

PENSION  **LAWYERS**
ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES OF THE
25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE PENSION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
HELD AT 12H00 ON THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE 2020
AT 16 KINGS STREET, NEWLANDS, CAPE TOWN**

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the Annual General Meeting by Karen Quinlan, the National President of the Pension Lawyers Association.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received. It was confirmed that twenty-one proxies in favour of Karen Quinlan had been lodged.

3. Establishment of a quorum

It was confirmed that as there were more than twenty Full Members in attendance. In person and by proxy, a quorum was present.

4. Addition of items to agenda

No additional items were proposed.

5. Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM held on 4th March 2019

The minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held on 4th March 2019, which had been circulated to Members by e-mail were unanimously confirmed and approved.

She confirmed that, as requested, the NSC had reconsidered the publication of advertisements and agreed to do so free for the regulators and at a fee of R 1 000.00 for other entities.

6. Report-back by the National President

Karen Quinlan presented her report highlighting the activities and initiatives of the Association during the year during a year which presented so many new challenges. The full report would be distributed to members.

She reported that the 2020 Conference had more than 550 delegates and speakers registered and was set to be the largest conference ever held by the PLA. It was a sad moment when the conference had to be cancelled at short notice as the world was struck by the Covid pandemic.

She announced that the PLA had awarded Honorary Life Membership to Jonathan Mort in recognition of his many years of service and outstanding contribution to the PLA, IPEBLA, and the SA retirement industry. This announcement was to have been made at the 2020 joint PLA/IPEBLA Conference. Jonathan lead the Conference program and content committee and he and his team put together an exceptional range of speakers and topics.

She thanked him for all he had done over so many years.

Karen also expressed her sincere thanks to the following persons:

- 1) The members of the National Steering Committee (NSC) who took so much time from their busy lives to plan and organize the conference and the seminars, and who give freely their ideas and skills to promote the interests of the PLA and the industry.
- 2) All those PLA members not serving on the NSC, but who assist with the conferences and seminars and contribute ideas and suggestions.
- 3) The many speakers who have generously agreed to give up their time and share their expertise with the membership by presenting at seminars and conferences.
- 4) The PLA Administrators, who ensure that the organisation of the conference and seminars as well as the administration and accounting of the PLA runs smoothly and efficiently.

Karen reported that the PLA continued to develop skills in the industry through the UNISA bursary program, while also promoting understanding of complex legal matters through informative and thought-provoking seminars and webinars with top caliber topics and speakers. She detailed these and thanked those who had arranged and presented theses

She thanked Hunter Thyne and Rebecca Jansch who have stood down after many years of service, both having served multiple terms of office on the NSC.

7. Annual Financial Statements

The draft Annual Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2019 which have had been circulated to all members were noted. It was noted that some of the deposits paid in respect of the conference may not be recoverable if certain businesses did not survive the pandemic.

The appointment of PKF Rademeyer Wesson as auditors for 2020 was unanimously agreed.

8. Membership Fees for 2020

Karen Quinlan confirmed that the NSC had decided that there should be no increase in the Membership Fees and that the fees for 2020 would remain at R700 per annum.

9. Results of the election of the National Steering Committee

Karen Quinlan announced that as the following nominees had been duly elected.

Mpho Kgomongoe
Chantal Manson
Deirdre Phillips
Karen Quinlan
Leanne Van Wyk

The remaining members of the NSC elected in 2019 would serve until the 2021 AGM

Brenda Krummeck
Jonathan Mort
Nondumiso Ntshangase

10. Amendments to the PLA Constitution

The proposed amendments to the PLA constitution, which had been circulated to members were unanimously approved, with the poll of Zoom attendees unanimously supporting the amendments.

11. General

Carlyle Field asked if there was a possibility that a combined conference with IPEBLA could be held in the near future. It was agreed that this would be discussed with IPEBLA.

12. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11H34.