



THACHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Newsletter 3/2013

NEWSLETTER

15 April 2013

Dear member

1. **THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TASA WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR IN NATAL**

Natal is the host region for this year's Annual General meeting.
The details are as follows:

Date: 18 May 2013
Time: 11:00
Venue: Loxley Guest House
Cost: R450 pp

Bookings: A booking form is attached. Please complete and forward it, together with the proof of payment as soon as possible to the TASA's office.

2. **DISCUSSION POINTS ON THE AGENDA**

The Agenda of the Annual General Meeting will be sent to you closer to the time.

2.1 **Proposed Code of Ethics and Conduct**

A proposed Code of Ethics and Conduct received from Mr. Terry Wilson of Thatch-it is attached for your comment. It will be included as a discussion item on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting.

2.2 **Merits of Commercial Products**

The Western Cape region requested during their meeting that took place on December 5, 2012, that the following discussion point be placed on the Agenda.

The direct quote from their letter reads:

"The Western Cape decided unanimously that our Western Cape region will not express an opinion on the merits of any commercial product and will request that other regions will join us in upholding the principle.

We also request that the decision be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting for discussion and then enrolled in the Constitution."

2.3 **Determination of U-values**

A very important discussion item on the Agenda will be the U-values. Regulation requirements, tests and the determination thereof will be explained in detail.

3. THE USE OF THE REGISTERED TRADEMARK OF THE TASA AND THE PLACEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Logo Guidelines of the TASA is one of the Source Documents that form part of the Constitution. (To avoid any misunderstandings, these documents are only available in English).

These Guidelines were adopted with the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting in March 2007 and extracts from it are as follows:

- “The Thatchers Association of South Africa’s logo remains the property of TASA, and only TASA is entitled to authorize the use of this logo by its members.
- Once you obtain TASA’s authorization, the logo is reserved for your exclusive use. You may not accept any remuneration from a third party for the use of this logo, regardless of the intended purpose.
- The right to use the Thatchers Association of South Africa’s logo is granted for a fixed period of time. **A member is entitled to use the logo during the next financial year only if his membership fee has been paid for the next financial year or an arrangement for payment in installments has been made.**
- TASA permits the use of its logo to identify and promote the Association as well as its members’ activities.
- **The logo should never be portrayed as endorsing any specific product or service, but to promote the Association as a whole and all of its members.**
- **If usage guidelines are not followed, TASA reserves the right to withdraw any right to the use of its logo**
- **The registered trade mark of the Association must be removed from all stationary and advertising material immediately after cancellation or expiration of membership.**
- **Legal action will be instituted against members whose membership was cancelled or expired and continue to act as members and make use of the Association’s logo.”**

3.1 It has come to the attention of the TASA that advertisements are placed which advertised specific products with the registered trademark of the TASA shown therein, creating the impression that the TASA approves and promotes these products.

This is blatant deception and members are urged not to advertise any product in this way.

3.2 Thatchers Association members at acceptance of their membership, signed a Code of Ethics and Conduct in which they undertook to meet membership requirements. Violation of these requirements is seen in a very serious light and this could lead to the suspension, or cancellation of membership.

4. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please note that your membership dues must be paid in full to bring out your vote at the Annual General Meeting .Only bona fide Thatching Contractors enjoy voting rights.

Members are again referred to the Logo Guidelines as quoted above. If membership fees are not settled by the due date, you are no longer entitled to use the TASA's registered trademark.

The Thatchers Association reserves the right, in addition to a fine payable by the offender to take further legal action against the offender and claim damages

5. NATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION

We remind you again of the National Photo Competition which has become an institution at the Annual General meeting.

An independent judge will choose the winners in the four categories, and prize money will be made available through sponsors to the winners along with a certificate of TASA.

The different categories are as follows:

- Largest single structure
- Most aesthetic structure
- Smaller structures
- Funniest thatch photo

If it is not possible for you to spend the day with us, you are welcome to send the photos that are already developed, to the TASA's office who will see that it is displayed.

Please post your photos in time to the following address:

Thatchers Association of South Africa
P O Box 15936
LYTTELTON 0140

Since many important issues will be under the microscope at this Annual General Meeting, we would like to encourage you to make an effort to attend. We rely on your attendance and cooperation.

Kind regards

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NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

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BOOKING FORM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 25 MAY 2013

Name : _____

Business: _____

Email address : _____

Number of people who will only attend the meeting: : _____ (Cost R450 pp)

Name : _____ Mobile : _____

Name: _____ Mobile :: _____

Name: _____ Mobile :: _____

Number of persons who will make use of the accommodation facilities: _____

Friday 24 May 2013 : Dinner and B&B

Name : _____ Single (R770 pp) _____ Sharing (R670 pp) _____

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Saturday 25 May 2013 : B & B

Name : _____ Single (R650 pp) _____ Sharing (R550 pp) _____

Name : _____ Single (R650 pp) _____ Sharing (R550 pp) _____

Do you need transportation to and from the airport?

Arrival _____ Friday Flight _____

Departure _____ Sunday Flight _____

Please send the completed form along with proof of payment to the TASA office

A road map is included for your convenience.