

SAIPA appoints Shafiek Dollie as Chairman

At its recent Annual General Meeting (AGM), the South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA) elected Shafiek Dollie as chairman, while Kantha Naicker was named vice-chairman.

Speaking after his election, Dollie said that he was looking forward to encouraging more member participation in the organisation. “An organisation like SAIPA is all about its members, and I am committed to fostering member engagement, particularly as our new constitution is fully in place.”

He added that, “We have a very diverse membership, something that I see as a source of strength, and I am very much looking forward to helping to strengthen efforts to empower all our members.”

A born-and-bred Capetonian, Dollie has been a lecturer at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology for many years. He is a Professional Accountant (SA) and holds a Bachelor Degree in Accounting Science (B.Compt) and a National Higher Diploma in Education.

He explains that his passion has always been focused on helping young people to make the transition from student to professional accountant. “My active involvement with SAIPA over the years has been driven by my quest to empower young people, in particular, with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed as professional accountants,” he said.

“Professional accountants have a great contribution to make to the country, and under my leadership I hope SAIPA will step up its efforts to help them maximise their potential.”

Dollie said that the SAIPA National Conference later this year will mark its 35th anniversary, and will be an opportunity for the professional accountancy community to come together to celebrate, but also to set goals for the next 35 years.

In welcoming the appointment of Dollie, Cindy Debete, outgoing Chairperson of the SAIPA board, said that he brought an unusual combination of academic and professional experience to the organisation: “Shafiek has spent much of his life helping young people to acquire the skills and knowledge they need to become successful professional accountants — and nobody who meets him could fail to see the enthusiasm he brings to everything he does. I believe he will be an inspirational and effective leader as SAIPA moves into its next 35 years.”

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In his report, he presented at SAIPA’s AGM, Bongani Coka, the Chief Executive, said that in the last year the Institute had resuscitated its growth and transformation committee as part of the secretariat. “This means we are committed to constantly

focus on ensuring our organisation and offerings to our member remain relevant and change as the economies and environment change.

In addition, the industry body's membership had also grown by 6% over the last year from just over 8 400 to over 8 900.

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