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SASS Newsletter
2nd of 2026



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SASS members,

I extend warm and heartfelt greetings to all members of SASS, the organisation of choice.

A special thank you to members for entrusting the new executive committee with leading this organisation.

We have commenced our term of office in turbulent times, however we believe we will prevail.

John F Kennedy once said – When written in Chinese, the word “crisis” is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other opportunity.

It is therefore our humble request as your new EXCO, that we do not only see danger in this period of transition, but also look at opportunities we can explore as a profession.

If we work together as a collective, we can achieve a lot.

I thank you.

Thami Tembe



**NATIONAL AGM 2026
DUNKELD COUNTRY
ESTATE, DULSTROOM
15 & 16 MAY 2025**

The 2026 AGM, held in Dullstroom in Mpumalanga on 15 and 16 May 2026 was a great success.

This was an elective year and the voting was successfully done electronically! This process was seamless and quick. A big thank you to the Electoral Committee for running with this process.



To that end we hereby wish to congratulate the new EXCO members.

Mr Thami Thembe (President)
Mr Andy Adimoolam (Vice President)
Ms Sue-Lynn van Wyk (Secretary)
Mr Ralph Gie (Treasurer)





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Subsequent to the AGM, Ms Farhana Breda (North West) and Ms Nomonde Nyabaza (Eastern Cape) were co-opted as additional members by EXCO



We wish the new EXCO a successful tenure and may they take SASS to new heights.

We also wish to thank the outgoing EXCO members for their dedication and service to SASS during their tenure:

Mr Marks Mangaba
Ms Hannelie Erasmus



Fundraising –

A significant amount was raised via the auction and raffle, giving SASS the opportunity to donate same to the CMR in Mpumalanga, as the nominated beneficiary.



Thank you to all offices who pledged and paid in this regard. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

We also wish to thank all that embraced the ticket sales to the AGM – this alleviated the financial burden on SASS substantially.

The next AGM will be hosted by Eastern Cape!



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We were addressed by interesting speakers, who provided insightful information.

Please see a synopsis of their addresses:

Albert from Bes Top Auditor



The importance of effective sheriff's office systems was emphasized: these systems must function reliably every day. Leadership in the sheriff's office should set a strong example for staff.

The strength of a sheriff's office lies in its people, who must work together as a team under the sheriff's leadership.

System failures are ultimately caused by people. Sheriffs must understand that staff can either strengthen or undermine an organization.

Auditors advise that clear, documented processes must be in place for managing a sheriff's office and its trust account.

Auditors often find that when records such as bank reconciliations and administrative books are in disarray, it may be a deliberate attempt to conceal wrongdoing.

Sheriffs must manage trust account risks by implementing strong controls that prevent errors from being concealed.

Trust funds must be handled with extreme care, and sheriffs should always remember these two important rules:

Rule 1 – Never misappropriate trust money.

Rule 2 – Never forget Rule 1.

The reputation of the sheriff's profession depends on how each of us manages our trust accounts and carries out our responsibilities.

Sound business practice is built on effective systems, ethical conduct, and consistently doing the right thing.

Judge President S Mphahlele Mpumalanga



Doing the right thing when no one is watching reflects true integrity. Ethical conduct should be part of who we are; supervision should not be required, and ethics are never optional.

Public confidence in the justice system is currently low. Doing the right thing should not be driven by recognition; it should reflect our character.

The sheriff holds a unique position and must always preserve independence in that role.



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Sheriffs often stand at the intersection of opposing parties, which makes the role challenging.

The duties of sheriffs are clearly set out in the Acts and Rules, and the courts rely on sheriffs to act honestly in all circumstances and always charge the correct fees.

It is concerning that ethical failures usually stem, not from ignorance, but from pressure, rationalization, and the pursuit of more money.

Sheriffs are expected to be honest, ethical, and committed to serving the interests of justice. They must not intimidate the public, but instead act with courtesy and respect.

Sheriffs must uphold the dignity of the profession, and proper conduct must come from within the profession itself.





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For suggestions on future training topics or to join the SASS training team, please contact petro@sheriffbfn.co.za



For more photos and other useful information, please visit the website, www.sassoc.co.za.



TRAINING

The training after the AGM was also well attended and well received.

Thank you to the Training Committee for their effort and valuable input.



SASS SUB-COMMITTEES

Members are invited 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 Fundraising
- * Social Responsibility
- * Events
- * Legal and Cost Committee
- * Training
- * Elections

Your contributions to these committees will be highly appreciated.



NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

All members are encouraged to invite other colleagues or new appointees to become members of SASS -



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“The Organisation of Choice”. Members are further to mobilise within their provinces and work together to strengthen the organisational structures on grassroots level. Getting involved will broaden your knowledge as well as your skills.



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Referring to the above, it is a privilege to welcome our new members!

- Mr Mduzulwana, Qumbu – Mt Frere, Ec
- Sinazo Hlanganyana, Willowvale, EC
- Nonthuzelo Mvelase, Lady Frere – Dordrecht – Indwe, EC
- Nomp Ngomane, Mkhondo – Amsterdam, Mpumalanga
- Tersia van Biljon, Piketberg – Laaiplek – Porterville, WC
- Josias Tau, Act Musina, Limpopo
- Sechaba Lebakeng, Act Ficksburg, FS
- Susan Kleynhans, Knysna

We hope that joining the SASS family will be as fulfilling to you as it is to those who are already members



PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

Invoices for annual membership fees have been distributed. Kindly contact Ms Sue-Lynne van Wyk if you have not received it.
(suelynne@sheriffbhm.co.za)
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SODESTA

Members are reminded to encourage their deputies and office staff to join SODESTA.

Congratulations to the new SODESTA management:

Mr S Mbokodi (Chairperson) and team



REMINDERS

Members are invited to suggest snippets for the DID YOU KNOW/GOOD TO KNOW column. Please send suggestions to petro@sheriffbfne.co.za