



# PISTOL NEWS



## Feedback from the recent 2018 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

At the 2018 NPA/PPC SA National Championships that were recently completed in Pretoria, the Annual Council Meeting (ACM) was held, during which the incoming SAPF Executive Committee (EXCO) for 2018 was elected.

The 2017 Executive committee was re-elected unopposed, and thus congratulations are extended to the new committee and thanks are expressed to each of them for their commitment to our sport.

The Exco would like to especially thank Fatima Gilbert for her exceptional work done in the past year on behalf of all our members.

Although Fatima is officially employed in a half-day role, her work ethic has been far beyond midday, ever since she was first selected as the administrator for SAPF, and she had taken calls and replied to members all day long, and often after hours when she deemed it necessary.

The ACM recognised her efforts and her endeavours and she was unanimously granted an improved package for her diligence, her attention to detail and her exceptional management support that she has provided to the EXCO in attending to the SAPF's affairs over the past few years.

The ACM also agreed an increase in membership fees for the 2019 year, which was determined as R700 per member for 2019, subject to the constitutional variations, which represents an increase of just R100 per member for the next financial year.

The SAPF office will produce the minutes from the 2018 ACM and circulate these to the provinces in due course.

A significant discussion took place at the ACM regarding changes to the SAPF constitution and it became clear that many provincial representatives felt that they needed to be better informed before coming to the ACM in the future.

Of importance here is the need for provinces who are making recommendations and proposals to the ACM to document their proposal, clearly defining the reasons, the advantages and the benefits of their proposals.

Their submission was then to be sent to the SAPF office for general circulation to all the provinces, who should then be given adequate time to digest, discuss and decide on their response to any such proposals that they may receive.

Each province could then send their delegate to the next ACM properly informed and properly prepared for any discussion or voting that might need to take place at the ACM regarding the proposals submitted to the SAPF offices for inclusion on the ACM agenda.



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The nett effect of this would be to prevent long, time-wasting discussions about the merits or not of any given submissions.

Clearly this would also mean that provinces, their EXCO's and their members would be given adequate time to discuss any submission and make a realistic decision.

It is not in the SAPF's interests for the ACM to become a place for debate, especially when delegates are not necessarily empowered or able to vote on behalf of their provinces – this situation needs to be avoided in future.

The recommendation therefore is for all provinces EXCO' to discuss any issues that they feel needs to be raised at any future ACM internally, determine their stance, then make their written submission in writing to the SAPF offices before the end of each financial year, (December of any year.)

This would give the SAPF office time to circulate any submissions timeously, and give provinces the necessary internal discussion time needed to prepare for voting at the next ACM.

We accept that the provinces and their membership will have issues from time to time, and with a proper procedure in place, it becomes much easier and much simpler for the ACM to deal with matters of mutual interest to all the parties concerned.

**Best wishes in Shooting**  
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