



South African Wood Preservers Association

Dear Members,

NEW CHAIRMAN APPOINTED FOR SAWPA

From the SAWPA office, and on behalf of all the members of SAWPA, we say farewell to Dave Mullin who was the chairman of SAWPA from September 22nd 2010 to September 22nd 2017, and thank him for his leadership over this time. We are also pleased to announce that Dave Mullin was nominated for and awarded honorary membership of SAWPA for his role as past chairman as well as for his more than 37 years dedication to the timber treatment industry. We wish Dave all of the best on his endeavours and living out his passion for photography.

On behalf of all members we also wish to welcome our new chairman, David Bergman, who was nominated and appointed at the Annual General Meeting held on September 22nd 2017. David is not unfamiliar with the timber treatment industry as he was involved as class 1 treater member of SAWPA from 1987 to 2011, when he retired from industry to pursue other business interests. He also served on the SAWPA Executive Committee as regional chairman for the Gauteng & North West region for many of those years.

Prior to his involvement in the industry, David started his career in organised commerce working for the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut (AHI) for ten years. He served on various statutory and non- statutory bodies during his term in office at the AHI. He was also a member of the Metrication Advisory Board under the auspices of the South African Bureau of Standards implementing the changeover from the imperial to the metric system of measuring. David is currently very active as a sports administrator as President of Centurion Rugby Club, and Vice President and member of the Executive Committee of Blue Bulls Rugby Union, serving on various subcommittees of the Union.

LATEST SUBSTANTIVE WAGE AGREEMENT FOR SAWMILLING SECTOR — EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2017 to 30 JUNE 2018

The latest substantive agreement on wages and conditions of employment for the Sawmilling Chamber (including timber treatment plants, sawn or poles) within the National Bargaining Council for the Wood and Paper Sector, was agreed to and signed by the parties on August 3rd 2017.

Wage increase: The parties agreed to a wage increase of not less than 7.0% on the current actual basic wage effective from 1 July 2017 for all employees in the bargaining unit.

Minimum wage: The industry minimum wage will increase by 11.3% to R3 450 p.m. with effect from 1 July 2017.

The agreement will be valid until 30 June 2018.

A copy of the full agreement containing information on all other conditions of employment is available from SAWPA or can be downloaded from our website by going to TOPICAL ISSUES and looking under “Bargaining Council for the Wood and Paper Sector”, or simply clicking on the following link to the [“Substantive Agreement on Wages and other Conditions of Employment for the Sawmilling Chamber”](#).

IRG49 SANDTON – 29 APRIL TO 3 MAY 2018 HOSTED BY SAWPA



Planning for the IRG 49 conference taking place from April 29th to May 3rd 2018 is in full swing. The website www.irg49.co.za is constantly updated with new information. Details on the venue, accommodation, registration, sponsorship, companion's programmes, scholarship awards, etc., has recently been added. Hosting of an international conference like this is not possible without sponsors, and any company or organisation interested in supporting the event can go to the [sponsors page](#) of the website or contact SAWPA for information of available sponsorship packages. The packages allow for different levels and gives recognition through exposure before and during the conference. Members interested in attending the conference will be pleased to hear that the IRG-WP approved greatly reduced conference fees of 2 500 SEK (±R4 200) for all local and Africa domiciled delegates, and 600 SEK (±R1 000) for local and Africa domiciled students. This includes a welcome reception, three and a half days of conference including tea and lunch breaks, a half day leisure excursion, and a conference banquet dinner and party. A special travel grant has also been made available by the IRG-WP through application process for local and Africa domiciled student's wishing to present a paper at the conference. Information on the registration and travel grant can be found on the www.irg49.co.za website under "Conference" heading.

NEWSLETTER OFFCUTS

- The hits to the SAWPA website for August and September was respectively 42695 and 43283.
- We would like to welcome the new members who recently joined SAWPA
 - PPCF Boerdery – Piet Retief – Class 1 treater member
 - ICS Hydrocarbons – Cape Town/ Sasolburg – Class 1 chemical supplier member
 - Lynnridge Timbers – Pretoria – Class 2 treated timber and pole supplier
- Our 2018 Calendars are ready and will be posted to all the members as well as specifiers, architects, engineers and merchants over the coming week or two. Please keep a look out for delivery notification from the post office as we get many returned to us due to non-collection.
- The very popular "Wonder of Wood" as well as the "What you need to know when buying and using Preservative Treated Timber" A1 size posters have recently been reprinted on durable hick paper. Kindly notify Sue if you would like new copies posted to you.
- Attached is an interesting article on Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) which is an engineered board being used in high rise timber buildings. The article is from the <https://www.theengineer.co.uk/timber-towers-wooden-skyscraper/>. CLT has been used in the construction of high-rise buildings in many countries abroad, including the USA, Canada, UK, Sweden, Norway, Australia etc.

Regards

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