



THACHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER



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The following decisions were taken at a meeting of the National Committee which took place on 17 Sept 2008.

DATE FOR THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NATIONAL CONGRESS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ONE WEEK LATER ON THE 15 AND 16 MAY 2009

The above mentioned meetings will take place at the Conference facilities of the CSIR at the indicated date. Some members indicated that they want to attend the Mighty Men Conference of Mr. Angus Buchan the weekend of 8 and 9 May 2009 and asked for the possible postponement of the meeting.

PHOTO AND NATIONAL THATCH ROOF CONSTRUCTION COMPETITION

(Judging of these competitions and the Prize Giving Ceremony will take place on Friday, 15 May 2009 during the above mentioned National Congress at the CSIR in Pretoria)

Only TASA members can participate in the Photo Competition and participants are kindly reminded to send photos of high resolution to enable inclusion in magazines.

A lack of knowledge and expertise persists in the Industry especially as far as pole construction is concerned. The aim of the Thatch Roof Construction competition is:

- To introduce TASA to a wider audience.
- To address construction problems.
- To demonstrate and explain Specification requirements.
- And also to stimulate interest on this aspect of the Trade.

A floor plan will be made available to **Thatch Contractors and students** who will in turn design and build the model according to certain criteria made available to them.

Professional Architects and Engineers may submit a three dimensional design of **any** thatch roof they have designed. The floor plan given to Thatch Contractors and students will not be applicable.

The competitions will consist of four separate divisions and prizes to be advised at a later date.

| <u>PARTICIPANTS</u> | <u>REQUIREMENTS</u> | <u>ENTRY</u> |
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| 1. For Thatch Contractors | A plan of the pole construction according to the given floor plan as well as a model | R250 <i>(No entry fees for TASA members)</i> |
| 2. For Architects & Engineering Students | A plan of the pole structure according to the given floor plan as well as a model. | R500 |
| 3. For professional Architects | A three dimensional design and floor plan | R500 |
| 4. For professional Engineers | A three dimensional design of the pole construction | R500 |

INFORMATION PACKAGE

Two hundred info packages have been sent to Universities, Banks, Insurance Companies, Local Authorities, etc. The package consists of the Timber Homes & Projects Magazine which includes a supplement containing info of TASA. A letter of introduction of TASA and an article on how thatch roofs fits into the Green Building scenario is included.

Editorial articles will also appear in the following two issues of SA Roofing. SA Timber Homes & Projects Magazine will allocate eight pages in each issue to TASA. Members are invited to submit articles and high resolution photos to the TASA office for use in the magazine.

VOLUNTARY ACCREDITATION / CERTIFICATION

The concept document was submitted and discussed with the different Regions. It will be made available to members at the next Annual General Meeting for acceptance and implementation.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The election of Regional managements will take place in March/April 2009. The Bi-annual terms of Regional Chairmen will terminate and Chairpersons will have to be elected.

RAIN, TRANSPORT COSTS, INTEREST RATES, ETC.

We experience exceptional difficult times in the Country. Members can trust the support of TASA and the endeavours of the organisation to do all it can within its means to bring the value of TASA and its members to the attention of the Authorities and public.

Africa is not for “sissies” and never short of a way out.



Kind regards

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