



**Report by Mr Aleck Skhosana - President Athletics South Africa  
ASA Annual General Meeting - 2 July 2016  
OR Tambo Garden Court, Kempton Park**

## **1. Introduction**

We are gathered here today as the ASA family to take stock of what we have achieved over the last few months since we last met in 2015. We know as the Board that whatever we have achieved was because of the collective effort of members at all levels of our sport. We are still looking forward to see greater improvement in a number of areas as the year progresses.

In this meeting we invite all of you to participate and share your views where necessary with an aim of making improvement in the area of weakness and further grow where we are stronger.

Report on critical areas of our sport:

### **1.1. Administration and Governance**

The ASA administration is continuing to be stronger as it is expected by members and other organizations outside it. Even though we have a depleted staff complement at ASA, it has not deterred us to deliver our best services to the members of ASA, most importantly the athletes and coaches who are our core business and mandate.

We are judged by the results our coaches and athletes bring to this country from all levels of our sport across the globe. No results mean we are not growing and transforming at all.

We know that the process of reaching the best levels of administration and governance are not a once off, but a continuous process full of ever challenges. It needs a dynamic team to manage; and a working Volunteer Core at all levels of ASA.

### **1.2. Acting CEO**

The ASA Board has acquired the services of the veteran administrator to come and assist in uplifting and driving the ship from the port to the desired destination.

Mr Richard Stander is not new in the office of ASA as he has been with the organization for 10 years as the Development Manager before being recruited to join Boland Athletics as its CEO.

We welcome you Mr Stander and hope your stay with us is going to be a fruitful one but full of challenges as it is expected. Your role is to stream line the office operations and drive development that will be the best of the best in the world.

You have done it before and we do not see why you cannot do it again. The ASA Board and the members will be behind you and supporting you in making this organization the best of the best in the African continent and the world.

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Just remember that you have your colleagues all over the country who are exposed in the same manner as you are at ASA level. Work together and share the experiences so that ASA grows in leaps and bounds in all the disciplines as well as all the corners of SA.

### 1.3. Creditors

We have completed 24 months in the office since elected in June 2014. When we first came to the office the situation was terrible and we were faced with litigation based on the previous issues that happened before the new board was elected.

The worst of them all was the House that was about to go under hammer due to the non-appearance of the previous Board in the court of law to defend ASA. We had to deal with this situation and eventually won through humbleness and negotiations with the law firms that represented the injured athletes.

We are proud to say that the ASA Board has done everything to finalize the matter between the injured athletes and ASA. Soon ASA will issue a statement, after consultation with the lawyers, that ASA are now free of any debt or legal claim as an organization.

The second aspect was the unpaid bills from the old fight between the ASA Boards of 200-2102 and 2012 – 2014, which also left ASA in a bad state of finance. We, as the new ASA Board had to come in and deal with the issues and sort them out for the benefit of our sport and athletes in particular. We opted to settle the matter rather than taking people to the courts of law. It was important to demonstrate to our members that we are unbiased. The results of our decision were evident in the reaction of our coaches and athletes. Where there is stability, there is development and growth.

Our finances are better than before and we strive to make them even better given the fact that we had to first clear all the debts.

### 1.4. SARS

We must thank the Board and staff of ASA for working tirelessly in resolving an 8 year stalemate that caused ASA property to be attached because of the long outstanding payment which amounted to plus minus R8 000 000.00. We have finally settled through hard negotiators an amount with SARS.

We are starting on a clean slate with SARS, going forward as an organization. I personally think you need to give this board a very good round of applause for the sterling work done under difficult circumstances.

### 1.5. ASA Night Series

The ASA Board started a very successful series which created opportunities for our athletes who wanted to qualify for the Rio Olympic Games.

A 4 series was organized and well attended by our athlete in Pretoria, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Polokwane.

The success of the ASA Night Series is that many of our athletes attended, and gave athletes from outside the country to get an opportunity to qualify for the championships and Olympic Games.

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The South African Record in the Men's 100 in Pretoria, and Caster and Elroy Gallant qualified for Rio in Cape Town is examples of the quality of the performances of athletes during the series.

