



The South African Landscapers Institute (SALI) was formed in 1984 by a group of progressive landscapers who saw the potential of the landscape industry in South Africa. They believed that the true potential could only be realized if landscape contactors showed unity, produced excellent work and projected a professional image.

MODUS OPERANDI

SALI, being a National body is represented in the Cape, Kwa-ZuluNatal and Gauteng. The national executive of SALI is made up of the chairman and the chairman of the three regional chapters. These officers and all the other officers in the regions devote much of their own time and resources, without payment, meeting at regular intervals to control the management of the Institute, general growth and development. A national director of operations, regional director of operations and secretaries deal with the day to day matters of the Institute.

MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the image and standing of the landscape industry and to promote the participation of all role-players in this industry in southern Africa by encouraging training, higher standards, professionalism, ethical conduct and social interaction through regular meetings, conferences, workshops and liaison with business, training and government institutions, statutory bodies, N.G.O's, employer and employee organizations.

ALLIANCE

Regular joint South African Green Industry Council (SAGIC) meetings provide the opportunity for landscape architects and contractors to meet and review their relationship. It must be remembered that landscape architects are the prime specifiers of our industry.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SALI as a member of SAGIC is part of the annual conference which is the highlight of the landscape contracting calendar. Acknowledged experts in their respective fields present informative and hard hitting presentations. The awarding of the prestigious SALI Awards of Excellence takes place at a function during the annual conference. These conferences rotate by region. The exchange of information, both formally and informally, and the ideas gained at the conference are invaluable.

GENERAL MEETINGS

By holding regular meetings, functions, outings and workshops experiences are pooled and experts explain technicalities, SALI brings members together in a relaxed networking environment.

TRAINING

SALI has been the prime mover in promoting education and training in the landscape industry and works in close conjunction with the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in this regard. SALI has also been pro-active in developing Unit Standards for training of landscaping staff. These Unite Standards have been lodged with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) for accreditation in accordance with the Skills Development levy requirements.

SPECIFICATIONS DOCUMENT

SALI members agree to execute work according to the SALI Specifications Document. It is scientifically derived and is now often being used as specifications in tenders. It is on this document that any evaluation is based.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION

SALI has prepared two contract documents for use by its members when entering into agreements with clients. The Memorandum of Agreement covers minor contracts whereas the second is specifically designed for use when an independent designer is involved and is called the Standard Agreement.

AWARD SCHEME

Conscious of its respected position in the industry and the need to promote more and better awareness of landscape work, SALI co-ordinates the annual Awards of Excellence scheme. This national competition is open only to SALI members, who landscape projects to compete for coveted Merit, Silver and Gold Awards.

PUBLICITY

Wherever possible the role, activities and benefits of SALI are published to the public. Many jobs come in that are referred to member lists. The use of SALI logos on members' stationery and advertising material is encouraged.

SALI NEWS

Landscape SA, Urban Green File, SA Gardening and The Gardener magazines are represented at most major Green Industry functions and extensive coverage of these events is given country wide. Regions also produce their own in-house newsletters specifically for their own membership. A further method of reaching the member/public is our website.

SUMMARY

From this brief resume it is evident that for any serious landscaper there is great merit in joining SALI. Because of the unselfish aims and objectives and the lack of self interest of hard working committee members, SALI has established itself as the only representative body in the landscaping industry.

It is impossible to give SALI more than you can get out of it, and benefits are directly correlated to involvement. A customer can be sure to get better landscaping from a SALI member.

