



THE SOUTHERN AFRICA REVENUE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

CENTRAL BRANCH

THE SARPA CENTRAL BRANCH'S MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 31 AUGUST 2018 AT 14:00 AT THE OPEN MIND CONFERENCE AND TRAINING CENTRE IN BLOEMFONTEIN

MINUTES

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Attendance Register: See attached**
2. **Matters Arising:** No Previous Minutes as presentation only
3. **Reports - Representative on the Executive Council**
Rens Bindeman, SARPA Technical Advisor

Highlights from discussion:

SALGA featured SARPA and its Revenue Recovery Project in their "SALGA 2018 Innovation booklet"

Invitation by National Press Club to organize and hold media briefing session

Presentations and interactions at Conferences **AMEU**, **IGLM**, **CIGFARO** and **SALGA National Managers Forum** achieved good results. Interactions also with DWS; ILGM (Municipal Managers); COGTA, NERSA; LEA (Law Enforcement Agencies) and Minister Forum – (Dep Min COGTA)

STANDARDIZATION

- **NRS 055 (RP Guideline) and NRS 101 (Infrastructure Theft)**
Still developing documents for both standards. The goal is to add more processes and guidelines in these standards. Still awaiting input from key role players. Teleconference proposed to address issue
- **Standard on cable markings** – Completed but still awaiting final document / Only Draft available

SARPA to build awareness through a road show in the Free State & Northern Cape to advise of meetings. Rens to advise when this will take place.

Projects we do: Branch Dev (Forums), Standards, Training (pay for travel and accommodation of trainer, training is free), Infrastructure crimes, projects

Lesotho & Swaziland to have their own SARPA meetings.

Marking cables are now cemented into the SABS. The document is not yet available. Purpose of the standard is to show ownership. Only what is marked can be proven in court. One can now do asset management with the cables. With consequential numbering in the cable, you can see how many meters are on the drum as well.

The Cable Manufacturer is the only one with the numbers and they will have to go to court each time. Not finalized this. Maybe we need to have a department inside government.

Advanced SARPA training course planned in Cape Town for later this year.

Goal to bring private security companies together to start sharing info on criminals.
Infrastructure Crime Summit postponed.

6. Presentations

6.1. CPI

7. Elections

Chairman: O. Wessels

Vice Chairman: N. Sinombe

Affiliate Coordinator: M. van Staden

Secretary: C.Peter

8. General

Good idea to have a crime workshop to get relevant people to share numbers and get together. Northern Cape and Free State all the municipalities to get together.

Southern Cape has a WhatsApp group that everyone linked is to. If something happens then it moves everyone
Thinking of starting a SARPA WhatsApp group on our level and then roadblocks can be set up to catch criminals.

Orpa engage with Hawks to be at SARPA meeting.

Next meeting advised to allow the municipalities time to discuss their problems, current issues, and the next meeting affiliates can come with solutions.

Travelling to the different municipalities, affiliates help.

9. Date and place of next meeting:

29 and 30 Nov final 2018 meeting in Clarens. SARPA will start 2pm Thursday followed by Networking Social and Friday 9am to 1pm the AMEU followed by light lunch.

Sponsorship requested to accommodate Municipal staff at Clarens.

Sponsorship requested for dinner, drinks and lunch.