



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the latest Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 2 June 2018 a brand new management was elected. Besides Mr. Bertus Nieuwenhuis, who was re-elected to maintain continuity, the rest of the management members have never served on the TASA management committee.

Our warmest congratulations to each of them. The confidence is expressed that their input and support will bear much fruit.



Messrs. Bill Bragge (Ronayne Thatch and Decking Services), Bertus Nieuwenhuis (Recon Thatchers) André Friis: National Chairman (Letaba Thatchers), Willie Coetzer: Vice-National Chairman (Top Poles and Thatch) and Conrad Myburgh : Treasurer (Thatch Co)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE OUTGOING NATIONAL CHAIRMAN: MR. ABRIE VISAGIE

Twelfth Annual General Meeting
2 June 2018

A warm welcome to everybody present. Especially to new members present for the first time. Thank you Elzabie for organizing yet another AGM and for getting all the admin and documentation ready for today.

Ek wil graag die geleentheid gebruik om terug te kyk op wat die DVSA bereik het die afgelope twaalf jaar en enkele hoogtepunte uit lig. Die DVSA het ontstaan a.g.v. die inisiatief van 'n paar rolspelers in die bedryf wat die noodgedwonge vir 'n platform as spreekbuis vir die Bedryf besef het.

Against all odds TASA got off the ground and achieved a lot in the last twelve years. It created the platform to be involved with the rewriting of the National Building Regulations that resulted in the publication of SANS 10407 in 2007.

Verder het die DVSA 'n groot inset gehad in die samestelling van die nuwe Bouregulasies in 2011 en kon inset lewer en handhaaf om seker te maak dat die nuwe Regulasies uitvoerbaar en in pas is met die bedryf.

DVSA lede was ook Stigterslede in 2009 van die ITS (International Thatching Society). Sederdien het dit die DVSA se lede die geleentheid gegee om deel te wees van ITS saamtrefke in Denemarkte, Swede, Duitsland, Holland en verlede jaar in Engeland. DVSA lede is ook uitgenooi na die saamtrefke in Japan volgende jaar gedurende Mei.

In 2014 TASA hosted the ITS meeting in Stellenbosch. One hundred and forty Thatchers from Europe and Japan attended and both the tourism part and the official part was a huge success due to a formidable team effort – and in particular the members of the Western Cape that helped hosting the event. It is still regarded as one of the best ITS events.

In 2016 TASA published its own Thatching Guide – again due to a massive team effort and this year the Guide was translated in Setswana and isiZulu - made possible by a sponsorship by SAWPA.

All above gave TASA purpose and goals over the last twelve years. The question is what is the purpose and goals over the next twelve years?

Soos met alle inisiatiewe het alles nie altyd volgens plan verloop nie en het die DVSA te doen gehad met soms onmoontlike uitdagings. Baie daarvan vandag nog met ons. Om net 'n paar te lys:

1. Betrokkenheid van lede. Die DVSA het tans dertig bona fide Dekkersondernemings as lid en dertien Geassosieerde lede.
2. Die DVSA vind dit moeilik om waarlik inklusief te wees van alle rolspelers in die bedryf en om relevant te wees in die toekoms sal die DVSA noodwendig sukses getransformeer moet word om waarlik verteenwoordigend van alle rolspelers in die bedryf te wees.
3. Die DVSA sukkel om lede betrokke te kry by die Bestuur. Gevolglik word dieselfde lede elke jaar herverkies op die Bestuur. Dit is nadelig vir die beeld van die DVSA en daar moet dringend nuwe gesigte deel word van die Bestuurskomitee. Die Bestuur van die DVSA het vir té lank gerus op die skouers van 'n paar lede. Dit is nie volhoubaar nie en plaas ook baie druk op die Administratiewe Beampte.
4. Die DVSA moet opnuut krities kyk na sy rol en sy struktuur en dit is noodsaaklik dat gereelde vernuwende idees geïmplementeer word. Die volhoubaarheid van die operasionele model is lank deur die

Bestuur gedebatteer op Vrydag se Bestuursvergadering en daar sal vandag geleentheid gegee word om insette te lewer.

The achievements of the last twelve years gave TASA purpose and goals. The question is what will be the purpose and goals over the next twelve years. Today we will debate the way forward and have the opportunity to listen and evaluate how things are done in other trades. I trust that these discussions will be fruitful and that we will see the way forward for TASA.

TASA's success is due to a team effort by its members with the Administrative Officer as anchor that keeps it all together.

I thank you all.

Abrie Visagie

OUTGOING NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

The Minutes of the Annual General meeting as well as a message from the newly elected National Chairman will follow shortly.

Kind regards

André Friis

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

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