

Newsletter 191

5 August 2014

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Dear Members,

NOTICE OF SAWPA REGIONAL MEETINGS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Members are invited to attend the second round SAWPA regional meetings for 2014 which will be held on the dates and at venues as given below. The agendas for the meetings will be circulated closer to the date. Any member wishing to formally add an item for discussion can send the details to SAWPA for inclusion on the agenda by the 15th of August. Please indicate whether it is intended for discussion in your specific region or whether or not you would like to add it as national discussion point at all the regional meetings. In cases where preparation may be required by SAWPA the required background details need to be submitted together with the agenda item.

Regional Schedule and Venues

Limpopo	1 September 2014	Fairview Hotel, Old Gravelotte Rd, Tzaneen
Mpumalanga	3 September 2014	Forever Resort Hotel and Conference Centre, Badplaas
Kwa Zulu Natal	5 September 2014	Ascot Conference Centre, 217 Woodhouse Road, Pietermaritzburg
Gauteng	8 September 2014	Shumba Valley Lodge – Pelindaba Rd, Lanseria
Southern/Eastern Cape	10 September 2014	Pine Lodge, Cnr Saasveld and Knysna Roads, George
Western Cape	11 September 2014	Wood Sciences Department, University of Stellenbosch

**All the regional meetings will commence at 10:00.
Refreshments will be served prior to, and lunch following the meetings.
For seating and catering purposes please inform Sue on 011 974 1061
or at sawpa@global.co.za if you will be attending.**

NOTICE OF SAWPA CHEMICAL FORUM, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

All members are notified of the Annual General meeting to be held as given below. The Chemical Forum and Executive Committee members are also notified of the dates and times for their respective meetings. The agendas of these meetings will be forwarded closer to the time. Any items that you wish to be added to the respective agendas for discussion must be forwarded to Sue before the 5th of September 2014.

Chemical Forum	29 September	13:00	SAWPA Boardroom, SAFCA Building, 6 Hulley Rd, Isando
Executive Committee	30 September	9:00	SAWPA Boardroom, SAFCA Building, 6 Hulley Rd, Isando
AGM	30 September	13:00	SAFCA Boardroom in the SAFCA Building , 6 Hulley Rd, Isando

PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSTITUTE LETTER

Members are informed that we received a letter from the Playground Safety Institute of South Africa which was also addressed to various government departments, the WHO, medical research council of South Africa. The letter has no relation to the WD Goodwin complaint that was raised late in 2012 and which we have taken a lot of effort time and costs to respond to. It is because of this that SAWPA in consultation with ENSafrica, who assisted us in the detailed

response to Mr Goodwin, has indicated to the Playground Safety Institute that we do not intend responding in parallel with the WD Goodwin complaint. SAWPA requested the Institute to lodge their complaint with the Registrar of Act 36 of 1947, where there is currently a formal process in progress, and where we will respond formally to the latest allegations if required to do so. Interestingly the letter from The Playground Safety Institute refers to the risk of other products used on playground equipment, including lead containing paint, but also preservatives like creosote and TBTN-P, which we know are not used in this application.

As mentioned in newsletter No. 190 of 25 June, an official workshop or public hearing is to be called by the Registrar of Act 36 of 1947 where all stakeholders can voice their specific point of view and argue for the unrestricted use and registration of CCA as a wood preservative. To date we have still not received any indication of a date and time of the workshop from the Registrar's office.

HOME HANDYMAN MAGAZINE - MANDELA DAY INITIATIVE AND PROMOTIONAL PROJECT

SAWPA is proud to have taken part in the Home Handyman Mandela Day initiative that took place on the 18th of July. The initiative entailed the replacement of an old rotten Wendy house at the Oasis Haven, a home for abandoned children. Oasis Haven was in dire need of a new Wendy house which they use for storage purposes and through the Home Handyman magazine SAWPA was approached to sponsor the replacement Wendy house. Some of our members were also involved, i.e. Beaver Timbers, manufacturer of the Wendy house, supplied free transport of the Wendy house to the site in Randburg, and Timberlife who sponsored the brush on remedial wood preservative for the floor as well as the protective wood sealer for the rest of the Wendy house.



SAWPA has also embarked on a project over the next 6 months wherein we will be placing editorials, adverts and some of our DIY projects in the Home Handyman magazine as part of our effort to promote preservative treated timber and our members to the broader public and DIY'er.

BMI – BRSCU STRATEGIC FORUM SESSIONS

In Newsletter No. 188 of 7 February 2014 we shared information with our members of the subscription partnership that we had made with the BMI (Business & Marketing Intelligence) Building Research Strategy Consulting Unit together with Sawmilling South Africa, The Institute for Timber Construction and Institute for Timber Frame Builders. We sent out invitations to the last two strategic forum sessions which was open to members of SAWPA. Although we can understand the unwillingness of members who do not reside in or close to Gauteng, we would like to urge those members who do and those who are perhaps in the region to seriously consider attending these quarterly sessions.

The sessions are extremely insightful and informative in that renowned speakers give their forecast and future scenarios based on political, economic, social, technological, legislative and environmental perspective, both locally and globally. Speakers of the calibre of Dr Azar Jamine (chief economist at Econometrix), Theo Venter (political and policy analyst at NW University), Dr Johan Snyman (construction industry adviser and lecturer at UCT) and Dr Llewellyn Lewis (principal consultant at BMI-BRSCU) form the scenario team. The date of the next strategic forum is scheduled for 28 November and SAWPA will advise members closer to the date for those interested in attending. Members are also reminded to visit the BMI-BRSCU link under the STATISTICS INDUSTRY REPORTS header on the SAWPA website @ www.sawpa.co.za/bmi-brscu.html

SAWPA @ AUGUST AND OCTOBER EXHIBITIONS

Just a reminder, that we will be hosting a stand at the following Exhibitions in August and October. Members who want to attend can visit the respective website for online pre-registration.

CTICC Cape Town – 13 & 14 August 2014



<http://www.cape-construction.co.za/>

Johannesburg Expo Centre (NASREC)



<http://www.interbuild.co.za/>

CSIR Convention Centre Pretoria – 2 & 3 October 2014



<http://www.gautengfarmers.co.za/Home/>

The purpose of SAWPA exhibiting at these conferences is to create greater awareness of preservative treated timber and promote the use of treated timber for building, constructional and agricultural and fencing purposes.

TALKING ROT

- Hits to the SAWPA website during June and July 2014 were 61 802 & 62 014 respectively.
- We attach an article that was published in the most recent Timber IQ for your reading pleasure. The article is on decking and SAWPA was asked to contribute towards the wood preservation content.
- SAFETY LABELS: Members are encouraged to make use of the safety warning labels available from SAWPA. It is recommended that at least 10% of all treated timber dispatched from your plant is labelled.
- Members are again reminded to please forward us an electronic copy of your company logo which we want to use in a promotional project highlighting and promoting the members of SAWPA.

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