



# THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Newsletter 10/2006

## NEWSLETTER

16 October 2006

The strong foundation laid by the Interim Committee formed the basis on which TASA could build since 6 April 2006.

During the first three months of 2006 the Interim Committee produced the source documents which were handed over to the National Committee. They also visited the seven regions in which TASA was structured nationally to establish Regional Committees consisting of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

The National Committee consisting of a National Chairman, National Vice Chairman, and National Secretary was elected by the seven Regional Chairmen. The position vacated by the National Chairman in his region, was filled by his deputy.

### BUILDING AUTHORITY SEMINARS

It is with pride that we can state that Building Authority Seminars were organized Country wide within six months of the re-establishment of TASA. It brought credibility for TASA and was attended by the relevant Municipal Officials.

Extremely successful Building Authority Seminars were held together with Regional meetings as follows:

Eastern Cape	Port Elizabeth	13 September 2006
OFS and Northern Cape	Bloemfontein	3 October 2006
Natal	Ladysmith	4 October 2006
Gauteng	Pretoria	3 October 2006
Western Cape	Cape Town	11 October 2005

Building Authority Seminars were also held in Secunda, Kempton Park, Bredasdorp and Kimberley. **Mr. Kobus Strydom will present the final workshop for the year in Klerksdorp on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.**

**Contact person: Mr. Felix Labuschagne Mobile: 083 631 5593**

**Time: 10h00**

**Venue: Mayor Hall, (Burgemeester Saal), Civic Centre, Klerksdorp**

A CD will be made available which contains the 'power point' presentation used for these workshops.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NATIONAL CONGRESS

The Annual General Meeting will be held together with a National Congress in Gauteng on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

- The venue and costs will be advised.

- Spouses of members are welcome to attend the National Congress.
- Sponsorships will be obtained to cover costs
  - Sponsorship for the international speaker will be dealt with separately.
  - Members sub-contracting are kindly requested to contact their contractors for sponsorships and to exhibit during the event.
- The proposed program is as follows:

***Friday 9 March 2007***

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| 15h00        | The present National Committee meeting on internal issues                                       |
| 16h00        | Annual General Meeting  |
| 18h00        | Regional Chairmen: Election of National Chairman, National Vice Chairman and National Secretary |
| <b>19h30</b> | <b>Evening function</b>   |
|              | - Announcement of National Chairman, National Vice Chairman and National Secretary              |
|              | - National Chairman's address   |
|              | - International Guest Speaker   |
|              | - Prize giving ceremony:  |
|              | o Most aesthetic structure  |
|              | o Largest (single) thatch roof  |
|              | o Funniest thatch photo   |

**Competition:**

- Please take note that entries for the above categories must be received by this office not later than 28 February 2007
- Only paid up members may participate
- Members may enter for more than one category
- Adjudication will be done by those present at the Friday evening function
- All entries will be displayed

***Saturday 10 March 2007***

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| <b>Working groups:</b> | <i>06h30</i> | <i>Breakfast</i>          |
|                        | <i>07h30</i> | <i>Safety Legislation</i> |
|                        | <i>09h00</i> | <i>Insurance</i>          |
|                        | <i>10h30</i> | <i>Refreshments</i>       |
|                        | <i>11h00</i> | <i>J B C Contracts</i>    |
|                        | <i>12h30</i> | <i>Structures</i>         |
|                        | <i>14h00</i> | <i>Light lunch</i>        |
|                        | <i>15h00</i> | <i>Closing</i>            |

**MEMBERSHIP**

The following six months will be crucial for TASA. The efficiency and success of the National Committee in gaining an increase in membership, will be visible in March / April 2007.

TASA consists of 62 members of which 7 members pay their dues monthly.

Membership fees will be payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2007 for the next financial year. Members will be invoiced in January, one month ahead of the date payment will be due. A final reminder will be sent after the expiry date (28 February 2007) in absence of payment. A period of thirty days will be allowed before suspension of membership.

**New members who were not previously involved with TASA and paid R3 000 after 31 March 2006, who didn't pay the R500 founding levy, will be one month after signing on with TASA. Payment date will be the month subscribed.**

### **TASA REGISTERED TRADE-MARK**

The abuse of the logo by non-members is a serious offence. Only businesses registered on the TASA membership list and with a fully paid up membership for the 2006/7 financial year, are entitled to use the registered trade mark.

Strong measures will have to be introduced to bring this aspect to the attention of the Public.

### **REGIONAL NEWS**

**Western Cape** The previous Secretary Mr. Richard Nel of the Western Cape Region is acting Chairman since the election of Mr. Abrie Visagie as National Chairman. Mr. Kosie Theunissen is elected as Secretary.

A new Regional Committee was elected at the Regional meeting held on 11 October 2006 in Cape Town, comprising of:

Regional Chairman:	Mr. Richard Nel : Somerset Thatching
Regional Vice Chairman:	Mr. Kosie Theunissen: Theunissen Thatching
Regional Secretary:	None

**Southern Cape** This area will in future form part of the Western Cape which implies that this Region does not exist anymore.

### **SANS / SABS REPRESENTATION**

SABS requested TASA to nominate members to serve on the various SANS committees. A list of names of expertise available that can serve on the specialist SANS committees will be determined from the membership list and forwarded to the National Chairman. Members to serve will be identified.

#### **SABS Questionnaire:**

A questionnaire compiled by the SABS has been sent to members. Members are friendly though urgently requested to send the completed forms directly to Mr. Alber van Zyl of the SABS. The questionnaire is included in case it was not received.

The payment of membership fees for new members, will in future be due at the end of the month of enrollment and not the 28 February 2007 which is the official financial year ending. We encourage you to join TASA for the overall benefit that can be derived.

Membership is not only available to Thatchers but is inclusive of all relevant trades and professions. In other words, everyone that can make a contribution to the improvement of the Trade in the RSA.

Enquiries have also been received from Municipalities and City Planners, Architects, Plan Scrutinizers, Structural Engineers, Fire Officers, etc. are encouraged to combine forces with the Thatchers Association of South Africa to the benefit of al

The Association needs your input, knowledge, skills and experience and depends heavily on your co-operation.

Kind regards

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**NATIONAL CHAIRMAN**

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