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Southern African Bus Operators Association

voice of the bus & coach industry

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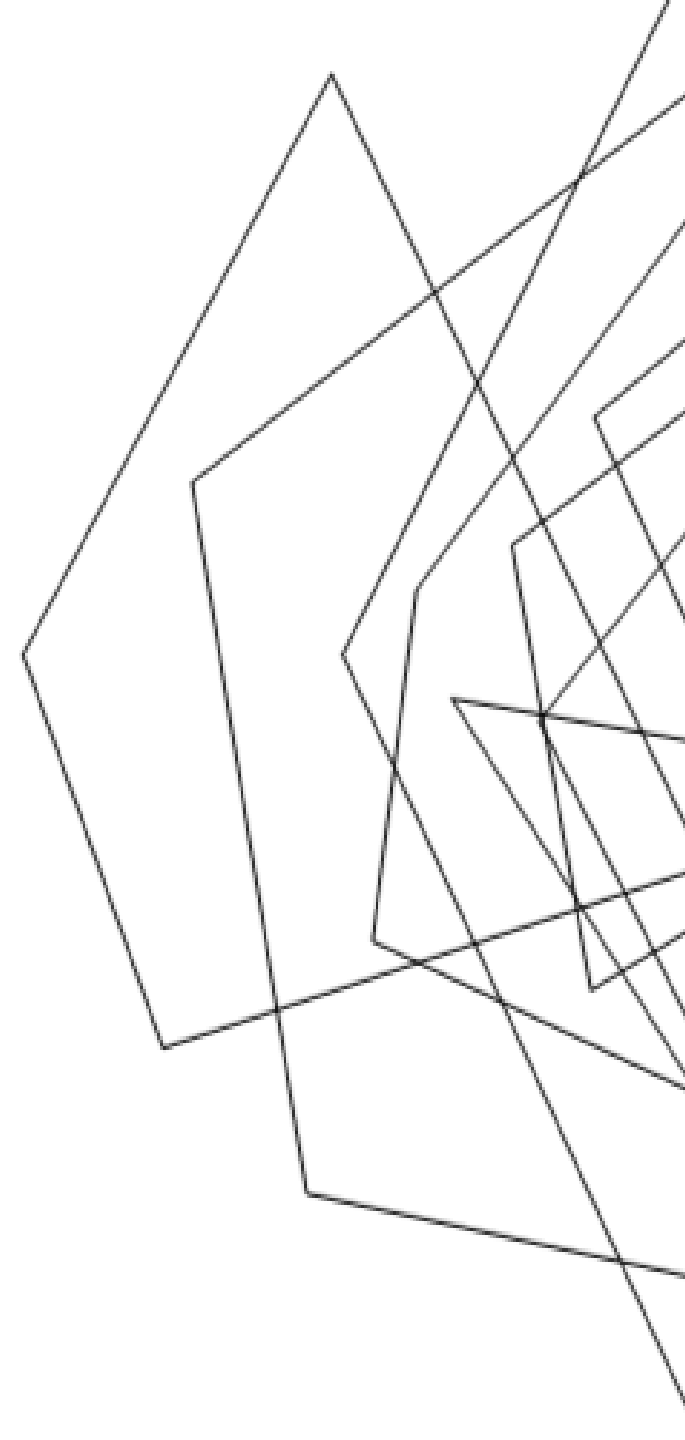
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FOREWARD

It has been a challenging year for the industry with increased costs and under recoveries, horrific accidents and malicious damage to buses due to rampant violence.

As the voice of the bus and coach industry, the Association strives to lobby and speak on your behalf on matters that collectively affect members and the industry. Various engagements have been held with the different stakeholders and government departments.

