



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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NEWSLETTER

It is with great pride that the Interim Committee can announce the completion of its task. A Report has been submitted to the newly elected National Committee on the 6th of April at a function held at the CSIR in Pretoria.

The Thatchers Association of South Africa has now formally entered into a new era and an exciting future. It is now possible that the Association be the National and Internationally accepted representative body and mouthpiece of the Thatching Industry of the RSA.

The Interim Committee spared no effort or expense to bring about the establishment of the SANS 10407:2004 Specification for Thatched Roof Construction as well as achieving recognition status for the Trade. We salute them and wish them well in their respective rolls in the areas they serve.

The National Committee comprising of the Chairpersons of the seven Regions elected Mr Abrie Visagie (Lucas Quality Thatchers: Western Cape) as National Chairman as well as Mr Pat Wilson as his Deputy. Me Sharon Oakley (Lapa Thatching: Eastern Cape) as Secretary.

Mr Oliver Adams, elected Deputy Chairman for the Western Cape will now be the Chairman of that Region and a new Deputy will be elected in his place according to the Constitution.

Mrs Elzabie Meintjes is appointed to the position of Executive Officer. This is a permanent position and the National Committee ratified her appointment.

It is now expected from the Regional Chairpersons to study the report incorporating the various concept documents as submitted by the Interim Committee and to discuss the content thereof with their members.

The proposed concepts are the proposed Constitution, the Codes of Ethics and Conduct, Complaints Procedure and Policy regarding Financial Management. The intention is to finalise these documents at the Annual General Meeting of which the date etc. is still to be announced.

The documents referred to are also available on the Website www.sa-thatchers.co.za

The intention is for the Annual Meeting to coincide with a National Conference, which will take the form of workshops and lectures by experts from various related trades.

WEBSITE

Members are urged to submit their respective website addresses so that a link can be created between the various members and website addresses.

Advert slots are available on the website in both official languages and an advert period of one year is compulsory. Costs are as follows:

1. **Banner format:** R400 per year. The advertisers will submit the text and graphics with a maximum of 3 frames "animated Gif"
2. **Side Advert:** R300 per year. The advertiser submits the text and graphics with a maximum of 3 frames "animated Gif"

Newsletter Adverts

Adverts at the bottom of our Newsletters which are sent out to more than 600 thatching and associated businesses are also accepted at a cost of R100 per Newsletter.

Articles and Matters of Interest

Articles and matters of interest will appear on the website and will also be published in the SA Timber & Homes Magazine. Photos and information is required that will keep matters interesting.

Enquiries are received regarding control of pests in thatch, testing of the condition of a thatched roof, aspects of maintenance and lifespan, etc. The website can be an enormous source of info.

Photos of a high definition (300dpi) are required for the magazine.

Members List

The members list must also include the field of expertise of the member and proof of claim to be considered and expert. This information can help with queries and questions and also in dealing with claims. Please forward your field of expertise to the office.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for the year 2006/7 will be R3000-00 payable before the 31st of May 2006. The amount of R500 paid as levy to float the Association is deductible.

Invoices are included with this Newsletter.

The fee can be paid in instalments of R300-00 per month.

FOUNDER MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

A certificate will be posted to Founder Members on receipt of the membership fee.

LOGO

Authorised members can use the logo of the Thatchers Association on all stationary.

STICKERS FOR VEHICLES

Stickers with the emblem of the Thatchers Association are available from this office at R50-00 each.

REGIONS

A competent Regional management and active participation is imperative for the success of the National Committee. It is really on Regional level where the action and interaction between clients and service providers takes place and relations are forged. We make an appeal to all our members to expand our membership through recruitment of others in the specific and related trades. Only in this way is it possible to expound the principles and goals of the Thatchers Association and to trade its values.

Your support is highly appreciated.

Kind regards

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