



Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners

PROFESSIONALISATION PROGRESS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS 18 March 2023

The following summarises our progress to date:

- All of our application documents have been finalised and submitted to EAPASA and through them to SAQA who are currently dealing with this.
- We have had no feedback yet from SAQA and we do not expect to hear from them until later in the year.
- We remain hopeful that SAQA will respond positively to our application.
- EAPASA were instructed by us to not forward these documents to SAQA until APHP and EAPASA had a signed MOA. They ignored this and have gone ahead. We have communicated our dissatisfaction with this to EAPASA and EAPASA have indicated that they want to progress further with the process before entering into a MOA with APHP.
- EAPASA have subsequently joined the Council for the Built Environment which is the umbrella body hosting a number of built environment organisations. We are not averse to this arrangement.
- EAPASA have indicated that they want to draw SAHRA into the process and hold discussions with SAHRA. We have contacted SAHRA to offer to meet with them and to join their meeting with EAPASA. We are still negotiating this with SAHRA.
- In the APHP initiating the professionalisation process as instructed by its members, we are really the ones who have started an important process. Inevitably the importance of this has led to EAPASA, SAHRA, SAQA and now the CBE being drawn in. These are big players with real resources. We are a small organisation with limited resources. Our control from now on is going to be limited to trying to influence the outcome. The game is on and the whole team are kicking the ball around and we are only one of the players and definitely not the referee.

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