The 2022/2023 activities of the Association and financial results are presented as follows:





BAZIL GOVENDER
EXECUTIVE MANAGER
RESIGNED APRIL 2023

SABOA SECRETARIAT



PROJ JACKIE WALTERS
STRATEGIC ADVISOR



RIKA VAN EEDEN
ACCOUNTS



PRECIOUS SEOBI
ADMINISTRATION



SHARMINI NAIDOO
INTERIM EXECUTIVE
MANAGER
APPOINTED 24 APRIL
2023



SABOA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



EXCO members were appointed in 2021 and are currently serving a 4-year term until 2025

Category A members:

- Mr Suveer Maharaj - Maphumulo Mail Service
- Ms Imogene Mncwango (Vice) - Gauteng Women in Transport
- Mr Nazeem Dollie - Overland Tours
- Mr Eric Motshwane - Sesitho Transport

Category B members:

- Mr Terry Murugan (President) - South Coast Bus Services
- Mr Francois Meyer - Golden Arrow Bus Services
- Mr Thys Heyns - PUTCO
- Ms Matlaka Motloug - Ipelegeng Transport Trust



Terry Murugan
President



Imogene Mncwango
Vice President

SABOA COUNCIL MEMBERS



Category A (14) Members:

- Mr Suveer Maharaj
- Mr Nazeem Dollie
- Mr Eric Motshwane
- Mr Victor Baepane
- Ms Imogene Mncwango
- Mr Noluyolo Dlomo
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- Mr Shani Ramcharan
- Mr Mxolisi Pakade
- Mr Elias Chongo
- Mr Clifford Bailey
- Mr Khotso Motshoeneng
- Mr Selaelo Macdonald Kgare
- Mr Daniel Sambo

Category B (8)

- Mr Terry Murugan
- Mr Francois Meyer
- Mr Chabeli Ramathe
- Ms Matlakala Motloung
- Mr Thys Heyns
- Mr Patrick Malabela
- Mr Vidhor Mangaroo
- Mr Nickus Robbertse

Associate (1)

- Ms Katherine Bell



SUB COMMITTEES



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- **Gideon Neethling (Chairman)**
- **Issues Discussed:**
 - Double Payment Fees
 - Safer Vehicle Project 2025
 - Gauteng Provincial Tender
 - Surveys
 - NRCS
 - Potential Conversion of diesel bus to Electric bus
 - Illegal Fitment Centres
 - Issue of Emergency Hatches
 - RTMS
 - AARTO
 - SABOA Conference & Dinner
 - SABOA Structures

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

- **Braam de Jong (Chairman)**
- **Issues Discussed:**
 - Violence Avoidance Strategy
 - AFC/ABT
 - AARTO
 - BRT update
 - CoT negotiations
 - Covid Relied Grants
 - SABOA Engagements with NDoT
 - Typical Adjustment Document
 - Focus Magazine
 - Gauteng Negotiated Contracts
 - National Land Amendment Bill
 - Economic Regulation of Transport Bill
 - National Road Transport Amendment Bill
 - Extension of Operating Licences
 - Provincial Public Transport Environments
 - SABOA Structures

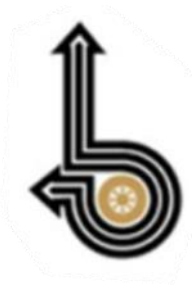
ASSOCIATE COMMITTEE

- Combined with Automechanika site visit and conference presentation

PEC (Regional) COMMITTEES

NEW COMMITTEES

- SMME
- Membership
- Policy and Procedure
- Training



SABOA EVENTS & MEETINGS

MAR 2022 – FEB 2023

- _____ SABOA Operations Committee Meeting 15 March 2022
- _____ SABOA Technical Committee Meeting 16 March 2022
- _____ SABOA EXCO Meeting 24 March 2022
- _____ SABOA Operations Committee Meeting 11 May 2022
- _____ SABOA Council Meeting 8 June 2022
- _____ SABOA Annual Conference in collaboration with Automechanika 8 – 9 June 2022
- _____ SABOA Technical Committee Meeting 29 June 2022
- _____ SABOA EXCO Meeting 4 August 2022
- _____ SABOA EXCO Meeting 24 August 2022
- _____ SABOA Operations and Technical Committee Meeting 9 November 2022
- _____ SABOA KZN Dinner and Nite of Entertainment 30 November 2022
- _____ SABOA Special EXCO 1 February 2023

