Associate Membership: Pension not the end of PSA participation

It is a common cause that union membership ceases when one retires or leaves employment, but not with the PSA. The PSA is more than just a union. It is a caring organisation that even caters for members beyond their working age. The PSA understands that there is still a need for engagement with former colleagues and comrades and thus Union deliberately provided for Associate (Pensioner) Membership in the *PSA Statute*.

Although the Associate (Pensioner) Membership status does not provide pensioner members with the rights of an employee as defined in the *Labour Relations Act*, such members will be entitled to all the benefits of PSA membership. Associate (Pensioner) members continue to engage in PSA activities such as attending intersectoral meetings, be elected as office bearers, represent members in disciplinary proceedings, and even recruit members. Further, **the membership fee is affordable and ranges between R38.73 per annum and R60.16 per month, depending on pensionable income.**

Members who are about to retire or are considering retirement are urged to approach the PSA Provincial Office for assistance with completing an Associate (Pensioner) Membership application form to ensure continuity of PSA membership. Do not be left behind, join thousands of PSA Associate Members across the country!

Associate (Pensioner) Members in the Capricorn District are invited to the following meeting:

Date: 9 January 2024 from 10:00 to 13:00
Venue: PSA Provincial Office, 90 Schoeman Street, Polokwane.

Dates for such meetings in other districts will be released in due course. Members can also communicate with the following officials:

- Sekhukhune, Waterberg, and Capricorn: Paulina Moloto – Paulina.moloto@psa.co.za / 082 880 8957
- Mopani and Vhembe Districts: Lawrence Muvhango – Lawrence.muvhango@psa.co.za / 082 880 8995
- PSA Provincial Office: (015) 295 0500

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