



ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CORPORATION WORKSHOP ON ROAD SAFETY

The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) hosted a workshop on road safety on 16 September 2013 at the Diep in die Berg Conference Centre in Pretoria.

The RTMC expressed its concern at the number of road accidents over the past few months and announced that with effect from 01 October 2013, 100 000 commercial and public transport vehicles will be stopped at road blocks every month to monitor the roadworthiness of vehicles according to a 20-point checklist.

At the workshop SABOA pledged its support for the RTMC's efforts to improve road safety and informed the RTMC that SABOA has endorsed the Road Traffic Management System (RTMS).

SABOA members are encouraged to ensure that their buses and coaches are in a roadworthy condition before embarking on any trip. This could save many lives. Currently approximately 40 people die on our roads every day. This is one of the highest fatality rates in the world and needs to be reduced drastically.

MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO ADDRESS FUNDING ISSUES IN THE COMMUTER BUS INDUSTRY

As reported in the August 2013 edition of FaxTalk, the Executive Committee of SABOA has been meeting with government and other stakeholders to address funding issues in the commuter bus industry.

The Council of SABOA at its meeting of 26 September 2013 approved further steps to be taken by SABOA to address this matter. This includes inter alia meeting with the newly appointed Minister of Transport, Ms Peters (a meeting has been secured with the Minister for 16 October 2013), the Minister of Finance (SABOA has already met with the Minister's advisor), civic and commuter organizations, a media campaign etc.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Empowerment Committee of SABOA is currently facilitating possible partnerships between established operators and SMME members of SABOA in the Gauteng and Limpopo Provinces whilst good progress has also been made by the Empowerment Committee to identify further partnership opportunities in the Mpumalanga, Northwest and Limpopo Provinces.

Members of SABOA are invited to contact the Chairperson of the Empowerment Committee, Mr Daniel Sambo on 082 717 4688 if they are aware of business opportunities within their provinces which they want the Empowerment Committee to investigate or to discuss any empowerment matter or proposal with the Chairperson of the Empowerment Committee.

WORKSHOP WITH PRE'S / OLB'S

As reported in the August 2013 edition of FaxTalk, SABOA met with the National Department of Transport, Provincial Regulatory Entities and Operating Licensing Boards on 21 August 2013 to discuss the difficulties operators are experiencing with permits.

SABOA submitted the issues it raised at the workshop in writing to the Department of Transport on 29 August 2013 and is waiting for the Department's response. SABOA also requested that the names and contact details of the Provincial PRE/OLB officials be made available which members could use when they have difficulties with permit applications. The contact details are as follows:

Name & Surname	Province	E-mail Address	Tel
Ms Nonhlanhla Dube	Gauteng	Nonhlanhla.dube@gauteng.gov.za	(011) 870 9300
Mr Matome Matjuda	Mpumalanga	mjmatjuda@mpg.gov.za	(013) 756 6475
Mr Sifundisa Lunga	Kwazulu-Natal	Sifundiswa.lunga@kzntransport.gov.za	(033) 341 9514
Mr Shakes Myeko	Western Cape	Shakes.myeko@westerncape.gov.za	(021) 483 0213
Mr Bhelu Melane	Eastern Cape	Bhelu.melane@dot.ecprov.gov.za	(043) 604 7403/22
Mr Reuben Mukhahvuli	Limpopo	mukhahvulir@drt.limpopo.gov.za	(015) 294 8371
Mr Percy Dyonase	Northwest	Pdyonase@nwp.gov.za	(018) 381 7791
Mr M Modiko	Northern Cape	mmodiko@ncpg.gov.za	083 700 0065
Mr T Sebitlo	Free State	sebitloT@freetrans.gov.za	(051) 403 7488/9

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The annual Strategic Planning Workshop has been scheduled to take place on Thursday 23rd January and Friday 24th January 2014 at the Farm Inn in Pretoria. Invitations have been sent out to all SABOA members.

