

SARPA EASTERN CAPE BRANCH REPORT

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TO: SARPA EXECUTIVE
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BRANCH REPORT

Since our last meeting, the Eastern Cape branch has met once. This meeting was held in Aliwal North on the 2nd November 2012 and in comparison to our previous meeting, was poorly attended. In total, there were 16 people in attendance and many apologies were received due to S&T restrictions being applied by their respective Municipalities.

The meeting itself was successful and consisted of the undermentioned agenda topics:

1. **SARPA executive feedback**
2. **ITRON** - Ivar Kilian -RP benefits of a new split prepayment meter
3. **BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPALITY** – Debbie Crous - Cash flow initiatives and strategies in the Debt Management and Collection environment
4. **SEBATA** – Deon Pretorius - MMS – Consumer accounts via cell phone technology
Meterman – Meter reading technology via cell phone
5. **Landis + Gyr** - Asaph PHEME – AMR “Remote Access Solution”

It has now been proven in my term of office that branch meetings held in isolated areas are poorly attended and those held in major cities are being well attended.

Our next meeting is scheduled in March 2013 (date and venue still undecided) where new branch office bearers will be elected.

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

Item 8 of the previous SARPA Executive minutes, refers.

Please be advised that as tasked by the SARPA Executive, I sent Alvin Fredericks an email on the 30th July 2012 requesting that a new NRS standard be created for the marking of copper cables. Alvin has now reported back that he presented this to the ESLC on the 23rd August 2012 and whereby it was recommended that a new SABS standard be created in this regard. Both Alvin and myself have now interacted Ms Willa Breed from SABS and whereby she has confirmed that TC 66 has agreed to put this subject on their list of ‘emerging needs’. However, more technical information was required from industry experts.

I have now recommended to Ms Breed that the SABS must now facilitate a meeting with all key role players and am now awaiting feedback on this recommendation.

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