



## SAGI – Some Background (SOUTH AFRICAN GEOMATICS INSTITUTE)

- To practice as a land surveyor is regulated by law – registration with PLATO.
- Engineering surveys and construction surveys is unregulated. Large problem, as numbers of people are unknown and no requirement to register (may register, but not compulsory). Difficult to quantify demographics and transformation issues.
- SAGI is a voluntary body open only to people registered with PLATO.
- Membership is predominantly 40 – upwards (majority 50 – 70 and upwards!), lack of younger generation involvement. (in SAGI at least).
- Last 10 years of graduates (other than Land Surveyors) generally vanishes. - non registration means no rules to follow.



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- Aging membership,
- Issues around uniformity of standards and conduct,
- Business ethics and morels,
- Tender irregularities, unregistered people, sub standard work,
- Continuous education of surveyors,
- Transformation (South Africa),
- Protect the Public and also protect the profession .



## SAGI – Current Actions

- Bursaries given out. (technical as well as degree) – 88 000 hits on SAGI website – for bursaries alone!
- Advertising in Career Guidance magazines.
- Some schools ask our members to give presentations.
- Allow Student membership at R 75 per annum (\$10) – emails, meeting, events.
- Yearly talks to Technicians and Universities.
- Providing member services – networking, tenders, advice.
- Creating closer links to other professions so as to only use registered people.
- Lobby state to only use registered people.
- Branding our organisation, marketing.
- Introducing Conduct rules.
- Using Facebook and other social media to interact with younger generation. (all “likes” are currently from younger generation).
- More news of activities in industry magazine “Position IT”.



## SAGI – Developing Actions

- Mentor / Mentor'ee program – jobs for training, perhaps even individual company bursaries / funding.
- More member services – insurance benefits, CPD knowledge, members only industry information.
- Possible RICS membership.
- Insurance risk to other professions if they use unregistered people.
- Creating Practise manuals – for members.
- Creating standards – for members.
- Engaging auditor general about potential of state wasting funds by using un-registered, un-insured surveyors.
- Looking into ways in which young members can be co-opted onto committees – youth involvement.



## SAGI Successes

- Engaging some organs of state on using only registered people has resulted in a sign up by non registered people.
- Engaging other professionals on the risk of using un-registered people has started to bear fruit – in some cases immediately (same day). - result – Plato sign-up and ultimately SAGI sign-up (hopefully).
- SAGI is respected by even non members and we are seeing a significant rise in applications to join.
- Better SAGI – PLATO interactions, by SAGI watching and reporting, number of people signing up / complying has improved.