Members are encouraged to attend this very important workshop as it offers the following benefits to members:

- To raise and discuss your issues of concern
- To learn about the issues of other members of SABOA
- To be part of mapping out the way forward for SABOA in 2014
- To network with operator members of SABOA
- To network with Associate members of SABOA (suppliers of products and services)
- To obtain a wider perspective and knowledge of industry issues and developments
- To meet members of other provinces and to build a working relationship with them
- To socialize with fellow members of SABOA

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following new membership applications were approved by the Executive Committee at the Exco/Council meeting held on 26 September 2013:

Mak-Gogo Transport – Western Cape
Rakgeng Jansen Legodi Transport - Mpumalanga
Leaner Greener Fleet (Pty) Ltd - Gauteng
Corporate Traveller - Gauteng
Copper Sunset Trading – Kwazulu-Natal

LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT

Mr Elias Matenche has several years experience in various Management positions and is looking for a suitable post in Management. If members are interested, please contact Kathleen at SABOA on 011 511 7641 or on e-mail: saboa@saboa.co.za and his CV will be forwarded to you.

PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Provincial general meetings will be held as follows:

- Gauteng – 9 October 2013 at 10:00 at VIX-QUESTEK, 52 Grosvenor Road, Bryanston.
- Western Cape – 5 November 2013 at 10:00 at the GABS Training Centre, Golfair Park, Pallotti Rd, Montana, Cape Town.
- Northwest – For details contact the Secretary, Mr Elias Chongo on 083 585 4176.
- Kwazulu-Natal – 9 October 2013 – contact the Secretary, Mr Suveer Maharaj for venue details – 082 653 1057.
- Mpumalanga – 23 October 2013 at 10:00 at the Midway Inn, Middelburg.
- Free State – For details contact the Chairperson, Mr Thabiso Lebisa on 083 353 7716.
- Eastern Cape – For details contact the Chairperson, Mr Julius Vanqa on 082 788 5068.

BUS SAFETY CAMPAIGN

The SABOA Council has endorsed the Road Traffic Management System (RTMS) which is a self-regulatory system supported by the Department of Transport and the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) to improve road safety in the industry. Information on the RTMS and how members can apply for accreditation will be circulated to members shortly.

The Council has also mandated its Operations Committee to develop a bus safety campaign for SABOA. This will inter alia entail working closely with the RTMC on a number of projects, especially as the festive season is approaching, requesting members to re-commit themselves to road safety by signing the SABOA Road Safety Code of Conduct, issuing road safety tips on a regular basis etc. More details regarding this Bus Safety Campaign will be made available shortly.

SCHOLAR TRANSPORT

A delegation of SABOA met with the D-DG of the Gauteng Department of Education on 07 October 2013 to discuss the non-payment of claims of scholar transport service providers. The GDE confirmed the following:

- Payments which are outstanding for claims earlier than August 2013 are due to service providers not meeting all the necessary requirements e.g. tax clearance certificates, new bank account details, using duplicate claim numbers etc.
- Payment for August 2013 is outstanding due to budgetary problems. This is being addressed at the highest level to resolve it as soon as possible.

SABOA requested that the requirements which service providers have to meet be forwarded to SABOA to enable SABOA to circulate it to its scholar transport members and to encourage them to comply with these requirements. The GDE agreed to forward these requirements to SABOA.

SABOA also requested the GDE to expedite the payments for August 2013 once they have the go-ahead to make payment. The GDE will inform SABOA as soon as they have been authorized to make payment.

The GDE further informed SABOA that they hope to implement the tender in November 2013. A meeting with all service providers will be called shortly to explain the way forward.

DATES FOR OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

EXCO/COUNCIL MEETINGS

14 November 2013: Exco Meeting

COASA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

06 November 2013 VIX-Questek

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

13 November 2013 SABOA Offices

PROPOSED EXCO & EXCO/COUNCIL MEETING DATES – 2014

The following proposed meeting dates for Exco and Exco/Council meetings were approved at the Exco/Council meeting held on 26 September 2013:

23-24 January 2014	Strategic Planning Workshop
24 January 2014	Special Exco Meeting
24 January 2014	Combined Exco/Council Meeting
27 March 2014	Exco Meeting
29 May 2014	Combined Exco/Council Meeting/AGM
24 July 2014	Exco Meeting
25 September 2014	Combined Exco/Council Meeting
13 November 2014	Exco Meeting

SABOA – NEW TELEPHONE LINES

Please take note that our New Telkom telephone numbers are as follows:

(011) 511 7641	- MAIN LINE
(011) 511 0007	- Fax number
(011) 511 1769	- Fax number

These new numbers are currently in operation.