

***Promoting Sustainable Interment
Services within Municipalities***





Our Vision

To be the leading organisation for the co-ordination of developmental cemeteries and crematoria services in South Africa.

Mission

To promote continuous improvement in the delivery of cemetery and crematoria services to all communities through South Africa.

Values

- Accessibility
- Integrity and openness
- Sustainability
- Maintain core values
- Education and training

The South African Cemeteries Association (SACA) is a non-profit organisation registered with the department of Social Development. SACA plays a pivotal role in entrenching the goals/objectives of making South Africa a dynamic world class country. We therefore encourage municipalities, organisations and institutions to support and partner with our initiatives which are driven by sustainable development principles to achieve the goals of a better South Africa.

SACA is administered and managed by municipal officials. SACA is seeking to align with you in the provision of professional, value added services. This will add greater value and assist you in providing an interment service that is guided by best practices. We urge you to consider obtaining an individual / municipal membership.

Objectives

SACA's main objective: provide a nationally co-ordinated and developmental cemetery service to all communities in need. SACA's secondary objective: guide on a standard, uniformed way of ensuring the crematoria/cemetery sustainability. SACA is developing a national policy framework for cemetery service, the respective operations, influence legislation and regulations related to cemetery services.

We support this mission through:

- Promote and facilitate Stakeholder Participation
- Provide a platform for the accessibility to information and services
- Promote sustainable awareness of SACA initiatives
- Education via communication and training

Our Executive Team

We offer specialized

"NATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS"

Managers and Supervisors enrol with SACA for your next training workshop and address the various aspects of cemetery management.

SOME OF THE TOPICS COVERED:

- Constitution
- Establishing Cemeteries
- Crematoria
- Burial and Legislation
- Occupational Safety
- Hazards in a cemetery
- Risk assessment
- Risk control
- Emergency procedures
- PPE
- Confined spaces
- Air Quality
- Infection transmission and control
- Manual handling
- Consulting with team mates about safety
- Administration of Burial Legal Obligation
- Accuracy of Information Social and administrative responsibility
- Burial Records
- Use of an Electronic Burial System
- Locating a grave site
- Sharing information in the workplace
- Communication when observing
- Identifying specific needs of families
- Communicating with the funeral director
- Measuring a plot
- Grave probes
- Grave Layout
- Grave Digging Practices
- Soil type
- Equipment use and maintenance
- Manually digging a grave
- Child grave
- Machine digging a grave
- Shoring Techniques
- Signs of grave collapse
- Collapsed grave consolidation
- Assessing and protecting the adjacent grave sites
- Preparing the grave site for family
- Backfilling graves
- Re-opening of graves and shallow graves
- Exhumations
- Crypts and mausoleums



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What SACA Offers Members

SUPPORT

SACA offers members an opportunity to enhance the industry through participation in learning and development, networking and information sharing. SACA holds a library of information to assist our members on the day to day management of any Cemetery or Crematorium related issue.

EMPOWERMENT

SACA acts as a voice for our members as the core of the Cemetery and Crematoria Industry. We represent our members on a national level through liaison with Government bodies, industry suppliers, media and the community.

PROMOTE

SACA encourages best practice within the industry through the development of industry guidelines, benchmarking and collecting key industry statistics. We actively seek ways in which we can raise the profile of interment practices through media coverage and government liaison. We encourage positive working relationships with industry suppliers.

INFORM

SACA keeps the communication and information sharing open. Our website and newsletter communicate updates our members on SACA's representation, changes within the industry and legislatively.

INNOVATE

SACA continues to look at ways in which we can increase benefits and knowledge to our members and support the industry. We are currently exploring a number of opportunities and communicate the progress of all new innovations to our members regularly.

The South African Cemeteries Association is a non-for-profit professional organisation that exists to provide leadership, professional services and communication to the Cemetery and Crematoria industry and its affiliates.



As an SACA member you will receive the following:

- Part of a National body empowered as a voice for industry lobbying
- Copy of SACA News issued quarterly
- Access to Member contact details for organisations throughout Southern Africa
- Access to exclusive Member login section of website
- Membership to exclusive rewards program offering a wide range of discounts
- A certificate acknowledging your status as an SACA member
- Discounted registration fees to Conferences, Workshops and Training
- Networking with other SACA Members for the sharing of ideas and industry assistance
- Professional development and access to training opportunities
- Media liaison and media statement access
- Access to Codes of Conduct and Industry Best Practice Policies
- Access to environmental and technical guidelines
- Advice on specific industry issues
- Information Help Desk available
- Access to industry benchmarking and statistics
- Voting rights at the Annual General Meeting or other extraordinary meetings for Ordinary Members
- Opportunity to be involved in a range of sub-committees and projects
- Opportunity to seek lobbyist support from the Association
- Opportunity to become an Executive Committee Member for Ordinary Members
- Opportunity to have input and an active role in the SACA Strategic Plan