



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

Date: 15 September 2023

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: ALL MEMBERS

Dear valued member

Finally spring is in the air and we can start to shake off the bitter cold of winter, as we all start to prepare for the year-end-rush and Christmas Closure of our offices.

The year has proven to have its fair share of challenges, some extraordinary indeed. I wish to thank everyone of you for every contribution made, whether through committees or through comments on our various platforms. Such collaboration is invaluable and always strengthens the organization.

Thanks to all those who submitted their LOP1 on time. As October month is approaching, remember your LOP2 submissions are due. If any of you are facing challenges, please contact us. We will be happy to assist as far as possible.

We congratulate those who were invited to participate in the recent interviews. Our prayers are with you and we all hope for the best outcome. Those who didn't make it must never lose hope. Let us embrace change and transformation within our profession and remain disciplined as we continue with our day to day execution of our duties.

Lastly, I wish to express gratitude to all who contributed to raise over R60 000.00 for the Women's Day Charity Project. Members are more than welcome to make further donations to this project to assist a girl and a boy child out there.

I thank you.



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1. SASS AGM 2023

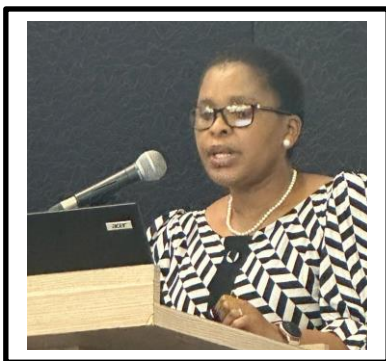
SASS NATIONAL CONFERENCE & AGM held on 23 & 24 JUNE 2023

SASS AGM, National Conference and SASS flagship Gala Dinner, under the theme **” Embracing Change and Transformation”** held at Garden Court Marine Parade, KZN was a resounding success. SASS management acknowledge and wish to express gratitude to the organising team and KZN members for the well organized event. Management also wishes to express gratitude to members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the AGM, Conference and Gala Dinner, that was followed by training on Saturday 24 June 2023.

The highlights of the conference were:

- Adoption of the amendments to the SASS constitution to allow for online elections.
- A resolution by members to prohibit dual membership and a decision to inform members of SASS who are affiliated to other voluntary organisations that they have to withdraw from such organisations / WhatsApp Groups or risk to have their SASS membership terminated.
- The Conference was graced by the presence of two guests speakers, Adv. Mark Morgan-SABFS Chairperson and Hon. Judge President of KZN High Court, Madam Justice Thoba Poyo- Dlwati, who addressed us. Both focused their address on the importance of ETHICAL CONDUCT by the Sheriff and his/ her staff in the course of their work.
- At invitation from Adv. Mark Morgan, he availed himself to a “grilling” session wherein he was to answer our members’ questions on matters of concern and interest to the profession. Regrettably time and other factors did not allow for ventilation of all matters tabled. Adv. Morgan undertook to provide us with his responses in writing. National Management is following up on this outstanding matter.
- SASS hosted a very successful Auction where we raised funds for the various SASS projects that we run on a yearly basis.

The conference was concluded on Saturday on a high note with a day of informative member training. Photos and videos are available on our website : www.sassoc.co.za



**Madam Justice
Thoba Poyo- Dlwati
- DOJ**



**Adv. M Morgan
-SABFS**



SASS National Exco – Marks Mangaba, Georgina Naidoo, Thami Tembe, Adv. Morgan (SABFS), Kgomotso Mphahlele, Andy Adimoolum, Hannalie Erasmus.



Gala Dinner Extravaganza



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2. BIRTH OF OUR SASS FORUM WHATSAPP GROUP

We recently launched our WhatsApp platform with great anticipation. We are excited to see the robust engagements on this platform and are confident that this will go a long way to assist members in their day to day issues. We encourage ALL members to please share their experience here and engage freely with each other. Please do not wait for others to comment, you all have valuable experience and we all need to learn from each other.

3. SABFS - SHERIFFS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SASS was well represented at the Sheriffs National Conference hosted by the SABFS on 29 and 30 June 2023 at Emperor's Palace. The event commenced with the opening of SABFS new headquarters in Midrand, and was followed by the conference at Emperor's Palace. The key highlights of the event were the unveiling of:

The SABFS new seal of office, Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Uniform, and their Digital Transformation and Modernisation projects.



Various delegates in the judiciary and Sheriffs alike attended an elegant Gala Dinner event in the evening, also in attendance were guests of the SABFS from the Federal Bailiff Service of the Russian Federation. The conference concluded on day 2 with high level panel discussions on various topics that are of interest to the profession.

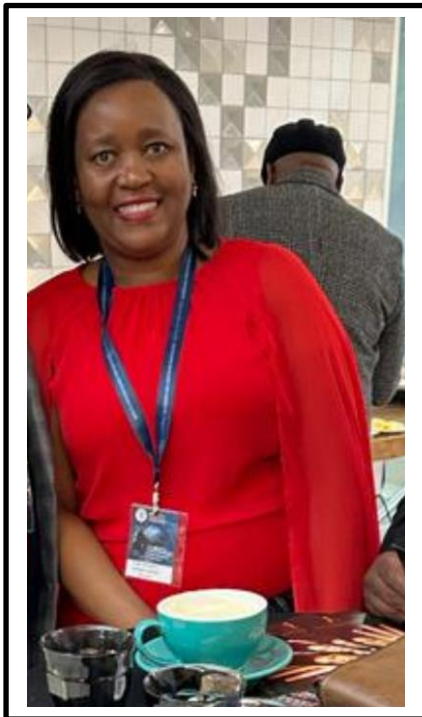


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4. WOMENS DAY EVENT 25 August 2023

The event, held in Cape Town under the theme “Accelerating Economic Empowerment of Women” was hosted by Western Cape Sheriffs in collaboration with SABFS. An amount of R60 000.00 in pledges was raised from the floor, for the benefit of the Valkenberg Trust and Saartjie Baartman Trust, who were the nominated beneficiaries of Woman’s Day 2023. We salute and give thanks to SASS male Sheriffs who not only attended the event but made it memorable. Thank you to Marks Mangaba, Rudy Vermeulen and Anton Greyling for making the day special.



