



# SASS-tenance

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## GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT



The term of the newly elected EXCO kicked off with a bang.

We have been hard at work re-establishing ties with the newly appointed stakeholders and engaging with the Bank and Sheriffs Forum for a tariff increase for Warrant of Deliveries, which has been approved and distributed to members for implementation.

2024 has been a fantastic year filled with so many amazing stories. As they always say, beautiful things and memories come and go. SASS executives wish all Sheriffs, office staff and SODESTA members a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.



## LEGAL OBLIGATIONS (LOP 2)

We trust that members complied with the 31 October 2024 deadline for Legal Obligations Phase 2.

Just a reminder that proof of Professional Indemnity Insurance and Third Party Liability Insurance cover must be submitted by 30 November 2024 and for this:

1. Your insurance broker will issue an invoice
2. Payment of your Invoice must be done to your insurer
3. Insurance Broker issue the 2 certificates
4. You submit the certificates to Legal Obligations division of the SABFS

Do not forget. Johan Coetzer-Smith Brokers also offer Cyber Insurance. Please contact them on 082 344 3116 for more information.



## NEWLY DESIGNED SASS WEBSITE

Management is excited to introduce our newly designed website. We are currently updating the latest fees, judgments, reports, photos and much more.

Feel free to contact the Communications Committee with your input and ideas on [petro@sheriffbne.co.za](mailto:petro@sheriffbne.co.za).



## TRAINING

A BIG THANK YOU to the training committee. There were **113** participants on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 training!

SASS' proposed 2025 training dates:

- Feb 2025 – Physical – East London (EC)
- March 2025 – Virtual – (KZN/Gauteng)
- April 2025 – Physical – Calvinia (NC)
- May 2025 – Physical at AGM (WC)
- August 2025 – Virtual – KZN/Gauteng
- Sept 2025 – Physical – Rustenburg (NW)

For suggestions on future training topics or to get involved please contact [petro@sheriffbne.co.za](mailto:petro@sheriffbne.co.za).



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## AN UPDATE ON THE MATTERS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO THE PROFESSION

The matter of BOJOSINYANE & ASSOCIATE vs SMITH and the SABFS. (1072/22)(2023) ZASCA 174 (8 December 2023) (THE NO DEPOSIT RULING)

Application for appeal has been rejected. SABFS has announced its intentions to take the matter further.

Members are encouraged to follow strict credit control policies and sound business practice to ensure their debtors stay within healthy parameters.



## BANKING FORUM MEETING

On 5 September 2024, this forum addressed issues related to the enforcement of vehicle attachment orders and highlighted coordination challenges between sheriffs, banks and agents. Discussion points:

### Misuse of Warrants by Agents

Concerns were raised about agents holding warrants directly and impersonating sheriffs, which could compromise enforcement integrity. Calls were made to clarify that agents should only trace and not attach vehicles.

### Jurisdiction and Procedural Conflicts

Sheriffs occasionally operate outside of their jurisdiction, leading to process inefficiencies. A memo reinforcing adherence to jurisdictional limits was recommended.

### Tracing and Attachment Procedures

Agents sometimes prematurely notify sheriffs about vehicles, causing procedural confusion. Recommendations included better

communication protocols to ensure sheriffs receive warrants directly.

### Handling of Vehicles with little value

Discussions focused on guidelines for dealing with vehicles (or “shells”) of negligible value. Banks were urged to provide clear instructions before initiating the costly process of removal.

### Access to Secured Estates

Issues with security estate access impede sheriffs from executing orders. Suggestions included collaborating with SAPS for entry support, as well as exploring legally binding solutions for smoother access.

### Fee Increases

The forum discussed an annual fee review for sheriffs to address rising costs, particularly for fuel and vehicle maintenance. Feedback on the proposed 2% increase was requested. *We are pleased to announce that the increase came into effect on 20 October 2024.*

The meeting closed with a call for improved communication and more structured guidelines to enhance operational efficiency. A public awareness campaign was proposed to address common misconceptions about sheriffs’ roles and to deter impersonation incidents.



## SASS INVITED TO SABFS STRATEGIC MEETING

We wish to inform members that SASS was invited to a Board Strategic Meeting and we were requested to prepare a presentation for the Board. SASS was duly represented by the Deputy President, Mr Thami Tembe and the Treasurer General Mr Andy Adimoolum. We are pleased to report that the meeting was fruitful and gave hope that there will be a meaningful relationship with the new Board.



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## MANAGEMENT MEETING FEEDBACK (4 NOVEMBER 2024)

- Reminder to settle outstanding invoices and pledged.
- A policy document to assist with travel expenses of Exco and members will be developed.
- Members are reminded of the resolution taken at the AGM 2023 regarding dual membership (not allowed).
- SASS will address the Rules Board regarding the exclusion of State organs in section 72 attachment. *This has since been done.*



## SASS SUB-COMMITTEES

SASS management wish to express gratitude to all members who have volunteered to serve on various working committees. We greatly appreciate their time, sacrifice and contributions.

Management wishes to encourage members to sign up for the following sub-committees that have been created within SASS to assist with the smooth running of our various projects and responsibilities viz:

- \* Communication, Electronic Media and Recruitment
- \* Finance and Fund raising
- \* Social Responsibility
- \* Events
- \* Legal and Cost Committee
- \* Training
- \* Elections

Your contributions on these committees will be highly appreciated.



## DOMICILIUM SERVICE.

Various members have raised concerns about the impracticality of the recent amendment to HC Rule 4 in relation to *domicilium* address service. EXCO after receiving a submission from the Legal Committee submitted a letter to the Rules Board to raise concerns from SASS. We are pleased to announce that the change has been gazetted with the implementation date being 27 December 2025.



## VACANT SHERIFF POSITIONS HAVE BEEN ADVERTISED

The closing date was 1 October 2024. Shortlisting and interview dates are awaited, and members will be updated when new information becomes available.

The Advisory Committees are still operational.

Some acting appointments were made in the interim.



## TARIFF INCREASE – EFFECTIVE 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

The relevant Government Gazette and summary of tariffs have been distributed on WhatsApp and email to members.

You can also visit the SASS website to download the tariffs.



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## NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

All members are encouraged to approach other colleagues or new appointees in order to invite them to become members of SASS - **"The Organisation of Choice"**.

Should you wish provincial or national management to assist you in approaching someone, please do not hesitate to engage with us.

The membership forms will be available on the website.

The Communications, Electronic Media and Recruitment Committee can also assist you.

***The first year's membership is FREE and our membership fees are of the lowest you will find amongst voluntary organisations.***



## AGM SAVE THE DATE

The AGM has been provisional set for the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 in the Western Cape.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

SASS was well represented at the Gauteng Attorneys Association and West Rand Legal Practitioners Association golf day, by the president.

The team came 10<sup>th</sup>!



Thank you.

Mr M Mangaba  
SASS National President