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## ***REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE***

**PCJ BRITS**  
**25 & 26 OCTOBER 2007**  
**NELSON MANDELA BAY**

## **4<sup>th</sup> FEEDBACK REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR 2007 TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Education Committee hereby wishes to submit the following report to the Chairperson and Members of the Management Committee for information, consideration and approval of its activities since the previous Management Committee Meeting as held in eThekweni on 26 & 27 July 2007.

The following topics are reported on, nl:

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| 1. | Contact Lectures                            | <i>For information</i> |
| 2. | Marking Session                             | <i>For information</i> |
| 3. | Distance Education                          | <i>For information</i> |
| 4. | Proposed Qualifications for Rank Structures | <i>Recommendation</i>  |
| 5. | SAESI Branches at SADC Countries            | <i>For information</i> |

### **1. CONTACT LECTURES**

The second session of contact lectures for 2007 were conducted by Mr. D Wilds (Fire Engineering Science) and Mr. R Phantshang (Fire Safety) and the dates and venues were:

August 20	Stellenbosch
August 21	Durban
August 22	Johannesburg
August 23	Polokwane
August 24	Middelburg

Although some hick-ups were again experienced with the accommodation and vehicle hire during this session it proved to be a success. The committee would like to express their appreciation to the host of the various venues for their logistical support.

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

### **2. MARKING SESSIONS**

The marking and moderating session of the October 2007 exam papers will be held at the Goudini Spa in Worcester from Monday 12 November up to 16 November 2007. Moderators for this session will be arranged by Mr. Danie Wilds.

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

### **3. DISTANCE EDUCATION**

A meeting was held with Mr. Ahmed Vawda and various issues relating to tertiary education as well as provider qualifications versus national qualifications were discussed.

It was however decided during this meeting after a telephonic discussion with Mr. Lenny Naidoo that a meeting needs to be held with the SGB (*Fire & Rescue*) and LGSETA in order to discuss the way forward with fire qualifications. The main goal of this meeting will be to discuss the interaction between the Accreditation and Education Committee, the SGB (*Fire & Rescue*) and LGSETA with drafting National Fire Qualifications in the fire and rescue field.

Depending on the availability of all members the intention is to schedule this meeting before the end of this year or for early next year.

## **FOR INFORMATION**

### **4. PROPOSED QUALIFICATIONS FOR RANK STRUCTURES**

At the previous Management Committee meeting held in eThekweni on 26 & 27 July 2007 it was decided that comments regarding the above mentioned document (*attached as annexure A*) must be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Education Committee on or before 30 September 2007.

Up to date the only feedback received was a copy of the rank structure together with their relevant academic qualifications as implemented by the Breede Valley Municipality. (*Attached as annexure C*)

Attached hereto as annexure B is the proposed qualifications and rank structure for discussion and approval with the vision to have it included in the new "Fire Brigade Services Act".

It is therefore recommended **THAT:**

1. The Management Committee takes note of annexure B and the fact that only one feedback was received.
2. Annexure B be discussed by the Management Committee and if possible, approved.
3. Should annexure B be approved it be forwarded to the drafting committee of the Fire Brigade Services Act to be included in said Act.

### **5. SAESI BRANCHES AT SADC COUNTRIES**

The decision taken by the Management Committee at their meeting held in eThekweni on 26 & 27 July 2007 was that all Standing Committees must provide a progress report at every MANCOM meeting in as far as their role regarding the newly established branches in SADC is concerned.

Herewith the following feedback from the Education Committee:

- i. Contact was made with Mr. Deon Earle from the Mozambique Branch and the possibility of having examinations written in Mozambique in the future was discussed. This item will be further discussed at the Education Committee meeting to be held on 16 November 2007 with feedback at the next Management Committee meeting.
- ii. Informal discussions were held with the Management of Chevron Texaco in Angola in the past regarding the provision of further educational training to their staff but at this stage nothing materialized.

Furthermore it should be noted that the Angola Branch itself is not up and running as yet as discussions must be held with the National Minister in Angola by Mr. Tavares from Chevron Texaco and therefore feedback on this issue is awaited.

## **FOR INFORMATION**

As this will be the last Management Committee meeting for this year, on behalf of the members of the Education Committee, I wish you all the brightest and the best of the festive season.



**PCJ BRITS**

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