

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS Western Cape

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New Regional Executive Committee

The ANC Western Cape Regional Executive Committee (REC) met on 6 October 1991, to elect a Regional Working Committee and to develop a new structure for the executive committee.

The Regional Working Committee was elected to carry out the day-to-day work of the REC. It consists of the five office bearers, plus five elected members. The members of the RWC are:

- Ilan Boesak chairperson
- Archie Sibeko vice-chairperson
- Johnny Yengeni secretary
- Willie Hofmeyr assistant-secretary
- Abraham Rasool treasurer
- Maxwell Petane Head of political section
- Neil Esau Head of organising section
- Mziwonke Jacobs Publicity Secretary
- Theresa Ndude additional member
- Thabane Diba additional member

A clear mandate had been given by the Regional Conference delegates for the REC to:

- streamline the administration,
- develop clear and direct lines of accountability, and
- allocate specific responsibilities to REC members.

The new REC has divided its activities into a political section, an organising section and a policy development section. The administration and treasury will be separate sections and will service the other three sections.

The political section will deal mainly with political strategising for the ANC. Its tasks include negotiations, conflict resolution, international affairs, political education, internal media, producing political analyses and discussion papers, convening political discussion forums, and issues pertaining to our relationship with our allies and other organisations.

The organising section will deal mainly with strengthening the ANC. It will deal with organising our urban and rural branches and zones, building the organisation in areas where it is weak, building our relationship with squatter, religious and labour organisations, campaigning, and self-defence and marshalls.

The policy development section will include most of the existing ANC departments. It will deal with developing ANC policy on a variety of issues such as the economy, constitution, local government, health, science and technology, land, welfare and repatriation, sport, arts and culture, education, development, ecology, foreign relations and defence. It will also have the task to build strong relationships with other organisations who are already active in these areas.

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