

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH MEMBERS

March - May, 2025: ACTIVITIES

1 ACEB MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Membership Subscriptions

Annual Membership subscription notification letters were sent to members on 9th January 2025, with a due date of 28th February 2025. Fees were increased by 6.5%, being CPI+2%, which amounted to P4 665.00.

Membership Registration fees were also increased by 6.5% to P2 162.00

So far payment has been received from 40 members

In accordance with Clause 28.3 of ACEB Constitution, final notices will be sent to members at the beginning of June 2025. If full payment is not received within one month of that notice, the Council may order the removal of the member's name from the register of members.

1.2 Membership Applications

Triangle Consulting Engineers (Pty) Ltd has been accepted as a Corporate Member. The Managing Director is Mr. Aubrey Lesaso. They have paid the registration fees as well as the 2025 annual subscription."



ACEB Meeting with PPRA Officials – Group Photo

2 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2.1 ACEB Five –A – Side Tournament will be held on Saturday 28th June 2028
- 2.2 ACEB Directors Forum will be held on Thursday 19th June 2025 in Francistown
- 2.3 ACEB Golf Day will take place on Friday 8th August 2025.
- 2.4 FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference Scheduled to take place on 21st – 23rd September 2025 in Capetown, South Africa.
- 2.5 ACEB Annual Engineering Excellence Awards on Saturday 15th November 2025

3 MEETINGS/ EVENTS ATTENDED

- 3.1 On 12th March 2025, the ACEB President along with Vice President, Immediate Past President, Hon Treasurer, and CEO paid a courtesy visit to Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure. At the meeting was Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure Hon. Keoagile Atamelang accompanied by the Deputy PS, Legal Officer, and PR Personnel. The purpose of the visit was to introduce ACEB and to touch on general issues that affect the industry and the association, such as
 - the use of FIDIC Suits of Contracts as opposed to NEC.
 - Attendance of the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference, by the ministry.
 - The concept of Engineer General which can work along the same lines as the Auditor General.

- 3.2 On 28th March 2025, the ACEB President along with Vice President, Immediate Past President, Past ACEB Chairman Dr Shadrack Kobole, and ACEB CEO attended a meeting at PPRA which was a follow up of the meeting which was held in April 2024 whose purpose was to seek clarity and guidance from PPRA CEO regarding cases where the main contractor in a design-and-build project is not honouring their consultant's payment claims. In the previous meeting, PPRA's advice was to engage the client's accounting officer and then if it doesn't work to write to PPRA and invoke certain clauses of the PPRA Code of Conduct.

The outcome of this meeting was that

- The aggrieved consultant to prepare a report citing Clauses 4.2.17, 4.2.19, and 4.2.20 under Schedule 3 of PPRA Regulations.
- Upon receipt of the report PPRA will write a covering letter and submit the report to the Suspension and Delisting Committee which will call the two parties.
- PPRA advised that, in all other cases, the relevant clauses in Schedule 3 should be reviewed to identify the specific offense committed. Once identified, a report should be submitted to PPRA, who will then follow the same process as above.
- PPRA CEO also advised the meeting that the PPRA Act allows PPRA to carry out a procurement and contract audit – a report is one of the triggers.

- 3.3 ACEB Annual General Meeting was held on 31st March 2025, attended by 30 people including ACEB Council and Secretariat. This was an elective AGM and the following new Council was elected:

ACEB Council 2025 -2027

POSITION IN COUNCIL	NAME	OCCUPATION
President	Kenne Botshologile	Executive Director (Geoflux)
Vice President	Monthusi Otshabeng	Principal Civil Engineer (Knight Piesold Botswana)
Immediate Past President	Goodwill Madibela	Managing Director (AR Edwards & Associates)
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Oagile Kanyeto	Managing Director (Mattra International)
Honorary Secretary	Mothusi Monamo	Director (North Atlantic)
Hon. Vice Secretary	Kgololo Nnolwane	Technical Director (Civil Engineering) - EIA Projects
Additional Member	Tumisang Molete	Assistant Project Manager (Zutari)
Future Leaders Chairperson	Obonye Motokwane	Design Engineer (Bergstan)

- 3.4 On 6th May 2025, the ACEB President and CEO had a productive meeting with FINSEF's Managing Director, Mr. Partha Gosh, and CEO, Mr. Pele Moleta. The main focus was exploring a potential long-term partnership between ACEB and FINSEF. They've promised to come back to us soon with a draft proposal for the collaboration.

- 3.5 The ACEB President along with CEO had a meeting on 8th May 2025 with SAFEO represented by Eng. Linda Moseki Letshwiti, Mr Thato Morojele, and Dr Shadrack Kobole.
 - The meeting was called by SAFEO President Ms Letshwiti, who wanted to update ACEB on upcoming SAFEO General Assembly on 4-5 July 2025.
 - She noted that there will be an open forum on 4th July 2025 which will comprise of speakers, panel discussions, and site visits.
 - She requested ACEB to identify industry players who will participate in the panel discussions.

4 ACEB FUTURE LEADERS

Engineering Crash Course

- ACEB FL hosted Part II of the Revit Crash Course following the success of the first one. The session was well received and a short closing segment (5minutes long) was introduced to present to participants about the ACEB FL Program where a QR code linking to the FL Membership Registration Form was shared for the audience to register.
- To support future events, ACEB FL is working on a short brochure that highlights what FL is about, current initiatives, and how to get involved. This will be shared with event participants and used across all our activities going forward.

University Outreach - ACEB FL held presentations at Botho University and University of Botswana on the 13rd of March and 2 April 2025 respectively. These sessions were led by Eng Jabilly Muwonge and Eng Princess Makolo respectively where they both highlighted the intent to provide school-work transition training to the students.



Botho University Outreach



University of Botswana Outreach

Job Shadowing: ACEB Future Leaders organized a job shadowing opportunity for a group of students from BCET to visit the SEZA project, a project done by Bothakga Burrow Botswana to learn about the projects. This visit provided the learners with an opportunity to learn how to construct a road, a pump station, how to lay some services on site being water, sewer and BOFINET Services. They also got the opportunity to visit the concrete plant to learn how to prepare concrete on site. This session was led by Eng Rejoice Dithebe who is Future Leader.



Presentation by Eng Rejoice Dithebe on how asphalt is laid



Presentation by Eng Rejoice Dithebe on Pump Stations

5 ACEB Training – Course Schedule 2025

5.1 Public Courses

MONTH	DATE	COURSE	Comments
APRIL	7th - 8th	FIDIC Module 1: Practical Use of the FIDIC Conditions of Contracts	19 participants
	9th – 10th	Module 2- FIDIC Claims & Disputes Course based on FIDIC Red and Yellow books	15 participants
MAY	19th – 20th	Module 3 - FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) and Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Board (DAAB) based on FIDIC Red, Yellow and FIDIC Contracts Guide books	postponed
	21st – 22nd	Module 4 - FIDIC Contract Management and Administration Course based on FIDIC Red, Yellow and Silver books	15 participants

5.2. In-Person Training

Debswana Head Office

Discussions are ongoing with Debswana Head Office regarding bespoke FIDIC Contracts training of their employees at Head Office and Orapa, possibly in August 2025.

Botswana Ash (Botash)

Discussions with Botash are ongoing to organize a two-day training on the Practical Use of FIDIC Conditions of Contract in August 2025, with a minimum of 20 employees participating.

for more information contact: www.aceb.org.bw