The TV Broadcasting on the athletics was live and delayed and was a cherry on top of these Night Series events. Was thank all the provinces that supported the hosting of the Night Series and hope, going forward, that there will be more provinces wanting to host the 2017 edition.

### **1.6. Athletes performances**

There is no doubt that our athletes performed at this highest level of the sport. The number of athletes who have been invited through-out the world to take part in the Diamond League and IAAF World Challenge and IAAF Grant Prix has tripled in the 2016 season.

This is not because of the athletes alone, but it was due to our esteemed coaches who are working tirelessly to prepare the athletes for the bigger stage in the world.

We must thank the Coaches, Caster, Simbine, Brunties, Hogan, Sunnete, Gift, Allyssa, Tazmin, Munyai, Bieldt, Alkania, etc. I know there are too many coaches out there both young and old who are dedicated in flying the flag of the republic of SA in the world. Please give them a good round of applause and encourage the coaches to work even harder to make South Africa number one, not in Africa, but in the world.

### **1.7. Olympic Games in Rio**

The Olympic Games are just around the corner and we want to congratulate those athletes who have already qualified for the Rio Games. We wish them success and injury free during the next few weeks before the games begin. We hope that they will come back with honour and glory for South Africa.

### **1.8. IAAF World Championships in Poland**

ASA is also sending a team of young men and women to the 2016 IAAF World Junior Championships. The team looks strong on paper with most of the athletes ranked in the top 10 and 20 in the world. In 2014 the team went to Oregon and came back with nothing and it was an embarrassment for the Country and ASA.

This time we should be better than 2014. We will be in the finals and probably get some medals depending upon the competition.

### **1.9. Provincial Structures**

The ASA board is quite aware that most of our provinces are struggling in a number of areas. It is the intention of the board to assist whenever a call is made by the province. Please make sure to call to the Acting CEO in the office. He will advise the board, and act accordingly.

### **1.10. Section 21 Company**

The Section 21 Company is being finalized by our legal team and the matter is now for the board to abide by the advice as given by the legal team. Whether ASA is going to be an association or something else is a matter for another meeting.

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However, the Council must support the initiative so that this matter is actioned next week. We have to investigate and come up with the best alternative to the Section 21 Company if needs be.

#### **1.11. CAA Championships in Durban 22-26 June 2016**

ASA made Africa proud for providing the opportunities for the African youth to participate in their own continent. The best of the best, and who is who, was at the CAA African Championships to witness the best African Athletics. It was a rush against time to make the facility ready for the championships. We must salute the city of Durban, its politicians, as well as their administrators.

Finally the project was finalized and the CAA Council who was in doubt of the success of the entire event was proven wrong. Fourth Five (45) days before the start of the championships there was no track and no promise of the track to be ready. It took discipline and dedication from ASA and the Construction Company that work day and night to complete the track for the competition.

It was a record time in terms of finishing a track in the continent and in the world. We once more, thank all the provinces and General Managers, as well as Cities, for borrowing equipment to ASA; and allowing human resource to come to the championships to provide services for the good of the ASA and the Country, South Africa.

The success of the CAA Championships in Durban was huge and it gave a big boost to the African leadership to ask for events from the IAAF.

The presence of the IAAF President, Secretary General was appreciated and their Media Officer confirmed the importance of SA on the continent. The compliment received from the organizer of the Diamond League and the other IAAF Delegates must not be taken lightly. We have already been requested by the CAA and the Diamond League to think of preparing for hosting at least one IAAF Challenge in March in 2017 in South Africa.

The world saw a different Africa during the CAA Championships. Africa and South Africa in particular, has proven that it is equal to the task in terms of event organization and infrastructure provision of the track and field athletics.

Our transport and accommodation is said to be the best in the world. Our volunteers were excellent and proved beyond a shadow of doubt that it was not by default that South Africa is the leading force in the continent.

I am particularly pleased by the comment from the athletes from Africa that it was for the first time that they go to the African championships, and other events, and be accommodated in 4 and 5 star hotels, and shuttled by busses that are for the VVIPs. The NOC and NF were thrilled by the hospitality that SA afforded their entire delegations.

