

### ***Another busy month ahead.***

*There is no let up in Board and Office activities in the coming months. This edition of the newsletter carries important information for all sheriffs and also outlines a number of exciting initiatives underway.*

*I trust that all offices have now received their second batch of brochures and that they are distributed to the people that count – the communities in which you operate.*

*Please call the Office if yours have not arrived.*

*Remember the Office is here to support your work, if you have any questions or issues you would like raised please do not hesitate to give me a call – I always try to be available.*

*Serving with dignity  
Veliswa Baduza*

### ***SGB now a reality***

The establishment of a Standards Generating Body (SGB) is the all-important first step in determining unit standards and minimum qualifications for the sheriffs' profession in keeping with the requirements of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

Representing several stakeholders from justice and civil society the SGB will play a major role in pursuing transformation and inevitably strengthen the process of civil law enforcement in the country.

You'll be able to read more about this in the upcoming issue of Siyanazisa.

### ***Inspector training set***

An important step in the disciplinary function carried out by the Board is the thorough investigation of complaints. To this end a workshop will be held in the later part of July where 10 candidate inspectors will be trained in all aspects of complaint investigation.

Prospective candidates will be able to assist the disciplinary committee and Board in ensuring compliance with the regulatory requirements of the Sheriffs' Act.

### ***First outreach workshop***

In a first-of-its-kind programme the Board hosted a provincial outreach workshop in East London on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Drawing delegates from across the Province, the Board – together with other stakeholders – took community leaders through the finer intricacies of the debt recovery process, maintenance and family violence issues and the workings of the Small Claims Court.

It is hoped that delegates will return to their respective communities empowered with more knowledge about the workings of the civil justice system in general and the role of the sheriff in particular. This will enable them to act as resource points for people in their areas.

More details of this workshop will appear in the next issue of Siyanazisa.

It is hoped this pilot project will be the first of similar outreach and public empowerment initiatives undertaken by the Board.

### ***Face to face with the Ministry***

The Board will have the honour of meeting with the new Minister and Deputy Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development on 20<sup>th</sup> July. A report of this will appear in Siyanazisa.

### ***July 31 is 'D' day for levies***

Please remember that legal obligations are due and payable to the Board by the end of July. This is an important obligation in terms of the Sheriffs Act that must be complied with.

### ***Opportunities for new sheriffs***

Vacancies exist at the following sheriff's offices and interested parties are invited to make application to the Magistrate's Office in the area concerned before the appropriate closing date.

Richmond (NC) 27 August

Lusikisiki (EC) 27 November

### ***Impact study to roll out***

Research into the impact of the National Action Plan will be carried out during August. You may be approached and, if you are, please cooperate. More information to follow.

### ***AGM date set***

The 2004 Annual General Meeting of the South African Board for Sheriffs has been set for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July at a venue to be confirmed. More information to follow.