5. SASS WORKING COMMITTEES

In fulfilment of our SASS Constitutional mandate, the management of SASS has deemed it necessary to constitute working committees to support the National Exco in the various tasks and projects SASS undertakes. To this end the following working committees have been constituted. Management humbly urges members to volunteer to serve on these committees, namely:

- ❖ Legal Committee
- ❖ Training Committee
- ❖ Communication including What's App, social media and electronic communication Committee
- ❖ Fund raising Committee
- ❖ Social Welfare Committee: Adopt a Sheriff and Good Samaritan
- ❖ Sponsorship Committee: policy document/ guidelines
- ❖ Cost committee
- ❖ Events Committee, i.e., AGM and Conference

NB: Please indicate your interest to serve in any of the above committees by sending an e-mail with your contact details and preferred working committee to : sass@sheriff-sandtonnorth.co.za
SASS is only as strong as those who are willing to serve.

6. NATIONAL EXCO ENGAGEMENT WITH PROVINCIAL STRUCTURES

In an endeavour to support provincial structures, members of National EXCO will continue to engage with provincial leaders and members. We therefore request provinces to alert the National office of scheduled provincial meetings. We would like to try our best to ensure that National EXCO is represented at provincial meetings as far as possible. The secretaries of the provinces are requested to send meeting invitations to : sass@sheriff-sandtonnorth.co.za

We urge members in all provinces to be actively involved and to avail themselves for engagements on all levels.



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7. COMPULSORY UNIFORM FOR SHERIFFS

According to the Chairperson of the Board, Sheriffs and deputies will be compelled to wear the newly unveiled uniform from 01 October 2023. Prior to the SABFS Conference, SASS management was not engaged on the proposed uniform. SASS has considered the legality of this decision and could not find any support for making the uniform compulsory. SASS is addressing the matter with the SABFS.

8. RULES BOARD FOR COURTS OF LAW

The profession has welcomed with great appreciation the increase in fees including the travel allowance that has come into effect. We can only give thanks to the Sheriff's representative at the Rules Board for these positive developments.

We again urge members to participate in commentary when requested to do so, as this will ensure that everyone's view is aired and taken into account.

We commend the work of the Legal Committee for preparing commentary on behalf of SASS on proposed amendments to legislation by the Rules Board on various matters, including :

- Amendments to MC Rule 9(3)(d)
- Amendments to MC Rule 24(9)
- Implications of the Standard Bank vs TCHIBAMBA & Others case on Rule 46 A
- Implications of the P MBUTU vs WESSELS ESTERHUIZEN N.O. decision in SA jurisdiction
- Proposed Amendment of ITEM 6 of PART II of TABLE C of ANNEXURE 2 to the MAGISTRATES' COURTS RULES
- Service at the Domicilium Address.
- Various amendments to the tariffs.
- Proposed Amendments to Uniform Rule 46A



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9. SODESTA

Members of SODESTA expressed appreciation for the opportunity afforded to some of their members to become Acting Sheriffs, as well as the opportunity to attend the SASS AGM, Conference and Gala Dinner. They also report that some of their members were invited to interviews for vacant positions of Sheriffs Offices and they remain hopeful for a positive outcome.

Provincial Management is reminded to invite SODESTA to be represented at SASS provincial AGM Meetings and to assist them as far as possible to successfully host their own meetings.

10. BANKING FORUM

SA TAXI Finances has still not adopted the new fee structure which was adopted by members of the Banking Forum in 2023. SASS is continuing with efforts to engage SA Taxi Finance and MLB Attorneys in a meeting to discuss the fee increase and matters of concern.

NB: Members are humbly requested to notify us of challenges pertaining to Warrant of Delivery that have to be tabled for discussion when the meeting with SA Taxi Finance is convened.

Note the following contact details of bank representatives who can be contacted on challenges with WOD:

BANK	REPRESENTATIVE	CONTACT NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS
ABSA	Stephan Coetsee	+27 71 312 6369	tracerwarrants@absa.africa
WESBANK			ben.jonker@colserve.o.za
STANDARD BANK			Johannesburg Zenobia.Harmen@Standardbank.co.za Nireshen.Naidoo@Standardbank.co.za Cape Town Gillian.Langeveldt2@Standardbank.co.za Durban Nomusa.Ndlela@Standardbank.co.za

BMW FINANCE			Legal.Recoveries@bmwfinance.co.za.
BMW FINANCE-ESCALATIONS	Leoni Du Plessis	0872913784	recoveries.escalations@bmwfinance.co.za

11. ACTING APPOINTMENTS

It appears that the DOJ has accelerated the appointment of Deputies into Acting Sheriff's posts. This raised concerns on the process that was followed in these appointments. These concerns were addressed by SASS to the Chairperson of the SABFS, at various engagements with the profession. The rationale behind the appointment of deputy sheriffs and office staff as acting sheriffs was addressed by the Chairperson of the SABFS at the Board Conference where he articulated the role of the SABFS and referred the profession to the DOJ about the matter. SASS has written to the DOJ enquiring about their procedure and process that they follow in respect of the appointment of deputies as acting sheriffs. We have however not had any response from them and are following up on the matter.

Warm Regards,
Marks Mangaba,
SASS National President




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