We as ASA Board wish to congratulate all the athletes and coaches as well as management for delivering the best results on our soil. The results are attached for your perusal.

#### **1.12. CAA Juniors in Zambia**

We sent a strong team to the CAA SR Junior Championships in Zambia. The results of the team speak volumes. We won over half of the gold medals.

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### 1.13. IAAF World Juniors in Poland

The ASA board has left no stone unturned in ensuring that the team to Poland is the strongest ever assembled by ASA. We hope that these youngsters will come back victorious. We wish them the best of luck in Poland.

### 1.14. Transformation report

The subject of transformation has become a popular topic of discussion the past two months, as we were sanctioned by the EPG and the Minister because we are not transformed according to their statistics? The agenda item is there to deal with the issue. As members of ASA you have the opportunity to reflect after the presentation what needs to be done, now and when.

The matter needs your buy in as members of ASA especially the provinces and associates. You are aware that ASA cannot bid or host international events as a result of this sanction. The ASA Board has done its part, and we are only calling upon you, to comply and conform, in order to come out of the predicament. Your support and action will be critical going forward on this matter.

### 1.15. Constitution of ASA

It is important that each and every province align its constitution with the Constitution of ASA. This is urgent and the office will give the time line to this effect. We have not with concern that some provinces are operating parallel to the ASA constitution and guidelines. Should any of the provinces experience challenges to align, the Acting CEO and board members are available to work with you.

## 2. Conclusion

I wish to thank all the members of ASA for doing a great job on the ground, by supporting athletes and coaches who are continuously to bring honour and glory to our country and our sport.

We believe that if we continue like this, ASA will become a dominant force again in the world of athletics.

I thank you



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### MEDALLISTS – 2016 CAA SR JUNIOR CHAMPS

	<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Championships</b>	<b>Medal</b>
1.	Gift Leotlela	100m	10.47	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
2.	Gift Leotlela	200m	20.47	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
3.	Derrick Mokaleng	400m	47.17	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
4.	Kabelo Melamu	10000m	31:12.76	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
5.	Mpho Tladi	110mH	13.89	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
6.	Kefilwe Mosimanegape	400m H	51.87	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
7.	Jason van Rooyen	Shot Put	19.50m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
8.	Johan Grobler	Javelin Throw	74.72m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
9.	Ikageng Gaorekwe	3000m Sc	9:22.85	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
10.	Werner Visser	Discus Throw	57.42m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
11.	Kabelo Melamu	5000m	14:59.93	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
12.	4 X 400 Men Relay		3:10.07	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
13.	Chris Moleya	High Jump	2:23m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
14.	Tamzin Thomas	200m	23.84	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
15.	Jeanelle Griesel	400m	54.45	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
16.	Simonay Weitsz	800m	2:08.03	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
17.	Taylon Bieldt	100mH	13.70	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
18.	Gezelle Magerman	400mH	59.18	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
19.	Nienka du Toit	High Jump	1.66m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
20.	Yolandi Stander	Discus Throw	48.03m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
21.	Jo-Ané van Dyk	Javelin Throw	54.03m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
22.	Simonay Weitz	1500m	4:33.56	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
23.	4X400 Jun Women		3:45.68	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
24.	4X100 Jun Women		45.95	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
25.	Tamzin Thomas	100m	11.37	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Gold
26.	Madia Ehlers	100m	11.58	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
27.	Armoure le Roux	400m	55.59	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
28.	Liza Kellerman	800m	2:12.12	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
29.	Nienka du Toit	100mH	15.05	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
30.	Belindi van der Merwe	400m H	60.66	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
31.	Nienka du Toit	Long Jump	5.44m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
32.	Leandri Geel	Discus Throw	48.24m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
33.	Jason van Rooyen	Discus Throw	53.66m	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
34.	4 X 100		40.43	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
35.	Ikageng Gaorekwe	5000m	15:07.91	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Silver
36.	Taylon Bieldt	200m	24.08	2016 CAA SR Jun Champs	Bronze