POST YEAR END EVENTS & MEETINGS - 2023

March 2023

- SABOA Technical Committee Meeting 23 March 2023
- SABOA Operations Committee Meeting 9 March 2023

April 2023

- SABOA Special EXCO Meeting 20 April 2023

May 2023

- SABOA Operations Committee Meeting 17 May 2023
- SABOA Technical Committee Meeting 18 May 2023
- SABOA EXCO/Council Meeting 25 May 2023

August 2023

- SABOA EXCO/Council Meeting 29 August 2023
- SABOA Annual General Meeting 29 August 2023



FINANCIALS MAR 2022 – FEB 2023



- The 2022/2023 financials were independently reviewed by Mr by Louis Crafford CA(SA) and approved by both EXCO and Council.
- The annual financial statements were fairly presented and were compiled in terms of IFRS and the Comp Act.
- A Surplus of R1 178 034 was achieved compared to prior year of R643 326.
- Total Revenue of R5 106 468 was generated (2021: R4 729 913) representing a 7.96% increase compared to the previous year mainly due to membership fees and other income.
- Total expenses of R3 928 434 was incurred (2021: R4 086 587) representing a decrease of 3.87% compared to the previous year as a result of cost savings measures
- Special Thanks to Indwe Risk Services for leasing the office “at cost”
- The financials include a commitment from PUTCO to honour outstanding membership fees
- Cash balances remained positive for the year – R1 088 163 (2021: R1 076 327)

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

MEMBERS STATISTICS:									
	<u>01.03.22</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>28.02.23</u>	-	<u>01.03.23</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>31.07.23</u>		
	<u>NEW</u>	<u>RENEWED</u>	<u>NON RENEWED</u>	-	<u>NEW</u>	<u>RENEWED</u>	<u>NON RENEWED</u>		
ASSOCIATES	0	23	8	31	1	18	12		31
SMME ASSOCIATES	5	8	2	15	5	4	5		14
	5	31	10	46	6	22	17		45
PRINCIPALS									
CAT A									
P10	6	124	229	359	8	116	235		359
P20	2	18	18	38	1	15	16		32
	8	142	247	397	9	131	251		391
CAT B									
P31+	1	19	10	30	1	20	13		34
	1	19	10	30	1	20	13		34
TOTAL PRINCIPALS	9	161	257	427	10	151	264		425
TOTAL ASSOCIATES	5	31	10	46	6	22	17		45
TOTAL MEMBERS	14	192	267	473	16	173	281		470



SABOA INSURANCE SCHEME

- The SABOA Insurance Scheme is an additional source of Income for the Association
- Growth in the scheme has been slow due to market challenges. industry.
- Commissions declined by 31% compared to the previous year
- Liberty Underwriting Managers continues as the insurer
- Indwe Risk Services was the preferred broker
- Indwe Risk Services have sold their commercial book to Simah (Pty) Ltd
- All Indwe Services Obligations have been ceded to Simah
- The insurance industry is facing one of the greatest challenges in history
- Covid, Floods, Insurrection, High inflation rates and Political instability have left Insurers adopting a harsh attitude towards premium and claims.



SABOA LEGAL MATTERS

- Case 2021/51091 between SABOA and BIRF and PUTCO against the Department of Transport
- This was In respect of GPDRT Tender no DRT 35/11/2019 for subsidised contracted road- based passenger transport services in Gauteng
- Judgement was handed down electronically in March 2023 and the Department of Transport was interdicted from taking any further steps
- The counter claim of the Department of Transport was dismissed
- The judge did not make a ruling on the HOA
- The ruling was awarded with costs for the two applicants and the counter claim was dismissed
- The total cost of R1.6m was apportioned between the affected SABOA members
- A portion of the monies have been recovered from the Department of Transport and the attorneys will now proceed with the execution process against the Gauteng Department of Transport for their portion of the cost



