**COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**  
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings to all the registered persons and all candidates of the South African Council for the Property Valuers Profession and to all the property practitioners not forgetting all the property users in South Africa and anywhere in the global village.

*This is the first newsletter you have been waiting to see for yyears, it is finally out! Make use of it, it is your platform of expression in the valuation field!*

This newsletter's aim is to serve as the tool to be used to encourage constant communication between the registered persons and the Council.

For years the former SACV and the current Council functions were not too clear, except that both Councils' roles were perceived to be only the legislative bodies whose functions were to register and collect annual fees from the registered persons.

Reason being that the registered persons received correspondence only when the annual fees were due to the Council. Hey

things are rapidly changing in this millennium for the good of the profession!

This newsletter also aims to strive to put a face to the Council.

By now you know that the Council has new members who took office on the 31 August 2005 and their term of office expires on July 2009. The membership comprises eight experienced professional valuers and two members of the public who are property practitioners and also highly experienced in the property industry.

Watch out! The man or the woman sitting next to you in that conference may be one of the Council members! See now, the members are not monsters but fellow valuers like me and you!

The members in the Council represent you and strive to improve and develop the valuation profession. This cannot happen without you taking part therefore your input or suggestions will surely make a big difference in the valuation profession. Share your knowledge and experience for the good of the profession.

**A juristic person established by section 2 of the Property Valuers Profession Act, 2000**

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mokweni SA (President), Serfontein M (Vice President), Bothongo MK, Bray AH, Evans K, Lehobye TI, Margolius J, Mavhungu SZ, Nkomo D, Sarvai W, Seota MC (Registrar)

By the time you receive this newsletter the summer season will be at an advanced stage. Regardless of the weather conditions the property market are still vibrant out there. **The Council wishes you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New year!** Wish you success in your valuation career.

Zodwa Mavhungu  
*Editor*

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

This is the first of a series of communications planned to be sent to you during the term of office of the current Council. Our term commenced on 31 August 2005 and will continue until 30 July 2009 or when the Minister has appointed a new Council.

Since its inauguration in July 2005, the members of the Council have been extremely busy with reshaping the Valuers' Profession. There are a number of changes that will be done in order to ensure that our profession is on par with

the best in the world. Gone are the days that our profession will be looked at as a 'Cinderella Profession'. The new members of the Council are very enthusiastic and motivated to improve professionalism in the industry and to achieve this objective, a number of initiatives have been adopted by the Council.

The Council has also recognised two voluntary associations namely the South African Institute of Valuers and the Black Valuers Association of South Africa. We are of the view that these Voluntary Associations will go a long way in assisting us to improve the image and professionalism in our industry. Through these Voluntary Associations, the Council will have access to diverse opinions and inputs that will help us in our role of facilitating a regulatory environment that will transform the industry.

Talking about transformation, the Council recently analysed the records of registered persons and the figures revealed the hard work that lies ahead of us to transform the profession. The figures reflected below are indicative of the profile of the profession as at the end of 2005.

**THE COUNCIL WAS RECENTLY ON A ROADSHOW IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:**

Cape Town	22 September 2006
Port Elizabeth	6th November 2006
East London	6th November 2006
Durban	7th November 2006

**THE NEXT ROADSHOWS ARE:**

Gauteng	Date to be arranged
Bloemfontein/ Northern Cape	Date to be arranged

Gender	African Male	African Female	Coloured Male	Coloured Female
No.	222	54	73	13
%	8.3	2.0	2.7	0.5

Gender	Indian Male	Indian Female	White Male	White Female
No	54	7	1974	271
%	2.0	0.3	74	10.2

I therefore want to invite all stakeholders to stand united in the efforts to make our profession to be representative of the South African population. The Council will be embarking upon various strategies including learnership and mentorship programmes in order to achieve our national objective to transform the industry. We must remember that no country will ever be able to turn around the tide of poverty while the majority of its citizens remain unskilled.

The property valuation profession faces many other challenges that need to be dealt with in order to enhance professionalism, for instance:

A number of Candidate Valuers have been registered for many years in that category and it would appear that they make very little or no effort to complete their respective studies while on the other side they continue to participate in the industry as if they are Professional Valuers. It is almost a situation that "*once a candidate Valuer always a Candidate valuer.*" The Council is in the process of promulgating rules that will do away with this permanent Candidate Valuers' category. Watch the space!!

It would appear that the general public including some Government Departments have very little or no understanding at all of the Property Valuers profession. As a result many of them cannot make a distinction between a qualified Property Valuer and an Estate Agent or otherwise. A vigorous communication strategy is needed to address this particular problem.

Professional Fees under-cutting that results in substandard valuation reports continue to be a problem. This practice seriously undermine the professionalism which many of strive so hard to uphold. Another point that struck my mind is the fact that very few if any Valuers ever quote in accordance with the guideline fees, thus raising the question as to whether the guideline fees are actually determined at the appropriate level? If so, why only a few professionals if any, make use of the guideline fees? I would like to be engaged in this topic because the entire built environment professions will be engaging in formulating a policy framework for determining guideline professional fees.

I am looking forward to hearing your comments on some of the issues raised. Your comments could be sent to the Registrar whose email address is [registrar@sacvp.co.za](mailto:registrar@sacvp.co.za).

Soyisile Mokweni  
President

## **AIMS OF THE NEWSLETTER**

The Council's aims of writing this newsletter is to reach out to the registered people and so improve the communication for the good of the valuation profession. There are approximately 2700 valuation practitioners who are registered with the Council in different categories. There is a feeling that the role played by the Council is not clearly communicated between the registered people, the members of the public and the Council. The number and the type of complaints that the Council received indicate that surely the need for the communication tool exists within the profession therefore it is believed that the newsletter will serve that purpose.

## **FREQUENCY OF THE NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter will be published quarterly.

## **ABOUT COUNCIL**

The Council is a statutory (juristic) person, established by section 2 of the Property Valuers Profession Act, 2000 (Act No, 47 of 2000).this act is the Council's primary source for its functions (powers and duties).

The Council aim to achieve the following:

- To provide professionalism and high standards of competency through continuing education and training (CET).
- To promote access to the profession by all members of the society.
- To make the property valuers profession a career of choice to all members of society.

## **COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

- Education committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Registration and Complaints Committee.