



## THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

### **NEWSLETTER**

The National Congress and Annual General Meeting held on the 21 May 2011 at Bloemfontein concentrated almost completely on the updating of SANS10407 (Thatched Roof Construction) Specification. This specification will be submitted to the SABS Technical Committee for approval and will form part of the National Building Regulations (SANS 10400)

The Minutes of the meeting will detail every point discussed in depth and will be submitted separately to members.

In brief the following decisions were taken:

#### **1. Executive:**

The Executive members were re-elected:	National Chairman:	Abrie Visagie
	National Vice Chairman:	John Smith
	National Treasurer :	David Hoffman

#### **2. Functioning of the TASA and the composition of the structure**

It is observed that regional meetings are not being well attended except for a usual few. Representation of areas in another form will have to be devised such as on a National basis with a representative from each area. Nominations and elections can be electronically done. Area managements will become obsolete.

It is recommended that only one area meeting and one National meeting per year be held. The present status quo will be maintained for 2011. Restructuring of TASA will stand over to the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

#### **SABS REPRESENTATION**

Mr John Smith will represent TASA at the SABS committees and the Executive Officer will assist him in this task.

#### **PHOTO COMPETITION ADJUDICATION**

A sincere word of appreciation was expressed to the sponsors of the competition namely Arch Wood Protection SA (Pty) Ltd and ETANA / VEA Risk Consultants. The winner of each category received a certificate and R500 as prize money. Judgement was done by non bonafide thatch contractors.

***Largest single roof structure***

David Hoffman : Hoffman's Thatching Specialists



***Most aesthetic large roof structure***

John Smith : Biggarsberg Thatchers



***Most aesthetic small roof structure***

JC Steenkamp: Highveld Cape Thatchers





## ***Funniest photo***

Christiaan Munnik : Thatchscapes



*Fltr* Ron Jackson (VEA/Etana), Kobus Strydom (Firelab), Abe Stears (SATAS), Mike Hull (Hull Consulting Engineers) and John Smith (Biggarsberg Thatchers)



Christiaan Munnik (Thatchscapes), JC Steenkamp (Highveld Cape Thatchers), Kosie Theunissen (Theunissen Thatching), Bertus Nieuwenhuis (Recon Thatchers) and Dirk Oosthuizen (Thatchsure)



*Fltr* Kobus Strydom (Firelab) Abrie Visagie (Lucas Quality Thatchers) National Chairman, Willem Prinsloo (Lucas Quality Thatchers) and John Smith (Biggarsberg Thatchers) National Vice Chairman



Danie Meyers (Kim Thatchers), Bertus Nieuwenhuis (Recon Thatchers) and Michael Howard (Micon Coatings)



We trust that the Thatching Industry will now eventually have a workable specification. This has taken almost 5 years to achieve. The Training Manual will be updated and will be available on the TASA website for members only. This manual is based on the SANS 10407 to be approved shortly and incorporated in the National Building Regulations.

Our focus can now move to the development and strengthening of TASA. The past few years were very fruitful to those that participated. TASA created a platform for sound dialogue and negotiation. The aim will be the effective functioning of TASA at ground level to ensure sustainability and will be enforced and re-enforced in the Thatching Industry environment.

Kind regards

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