



1.	Present: William Martinson (WM), Elwyn Harlech-Jones (EHJ), Jonathan Stone (JS), David Gibbs (DG) Ex-Officio: Gavin McLachlan (GM), Richard Hill (RH) Secretary: Grace Martinson (GVM).	Action
2.	Apologies: Yasmin Mayat (YM), Dorelle Sapere (DS)	
3.	Opening and welcome	
4.	Professionalisation (EHJ/GM/RH) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● RH went through the three Sections of the NHRA which Natasha Higgitt from SAHRA said that they would use to promulgate Regulations.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Section 25 speaks about the “General Powers and Duties of Heritage Resources Authorities”.<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ “(1) A heritage resources authority must - 2(h) subject to the provisions of section 59, make and from time to time amend regulations relating to any matter which the heritage authority concerned considers to be necessary or expedient to prescribe to fulfil its functions and implement its powers and duties under this Act, including - (i) the standards of practice and qualifications required of individuals, institutions or other bodies for the performance of work in heritage resources”○ Section 38 (2) “The responsible heritage resources authority must, within 14 days of receipt of a notification in terms of subsection (1) - If there is reason to believe that heritage resources will be affected by such development, notify the person who intends to undertake the development to submit an impact assessment report. Such report must be compiled at the cost of the person proposing the development, by a person	



	<p>or persons approved by the responsible heritage resources authority with relevant qualifications and experience and professional standing in heritage resources management;”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Section 59 says that “The Minister may, by Notice in the <i>Gazette</i> make regulations regarding - (a) any matter which may or shall be prescribed in terms of this Act; (b) any other matter which may be necessary or expedient in order to achieve the objects of this Act.”● RH noted that the above-mentioned sections of the NHRA do indeed give the Minister the necessary power to promulgate regulations pertaining to the professionalisation of the heritage sector.● He also noted that SAHRA’s response is a setback in timing as SAQA was prepared to receive APHP’s updated application and SAQA urged APHP to do so as soon as possible through EAPASA. SAHRA is now embarking on drafting regulations according to the above-mentioned sections of the Act and APHP needs to make a decision to either challenge SAHRA and say that APHP wants to go ahead with EAPASA to set in place a non-statutory registration or agree that this provides an opportunity for compulsory statutory registration of PHPs down the line, if not as immediately as would have been achieved via EAPASA and their application to SAQA.● RH recommended that SAHRA be advised that APHP strongly supports the process towards statutory registration and attach to such email the application to SAQA and APHP’s three annexures i.e Core Competencies, CPD Guidelines, and the Policy for Recognition of Prior Learning. APHP should also offer to meet with SAHRA to give a PowerPoint of what APHP have done thus far.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● GM noted that government agencies are inclined to move slowly and it's likely that this will stop the process and nothing will happen. Another option is that we walk away from the process and note that APHP has done what is possible and has now reached a dead end. APHP could use funds and energy on other meaningful projects.● EHJ suggested another option would be to go along with EAPASA with a non-statutory registration on an interim basis, showing that APHP is still very concerned and committed to the professionalisation process.● EHJ noted that in Chapter 1, Part 1: General Principles of the Act it says "to ensure that heritage resources are effectively managed the skills and capacities of persons and communities involved in heritage resource management must be developed". This would support our decision to take the interim route of professionalisation through EAPASA.● DG noted that it would be worth maintaining an interest and being an interested and affected party in the process, if not a driver in the process. Assuming SAHRA can establish the process for registration, the role of APHP would be to ensure that we are officially recognised as a voluntary organisation in heritage practice and an official voice that SAHRA would be required to engage with. A cooperative approach would be most appropriate.● JS supported a cooperative response and redirecting resources to make APHP meaningful to its members and its objectives, including holding seminars, producing papers and exploring and defining APHP as an entity.● ExCo agreed to initiate engagement with SAHRA in the form of a meeting and presentation within the next 6 months to a year; failing that, a refocus by APHP on other matters of importance to APHP.● Agreed that RH would draft a written response to SAHRA requesting a meeting. Once the meeting has been agreed upon,	RH
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	APHP can contribute to the agenda and present all the information.	
5.	<p>Event for 2023 - Virtual Symposium, 25th October 2023 - GM, EHJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● GM had not received a Title from Bruce Eitzen or Graham Jacobs although they had undertaken to provide it by the end of this week. GM would send a reminder in the morning.● GM noted that Dr Simon Makuvusa from Zimbabwe has sent an abstract and subsequently would like to make a change to the presentation. He would do a PowerPoint with a voice over in case of technical problems.● GM noted that in a week's time a final programme will be sent out.● GM noted that emails were sent to the Landscape Architects, the Planners etc. and related professions regarding CPD points. No replies have been received by him to date. WM noted that the Border Kei Institute of Architects was willing to offer CPD points for anyone registered with SACAP.● The committee agreed that the Chairperson, WM, should do a short welcome and JS would be the master of ceremonies.● Noted that APHP Members would be attending the seminar at no charge.	GM GM WM /JS
7.	<p>Other matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Overdue Membership<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ WM noted that emails were sent out to all outstanding account members, reminding them that their membership would be terminated on the 30th of September. To date, 9 PHPs have not paid and 6 CHPs have not paid. Approximately R15k is outstanding. Bruce Eitzen's fee was waived in lieu of him presenting at the symposium.	
7.	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 26 October 2023 @ 16h00.</p>	



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MINUTES OF THE EXCO
SPECIAL MEETING
FOCUSSING ON
PROFESSIONALISATION
HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER
2023 at 16h00 via Zoom
Conference Call

8.	Closure The meeting closed at 17:00	
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