SABOA STRATEGY SESSION

- Two-day bus and coach industry strategy workshop at the Lakes Hotel and Conference Centre, Benoni in Feb 2023
- Meeting attended by national and provincial government represented
- Purpose of the workshop was to answer this question: **Is it time to do something different?**
- The blended event was well supported and attended by a range of members and industry stakeholders
- Key, salient, and sobering high-level comments emanating from the presentations included:
 - Whether the “very sound policies” that are in place are actually implementable?
 - The financial outlook appeared to be on a slight upward positive tick
 - Transport sector equity targets will follow a process of public consultations via a gazetted process, provided that the Employment Equity Amendment Bill is signed off by the president.
 - An agile approach for SABOA as a NPO and member-driven association to strengthen its image, increase membership, and foster sustainability through the representation of members’ interests.
 - Review of critical risk mitigation of the industry in the face of ongoing and elevated risks.
 - Thoughts and ideas around hydrogen mobility.
- The key takeaway was the wide gap that still exists between policy and funding interventions.



COMBINED TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

- This event held at The Lakes Hotel in Boksburg on 9 November 2022
- Attended by Associate and operating members as well as representatives from Provincial and National Government
- Both the Technical and Operations committees dealt with their agendas followed by a general session
- Presentations were made by a number of speakers on Zero Emission Buses



ENGAGEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT



National Department of Transport (NDOT)

- Meeting with Minister of Transport and Members on EFF Protest Action
- Meeting with the Acting Director General
 - o discuss decrease of PROG 2022/2023
 - Proposal from the industry regarding fuel increases
 - Intermodal incidents and issues affecting the industry
- Meeting with Green Transport Strategy
- Invited and attended Minister of Transport's Transport Budget Vote & Breakfast

City of Tshwane(COT)

- SABOA participated in BOCA negotiations
- Represented SABOA at the BUS Steerco
- Resuscitated discussions about Draft MoU with the City

Gauteng Authority

- Meeting on Gauteng Provincial Land Transport Framework

Other

- National Tourism Stakeholder
- Department of Labour and Employment Equity Commission
- SAPS on Violence Avoidance Strategy

Gauteng Department of Transport

- SABOA gave feedback on model contracts
- Provided input on Gauteng negotiation process
- Introductory Meeting with Dr Darian Barclay
- Engagement with Gauteng MEC: Road and Transport on operator concerns

POLICY MATTERS

During the year SABOA comment on the following:

- Economic Regulation of Transport Bill (BIB – 2020)
- National Land Transport Amendment Bill (B7F – 2016)
- Amendments to the Employment Equity Bill
- Draft Regulations to the Employment Equity Bill
- No movement on the New Subsidy Policy
- ABT – expected rollout in Oct 2023 with 3- year phased implementation – awaiting promulgation
- Reflective Tape Levy of R0.10c/ meter inspection costs by NRCS
- Presented to the Select Committee on Transport, Public Service and Administration, Public Works and Infrastructure on the Economic Regulations of Transport Bill [B 1B-20 (s76)]
- Research by Prof N. Pisa and Prof J. Walters on “An overview of public transport policy developments in South Africa” published in an international Journal”



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

- Requested meeting with National Treasury on decrease in PTOG 2022/2023, subsidy for 2024 and increase in fuel costs
- Requested meeting with MEC:Gauteng Roads and Transport on operating permits and subsidy payments
- Requested meeting with NDOT new appointments – ie. Acting Director General: Mr Makaepa to introduce SABOA
- Engaged with Dr Mathetha Makonyama - CSIR on collaboration of the bid submissions of the GP Tender
- Requested meeting with Minister of Transport– Mr Fikile Mbalula on outcomes of conference discussions
- Ms I Mcnwango attended the planning session for the TBCSA
- Gauteng Fact Finding Trip to Germany organised by the Gauteng Transport Authority attended by G.Neethling obo SABOA



