

## YWP-ZA National Committee Elections

The South African Young Water Professionals' (YWP-ZA) Chair calls on all YWPs in Provincial Committees for self-nominations for four positions on the National Committee from June 2018 – mid 2020. The three positions are Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Imvelisi Project Lead. This is part of our biennial election cycle.

### Why should you apply?

As part of the National Committee, you will be exposed to the country-wide operations of the Committee. This entails overseeing various flagship projects, strategic planning, maintaining YWP-ZA's business model to ensure financial sustainability, guiding the provincial chapters, among others.

This is great learning opportunity for members who like working in a team, lead their own projects and are keen to expand their skills. Being part of the National Committee offers sector exposure and access to a large network in South African and beyond.

### Who is eligible?

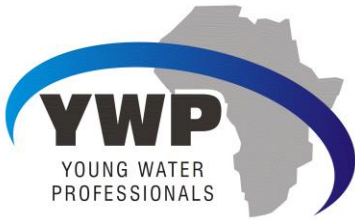
The following requirements must be met by the individual nominating themselves to sit on the Committee:

- WISA or IWA member (application to become a member is sufficient) – the National Committee reimburses the fees
- No criminal record or prior insolvency
- Temporary/permanent resident in or citizen of the Republic of South Africa
- No older than 35 years old by the time the term finishes
- Willing to commit time and energy towards the National Committee (attend meetings, adhere to policies, etc.)

Note: No qualifications or professional experience is required, as long as the candidate has a strong willingness to learn. There will be a handover process and ongoing support from the other National Committee members to capacitate the successful candidates.

### What is the process?

1. All YWP-ZA members may apply. Fill in the Google Form <https://goo.gl/forms/JEoWKOhwCFg4ourU2> by **16 May 2018**
2. Elections for the positions will open to all members between 18 May and 18 June, as per YWP-ZA's Constitution.
3. Candidates will be informed of the election outcome by 18 June.
4. Outgoing and incoming National Committee will vote on the new Committee's positions (i.e. Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Secretary).
5. The new Committee will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the WISA Biennial Conference in Cape Town (24-27 June).



### What does the position entail?

Please refer to the YWP-ZA Handbook and Constitution for more detailed information on the positions.

### What is YWP-ZA?

The Young Water Professionals (YWP-ZA) programme was started as a volunteer group in partnership with the Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) as well as the International Water Association (IWA) to answer the needs of YWPs in Southern Africa. Since then the YWP programme has been officially included into the WISA structures as a division.

The aim of the YWP programme is to fulfil the present and future needs of the water and wastewater industries in Southern Africa, an aim which requires the continuous development of a workforce which is adequate in size, capable in skills and strong in leadership. YWPs are the future of the water sector, and therefore the future of socio-economic development and environmental sustainability. Without water, no other industry can function; without water, no plant or animal life can survive.

To fulfil this aim, the YWP-ZA body has the following objectives:

- to support and facilitate YWPs to play an active role in WISA and IWA activities, and in so doing to elevate the profile of these associations;
- to ensure the YWP-ZA programme remains relevant to YWPs;
- to provide opportunities for YWPs to network, communicate and collaborate; and
- to provide career development opportunities for YWPs.

To find out more about YWP-ZA, please visit our website: [www.ywp-za.org](http://www.ywp-za.org).

### Questions?

If you have any queries on the position or the process, please feel free to get in touch with the National Chair, Nora Hanke-Louw ([norahankelouw@gmail.com](mailto:norahankelouw@gmail.com); 072 843 6133) or the incoming Chair, Suvritha Ramphal ([suvram@dk.um](mailto:suvram@dk.um); 072 930 5715).