



SASS

NEWSLETTER

March 2017

Dear SASS members,

We wish to report to you on the following matters:

1. SASS Annual General Meeting, 19 - 20 May 2017, Cape Town.

It is the time of the year for the main event on the SASS Calendar, the SASS AGM.

We have a lot in store for members with a full day of training and gala dinner on 19 May, followed by the AGM on 20 May 2017.

It is a non-elective conference and we will focus on SASS business and industry related matters. The original dates clashed with office hand-overs to new sheriffs, as well as Ramadan.

2. Consultative Forum

SASS representatives attended the quarterly consultative forum meeting on 23 February 2017 and attach hereto a report of matters discussed.

3. Nomination on PACs

SASS was requested to nominate members to serve on the Provincial Advisory Committees and we are pleased to confirm that the following members were nominated:

Gauteng: Marks Mangaba and alternate Lana Nel

Northern Cape: Magda Moorcroft

Free State: Aaron Matsoso

We thank our members who are willing to represent SASS and serve the profession.

4. SASS membership fees

The office of the secretary sent out membership invoices for 2017 to all SASS members.

Thank you for supporting the organization financially. If you have not yet received your invoice, kindly contact the office of the secretary on 051 4473784.

5. Provincial structures

SASS is striving to improve our services to members; therefore provincial management has been mandated to be in contact with members to verify member details, membership and also call on non-members to join.

6. Management meeting 10 March 2017

The national management team met in Johannesburg and would like to give members feedback on the important matters.

6.1 Viability / appointments / re-description of sheriff service areas

EXCO was mandated to arrange a meeting with the Deputy Minister to discuss the inconsistencies and other matters which have been reported by members, and also offer assistance to the Deputy Minister on matters concerning the combination of HC and LC offices, in the context of the current appointments.

6.2 Service of Maintenance work

Guidance was given to our provincial representatives in Limpopo and Eastern Cape how to address and assist members to get the maintenance work from their courts. We are pleased to report that, as a result of SASS provincial management, the Department of Justice in Limpopo agreed to have their maintenance work served by sheriffs in the province. A meeting was scheduled for earlier this week between the DOJCD and sheriffs. Well done to Limpopo management!

6.3 Ad hoc Appointments

We are aware that some *ad hoc* appointments are done without complying with the requirements. The matter has been addressed with authorities on numerous occasions resulting in a directive and circular that was issued by DOJCD. Yet sheriffs are still confronted with requests to serve documents without compliance to all the components of a legal *ad hoc* appointment.

A resolution was taken to provide SASS members with a guideline in this regard.

6.4 Tariff increase

A resolution was taken to request 15% tariff increase from the Minister of Justice.

6.5 Banking forum and repossession of vehicles by banks

A committee was formed at the last banking forum meeting to investigate the challenges of all role players in the repossession of vehicles. SASS also requested the board to obtain a legal opinion which will provide a legal basis to address the banks.

Furthermore, we have been informed that the National Credit Regulator has laid a formal complaint against Wesbank with the National Consumer Tribunal for contravening the National Credit Act by unduly pressuring their default customers to hand over vehicles to bank appointed agents. As you are aware this has been our long standing complaint against the banks. We welcome this development and ensure we closely monitor the hearing and outcome.

6.6 CCMA payments

Members are reminded to send their accounts for payment to the CCMA head office, charmainn@ccma.org.za, accompanied by the relevant invoices.

We assure SASS members that management will persist with requesting payment from CCMA.

6.7 Cross jurisdictional services by sheriffs

Members reported that some sheriffs in Mpumalanga are serving in other sheriff's areas.

It was again confirmed that sheriffs still serve in their original service areas.

The new demarcated areas have not been implemented for sheriffs to serve.

Affected sheriffs were advised to lay criminal charges against such sheriffs.

Furthermore, members must urgently send a report to the SASS secretary; the matter must be investigated by the Board for Sheriffs.

Best regards,

Prince Maluleke, SASS President