OTHER STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

- Print and Radio Interviews (Focus on Logistics, Cremer Media, Carte Balance, Fokus (SABC2), Newzroom and Cape Talk etc)
- Ongoing comments and interviews on bus accidents
- Relationship with Focus on Logistics – Voice of SABOA
- CBRTA – SABOA representation on Operator Forum
- Collaboration with CBBASA
- SABOA represented at NCRS and SABS meetings
- Consultation on the Tourism White Paper Bill
- Provincial Engagement on the National Land Transport Bill
- BBEE Integrated Transport Charter Council Launch and BBEE ITSC Symposium
- BBEE 101 Classes
- WWF – Alliance for Climate Action – EV Workshop
- Green Strategy Awareness Campaign



INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS

Masterdrive

- Launch of the Inaugural SABOA Bus Fleet Safety Awards
- Recognising fleet managers and companies that live the road safety ethos

ARRIVE ALIVE WITH
MASTERDRIVE

SANSBOC

- MoU signed between SABOA and SANSBOC



Claredon Transport Underwriting Managers (CTU)

- to promote safety and recognize bus drivers
- Hollard Highway Heroes Competition sponsored by CTU – R100 000 cash prize
- to honor exceptional bus drivers who go above, drive their passengers safely, on time, responsibly and looking out for other road users whilst safeguard their fleet owners.



Commercial Transport Academy (CTA)

- Initiative that promotes gender equality and empowers women
- Training and employment of women
- Creating a larger pool of skilled professionals
- assisted 15 females to acquire their commercial vehicle experience ready to enter the market
- 14 female drivers upskilled available for absorption



TRANSPORT FORUM SIG

- The Transport Forum SIG collaboration continues to be a critical platform to ensure ongoing on- line access to key issues via a webinar process.
- The collaboration allows for access to various stakeholders in the transport arena and the dissemination of valuable information
- A number of SIG conferences were held wherein SABOA participated
- Transport Month 2023 has a public transport focus with SABOA making a presentation
- The platform assists with hosting of registrations and the marketing of SABOA events such as the Annual Conference
- The forum also assists with facilitation and AV for our hybrid events
- There is also a small referral fee to SABOA for Transport Sig Members referred



UPCOMING EVENTS

5 – 7 September 2023

SABOA CONFERENCE & GALA DINNER

MILNERS VENUE,
HALL 5 & 6,
JHB EXPO CENTRE,
NASREC

NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY POLICY

SABOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN COLLABORATION WITH AUTOMECHANIKA AND FUTUROAD 2023

Day 1 - Technical and Operations Meetings

- SABOA Gala Dinner

Day 2 - Annual Conference

Day 3 - Automechanika and Futuroad Exhibition

29 November 2023

KZN Gala Dinner

30 September 2024

**18th Biennial THREDBO Conference on
Competition and Ownership in Land
Passenger Transport (Cape Town –
University of Cape Town)**



VOTE OF THANKS

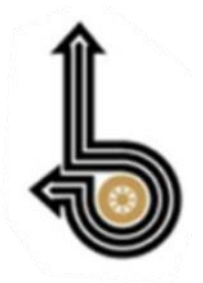
I wish to thank:

- Stakeholders for their continued support of SABOA – these include members, associate members, government and other stakeholders
- EXCO and Council members for their support throughout the year
- Rika and Precious for keeping up the office under very trying circumstances
- Bazil for his leadership over the year – we wish him all the best in his new endeavours
- Sharmini for standing in and assisting the Association



CLOSING

SABOA is committed to supporting members and will endeavor to keep the wheels of the industry turning!



GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

- AARTO – Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences
- AFS - Annual Financial Statements
- ABT – Account Based Ticketing
- AFC – Automated Fare Collection
- BBBEE - Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment
- DoT - Department of Transport
- NDoT – National Department of Transport
- TBCSA - Tourism Business Council of South Africa
- SAPS – South African Police Services
- SANSBOC – South African National Small Bus Operators Council
- CBBASA – Cross Border Bus Association of South Africa
- C-BRTA – Cross Border Road Transport Agency
- TRANSPORT FORUM – Transport Forum Special Interests Group
- NRCS – National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications
- SABS – South African Bureau of Standards

