



NEWSLETTER

SOUTH AFRICAN SHERIFF SOCIETY

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THANKS THE YEAR HAS COME TO THE END

What an eventful year it was! What great achievements we have made! What a conference we had!

Dear SASS members, this is our final newsletter for the year 2017! We wish to thank all our members for your loyal support during the year 2017 and wish you a Blessed Festive Season. Needless to say, it is our wish that the coming 2018 year turns out to be a fruitful year for all sheriffs and the strength of all our offices grow in leaps!!

In rounding up the year, we bring to your attention recent developments in the profession which we think are worthy of your attention.

1. Insurance requirements in order to have Fidelity Fund Certificates re-issued for 2018

We previously reported that SASS addressed took up the Board on various aspects relating to insurance. We have now received a response from the Board. Kindly see the letter attached.

Some of the matters that we raised with the Board will be revisited at some stage BUT SASS commits itself to assist members experiencing challenges with the issuing of their Fidelity Fund Certificates.

All members who experience difficulties and require assistance are invited to send an e-mail to the secretary at the following e-mail address: petro@sheriffbfne.co.za explaining the problem or the difficulty. We assure you that we will do our best to be of assistance.

2. Nomination of candidates by SASS to be considered for appointment to the South African Board for Sheriffs

We are happy for the democratic process we adopted for the nomination of members for consideration to be appointed to the Board. After nominations were made by provinces, SASS members were given the opportunity to vote for candidates. The following SASS members were nominated in terms of this process: ~~after conclusion:~~

Ms. Kgomotso Mphahlele, Sandton South

Ms. Anna Ralehlaka, Polokwane

Mr. Martin Akker, Belfast

Mr. Xolile Ngesi, Cape Town East

Mr. Allan Murugan, Durban North

We wish to thank all these members for having made themselves available to serve our profession and for having participated in the process.

Please also note that the Minister will be considering for appointment to the Board any of these members in line with the quota set for sheriffs to constitute the Board which is 5 sheriffs. Please also note that other 5 sheriffs will be nominated by SANAPS. **Out of the 10 the Minister will appoint only 5 to the Board.** We are satisfied with the skills, experience and qualifications which these members possess to ascend to this important body in the professional lives of our sheriffs.

3. Provincial workshops and meetings by SASS

We are happy to announce that the SASS provincial meetings were very successful and well supported by members and staff. The amendments to **Rule 46 and 43** impacting on attachment and sales in execution of immovable property were introduced and workshopped.

We believe SASS members are ready to implement the new provisions when they come into operation with effect from the **22 December 2017**.

The next round of meetings will be in **2018** between **February and April** when provinces are supposed to have elections for their provincial chairpersons and management. This will be announced at the 2018 SASS Elective Conference that will be held at Sun City in the North West Province.

SASS has adopted an open approach to these meetings/workshops and all sheriffs regardless of affiliation are more than welcome to attend.

4. SABFS Workshop - Rule 46 and 43.Amendments - GUIDELINES

A workshop was conducted by the SABFS on **8 and 9 November 2017** where the amendments to the regulations as well as Conditions of sale were discussed with a view to formulate guidelines that will assist sheriffs in the implementation of these amendments. SASS members participated fully in the workshop and “grey” areas were identified, debated and noted. Aspects that need further discussions with the banks were identified, as well as omission of fees in the recent Regulations.

As a result, a summary of all amendments and example of Forms will be distributed by the Board shortly. A meeting with the Banking Forum is scheduled for some time early in the New Year to finalize a common

understanding on these Amendments.

We wish to thank our SASS members who participated in the workshop and are assisting with the drafting of guidelines and the production of new material in this regard.

5. Vehicle Repossessions and Banking Forum Report

Two of our members, Fanie van Wyk and Fred Coetzee represented SASS at the Banking Forum meeting on **16 November 2017**. A report with important information will follow, tracking the progress on negotiations for acceptable tariff guidelines between banks and sheriffs.

Once again, Best Regards!



And so long to 2018