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To all our Members

I can honestly say that we are COVID-19 Fatigued and perhaps many people and businesses will agree. For the first time since the second world war, the whole world and this generation has been affected by something of a global scale. How it affected each one of us though is very different and unique.

2020 separated the chaff from the wheat in so much as it showed very clearly who is adept to change and who is not. Uncertainty is the only certainty in life and will be for 2021 also. Some people had the best year of their life because they chose to focus on creating value for others, thought differently about strategies and implemented sound strategies and not just a temporary solution to a permanent problem.

- During 2020, SAESI managed to develop and implement a digital platform for its member examinations. Notwithstanding developmental challenges, 128 examinations were written on this format.
- 100 candidates completed Recognition of Prior Learning on the e-Platform developed and implemented by SAESI for the Occupational Certificate Fire Fighter. This effectively means that 500 Portfolio of Evidence and or Assessments were conducted with Moderation all on a digital platform, paving the way for the candidates to receive credit recognition towards NFPA Standard Certification and the Occupational Certificate Fire Fighter qualification after writing the External Integrated Summative Assessment next year.
- SAESI created a digital Membership Registration BOT affording members the ability to register, update and maintain their membership details at any given time and at their convenience.
- SAESI transitioned in 2020 from hardcopy IFSAC certification to softcopy. This means that the IFSAC / SAESI seals on Accreditation Certificates are a virtual seal and as such with product acquisition whereby the certificate after encryption can be securely sent to the recipient via email.
- Accreditation of Certification were issued to 1009 applicants which means around 4500 certificates. Notwithstanding the national lockdown, 365 Fire Fighter courses (NFPA Standard) were presented by SAESI Accredited Training Providers.

- 39 Applications for Recognition of Prior Learning were received and vetted against about 60 NFPA Standards.
- Interest from 8 potential new Accredited Training Providers were received with 4 submitting their intent and two site visits already conducted.
- Applications for the Fire Fighter Practitioner South Africa Designation were received, totalling 7. The vetting process afforded 6 new professionals to be registered on the National Learners Record Database in 2020 of which two are International Members.
- Probably one of the most significant advances made by SAESI in 2020 is the relationship forged with Southern Business School incorporated into STADIO with the establishment of a distance learning Higher Certificate in Fire Technology Management which will incorporate SAESI Legacy Qualification in Fire Technology. Enrolment is open and studies in this qualification commences in 2021.

All of these advances were made possible by the dedication, commitment and very hard work, sometimes cramming two days into one it felt like, of a hand full of staff, members and external service providers leaping SAESI forward.

Last but not least SAESI Membership remained satisfactorily stable notwithstanding the fact that some hard-unfavourable decisions on fee increases had to be made and implemented.

If nothing else, 2020 required a forced taking of stock and introspection. If this was done by individuals and businesses alike it would have meant learning, unlearning and re-learning. It was evident that not everybody was able to do the unlearning and re-learning part.

On behalf of the President of SAESI and the CEO we would like to give recognition to our loyal members and celebrate with the above achievements our members. Therefore, all members who have paid their SAESI Membership for the 2021 year by the end of the grace period namely 31 December 2020 will stand a change to be one of three recipients of a token of appreciation.

By lot, three lucky members could receive their membership fees back in cash as follow;

First lot recipient - R 1400.00

Second lot recipient - R 900.00

Third lot recipient - R 500.00

These lucky recipients will be drawn during the SAESI Annual General Meeting in 2021.

We wish all our members, training providers, stakeholders and staff, a rest full, peace filled and content holiday period.

Sincerely

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