



NEWSLETTER

PUBLIC SERVICE CO-ORDINATING BARGAINING COUNCIL (PSCBC)

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the second issue of the PSCBC Newsletter for 2017. It is a publication that highlights important information relevant to the PSCBC throughout the year.

In this edition we have included the following events; SOD turning ceremony, PSCBC AGM and the NEHAWU 11th National Congress.

We hope that you enjoy reading this issue of our Newsletter. Please feel free to share this Newsletter within your organisations and if you have any suggestions please forward it to :

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THE SOD TURNING CEREMONY

The PSCBC was established in 1997 and the first Secretariat members were appointed in 1998, they were housed at Sol Plaatje House, Department of Education in Schoeman Street, Pretoria. In 2000 the Council took a decision to relocate to its own offices located at 260 Basden Avenue (current premises) in Lyttelton. The PSCBC and Sector Bargaining Councils all operated from one of the buildings in Lyttelton Office Village during this period and as the Sector Bargaining Councils began operating optimally, there was a need to employ more staff members and more office space was required. It was then decided to lease additional buildings that were located within the office park.

In April 2013 the PSCBC then took the decision to purchase buildings B, C & D that are located within the office park. As the Sector Bargaining Councils and the PSCBC further expanded, there was a need for more office space. In June 2016 the Council then purchased the vacant land that is situated behind the current office park. This now gives birth to the new building that will be constructed to be the new home of the PSCBC in its entirety.

On the 3rd of May 2017, the Public Service Co-ordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC) hosted the SOD turning ceremony. The ceremony was held at the PSCBC new site situated at 260 Basden Avenue.

The Programme Director for the function was Mr Jones Galorale. The programme commenced on a vibrant note with the Usuthu Traditional Dancers welcoming the guests. A Praise Singer then blessed the days festivities. The PSCBC Vice-Chairperson: Employer, Mr. Mpfariseni Phophi officially welcomed guests to the ceremony. The representatives from the various religious faiths prayed at the event in order to invoke divine favour on this new project. The Bargaining Council Choir then led guests in the singing of the South African National Anthem.



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The General Secretary of the PSCBC, Mr Frikkie De Bruin conducted the opening remarks and he highlighted the significance of the SOD turning ceremony. He further highlighted that the issue of accommodation has been an outstanding issue for a long period of time.

Mr Ivan Fredericks, General Manager of the Public Servants Association (PSA) delivered an address on behalf of the Independent Labour Caucus (ILC) and Mr John Mabhida, Deputy President of Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU) then spoke on behalf of Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), Joint Mandating Committee (JMC). The Honourable Minister Faith Muthambi (Minister of Public Service & Administration) delivered an inspiring Key Note Address. The 3 dignitaries then proceeded to turn the sod.

Mr Basie Malwane, an Executive Committee (EXCO) member of the PSCBC then proposed the Toast and Mr Oupa Sebiloane, PSCBC Vice Chairperson: Labour, then concluded the ceremony with a Vote of Thanks.

The ceremony was well attended by members of the admitted Trade Unions, Government affiliates, Sector Bargaining Councils and other Social Partners such as the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Commission for Conciliation, Mediation & Arbitration (CCMA), Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS) and National Association of Bargaining Councils (NABC).



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THE PSCBC'S 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Friday, 30th June 2017, the PSCBC held its 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Maropeng Cradle of Humankind. The meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairperson: Employer, Mr Mpfariseni Phophi.

The General Secretary of the PSCBC, Mr Frikkie De Bruin presented the Annual Report to members of the meeting. Members commended the GS on an outstanding report and appreciated the work that was concluded during the financial year. The Finance Department was also congratulated for achieving an unqualified audit report once again.

New Vice-Chairpersons were elected:

- Ms Thandeka Msibi (Vice-Chairperson: Labour)
- Mr Mpfariseni Phophi (Vice-Chairperson: Employer)

The PSCBC would like to wish both Vice-Chairpersons and the Executive Committee well.

An evening dinner function was held at Misty Hills country Lodge, Muldersdrift. Staff members with long service were given recognition at the function. The following staff were awarded certificates:

- Frikkie De Bruin : 10 Years
- Phillip Kgoadi : 10 Years
- Jemina Kutumela : 10 Years
- Sonnyboy Monyane : 10 Years
- Ruthlancy Molaudzi : 15 Years
- Oomang Parag : 15 Years
- Valencia Kola : 15 Years

The function was well enjoyed by all that attended.





NEHAWU 11TH NATIONAL CONGRESS

The National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (NEHAWU) held its 11th National Congress from the 26-29 July 2017 at the Birchwood Hotel in Boksburg, Gauteng which took place under the theme "Strengthen workplace organisation, deepen class consciousness and advance internationalism".

The PSCBC hosted an exhibition stand at the Congress. The purpose of the exhibition stand was to promote the scope of services, the duties and responsibilities of the Council to attendees of the Congress.

The Congress elected their new leadership, listed below:

- President: Cde Michael Makwayiba
- 1st Deputy president: Cde Michael Shingange
- Second Deputy President: Cde Nyameka Macanda
- National Treasurer: Cde Kgomotso Makhuphola
- General Secretary: Cde Zola Saphetha
- Deputy General Secretary: Cde December Mavuso

The PSCBC would like to thank NEHAWU for giving us the opportunity to exhibit at their Congress and wishes the newly elected leadership all of the very best with their new portfolios.



Pictures taken at the NEHAWU Congress



VISION

A Bargaining Council positioned to advance and influence change in the labour market environment.

MISSION

Promoting sound labour through collective bargaining and dispute management both locally and internationally.

VALUES

Integrity

Efficiency

Accountability

Good Governance

Equity

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