### TEAM SA RANKINGS – 2016 CAA SR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

<b>Country</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Total</b>
RSA	26	16	3	45
ZMB	3	7	13	23
ZIM	2	3	1	6
MRI	2	0	1	3
BOT	1	7	11	19
MAW	1	2	4	7
ANG	0	0	0	0
LES	0	0	0	0
MOZ	0	0	0	0
SEY	0	0	0	0

**2016 CAA AFRICAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – MEDALLISTS – 45 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING**

	<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Championships</b>	<b>Medal</b>
1.	Fredriech Pretorius	Decathlon	7780	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
2.	Stephan Mokoka	10000m	28:02.97	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
3.	Claudia Heunis	100mH	13.35	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
4.	Victor Hogan	Discus Throw	61.68m	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
5.	Ruswahl Samaai	Long Jump	8.40m	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
6.	Caster Semenya	1500m	4:01.99	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
7.	4x100m Relay Women		43.66	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
8.	4x100m Relay Men		38.84	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
9.	Antonio Alkana	110mH	13.43	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
10.	Sunette Viljoen	Javelin Throw	64.08	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
11.	Wenda Nel	400mH	54.86	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
12.	Philmar van Rensburg	Javelin Throw	76.04m	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
13.	Wayde van Niekerk	200m	20.02	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
14.	Caster Semenya	800m	1:58.20	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
15.	4x400m Women's Relay		3:28.49	2016 CAA African Champs	Gold
16.	Carina Horn	100m	11.07	2016 CAA African Champs	Silver
17.	Russell Tucker	Discus Throw	61.44m	2016 CAA African Champs	Silver
18.	Luvo Manyonga	Long Jump	8.23m	2016 CAA African Champs	Silver
19.	Keagan Fourie	High Jump	2.18m	2016 CAA African Champs	Silver
20.	Jacob Rozani	800m	1:45.38	2016 CAA African Champs	Silver
21.	Chris Harmse	Hammer Throw	67.67m	2016 CAA African Champs	Silver
22.	Jo-anne van Dyk	Javelin Throw	56.22	2016 CAA African Champs	Silver
23.	Alyssa Ganley	200m	22.84	2016 CAA African Champs	Silver
24.	Elroy Galant	5000m	13:15.13	2016 CAA African Champs	Silver
25.	Maryke Brits	100mH	13.47	2016 CAA African Champs	Bronze
26.	Akani Simbani	100m	10.05	2016 CAA African Champs	Bronze
27.	Rynhardt van Rensburg	800m	1:46.15	2016 CAA African Champs	Bronze
28.	Tshepang Makhetha	Hammer Throw	65.54m	2016 CAA African Champs	Bronze
29.	Khotso Mokoena	Triple Jump	16.77m	2016 CAA African Champs	Bronze
30.	Lebogang Shange	20km W	1:21.41	2016 CAA African Champs	Bronze
31.	Patience Ntshingila	Triple Jump	13.24m	2016 CAA African Champs	Bronze
32.	4x400m Men's Relay		03:04.73	2016 CAA African Champs	Bronze

**TEAM SA RANKING OUT OF 45\* COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
1 SOUTH AFRICA	16*	9	8	33	
2 KENYA	8	8	8	24	
3 NIGERIA	4	5	7	16	
4 COTE D'IVOIRE	3	1	2	6	
5 BOTSWANA	3	1	1	5	
6 GHANA	1	3	2	6	
6 TUNISIA	1	3	2	6	
8 ETHIOPIA	1	2	3	6	
9 MOROCCO	1	2	2	5	
9 CAMEROON	1	2	2	5	
11 SENEGAL	1	1	0	2	
12 EGYPT	1	0	1	2	
12 ZAMBIA	1	0	1	2	
14 ALGERIA	1	0	0	1	
14 SEYCHELLES	1	0	0	1	
16 BURKINA FASO	0	4	0	4	
17 GAMBIA	0	1	1	2	
17 LESOTHO	0	1	1	2	
19 CONGO	0	1	0	1	
20 BENIN	0	0	1	1	
20 LIBERIA	0	0	1	1	
20 MADAGASCAR	0	0	1	1	

- 25 of the 45 Countries won no medals
- Most countries ever participated at a 2016 CAA Senior Championships
- Most gold medals ever were won by a South African team at a CAA Senior Championships