

Editorial

Welcome to the 3rd, and last edition for 2017, of the internal newsletter, Izwi Iase OPSC. 2017 has been a very eventful year and we are delighted that it is coming to an end with most of us still intact. The year 2017 saw the tragic passing away of Ms Nomsa Mageushe on 03 November 2017. Team PSC will miss her bubbly personality. May her soul rest in peace.

Our thoughts and prayers are with members of Team PSC who are recovering from hospital, namely, Ms Agnes Magolego and Mr Roderick Davids. May the Lord grant them strength in their road to recovery.

In this edition, we bid farewell to Commissioners Mosa Sejosingoe (North West) and Gavin Woods (Western Cape) whose term of office came to an end on 30 November and 15 December respectively. We also bid farewell to Ms Abigail West (National Office) and Mr Frans Podile (North-West) who retired from the Public Service.

We also reflect through pictures on the year-end functions that the PSC national and provincial offices held during the first week of December.

On Friday 15 December 2017, the offices of the PSC across the country will close for the holidays. The Editorial Team of Izwi would like to wish you all a blessed festive season and a happy new year. We hope that 2018 will bring new beginnings and prosperity to every member of Team PSC.

To those who will be travelling during the festive season, we humbly request that you obey the rules of the road and arrive alive. Please remember the following basic road safety tips that can save your life and that of other road users:

- Do not Drink and Drive
- Avoid distractions such as texting
- Always wear your seatbelt
- Take safety breaks every 2 hours
- Ensure that your vehicle is roadworthy

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

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WC Office Bids Farewell to Prof Gavin Woods

On Thursday, 7 December 2017, Team PSC Western Cape bid farewell to Prof Gavin Woods during a ceremony held at the Fountains Hotel in Cape Town. Commissioners Mafanya and Marais-Martin were also in attendance.

Prof Woods has a career spanning from the private and public sectors. He has served in positions in financial management, forensic investigation, policy research and academia.

He was a Member of Parliament from 1994 to 2009 and chaired the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA). He also chaired the committee which researched and wrote the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), and also served on Parliament's Finance Committee. He has undertaken many public finance and anti-corruption international assignments for the World Bank (WB), the European Union (EU), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the US Agency International Development (USAID).

He holds degrees in Sociology, Accounting, Public Finance and a PhD in Economics and has published widely in these fields. He retired from Stellenbosch University in 2013 where he was a full-time professor. In the same year, he joined the Public Service Commission as the provincially based Commissioner for the Western Cape Province. His term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

On behalf of Team PSC, the Izwi Team would like to wish Commissioner Woods well. May he experience much joy and happiness as he is about to begin a new chapter in his life.

Farewell Commissioner Woods!!!



Team NW Bids Farewell to Commissioner Mosa Sejosingoe

On Thursday 7 December, Team PSC North West bid farewell to Commissioner Mosa Sejosingoe whose term of office ended on 9 December 2017.

Commissioner Sejosingoe was appointed North West Provincially-based Commissioner since December 2012. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner, she served in several boards from 2003 to 2008. She managed the “Operation Isondlo” maintenance project of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in the North West Province. She was also a member of the Local Economic Development Sub-Committee of SALGA; Member of Board of Mafikeng Industrial Development Zone (MIDZ); and she initiated and spearheaded the establishment of the Local Economic Development Agency of Mafikeng (LEDAMA).

In 2006 she was the Executive Mayor of Mafikeng Local Municipality. She later served as a Special Assistant to the President of the Republic of South Africa and later headed the Public Liaison and Presidential Hotline from 2011 August to November 2012.

She holds a Masters’ degree in Development and Management, an Honours degree in Public Management and Governance, a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Industrial Psychology and Management, and a couple of certificates from various learning institutions.

Team PSC, particularly the North West Provincial Office is honoured to have worked with a leader of such high standards, says Provincial Director, Mr Bully Sedibe. Commissioner Sejosingoe played a role in upping the performance of the office across a host of performance indicators.

On behalf of Team PSC, the Izwi Team would like to wish Commissioner Sejosingoe success in her future endeavours.



Team NW Bids Farewell to Rre Podile at their Year-End Function

On Thursday, 30 November 2017, Mr Francis Podile retired from the public service after serving the public service for a period of 35 years. Rre Podile, as he is affectionately known, served as an Assistant Director at the North West office, responsible for public service research, inspections, monitoring and evaluating public related services.

Rre Podile was known to be a loyal and dedicated employee with a good heart. He had a wealth of knowledge on the public service which he shared with fellow colleagues. Team PSC, particularly the North West Provincial Office, will greatly miss his smile, jokes, work ethics and professionalism. In bidding him farewell, the NW team celebrated his departure combined with a year-end function at the Royal Aloe Hotel in Mahikeng.

On behalf of Team North West, the Izwi Team would like to extend its appreciation for the time that Rre Podile dedicated in serving the public service. May he experience the joy of being his own boss and enjoy his new journey of retirement.



National Office Bids Farewell to Ms Abigail West

On Monday , 4 December 2017, Team PSC National Office bid farewell to Ms Abigail West during a ceremony held at the head office.

Abi as she is affectionately known, started her Public Service career in October 1990 when she was appointed as Registry Clerk at the Office of the Commission for Administration.

It was because of her hard work that she was promoted to the post of Senior Registry Clerk Grade 2 in July 1996 in the same office. In August 1997, she was promoted to the position of Senior Registry Clerk Grade 3 at the Office of the Public Service Commission. In February 2005, her rank was translated to Senior Personnel Officer Grade 3.

On behalf of PSC staff, the Izwi Team would like to extend its appreciation to Abi for all her dedication and hard working during her stay in the Public Service. May she experience much joy and happiness in her new journey called retirement.



National Office and Gauteng Celebrates Year-End Function in Hawaiian Style

Team PSC National Office and Gauteng Provincial Office held its year-end function on Friday, 01 December 2017, at the L & S Supreme Venue in Gezina, Pretoria. The theme for the day was Hawaiian, and colourful accessories, cocktails and lovely music was the order of the day.



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Eastern Cape Office

Colleagues from the Eastern Cape enjoyed good food and drinks at Spur King Williams Town



Limpopo Office

Colleagues from Limpopo had a wonderful time at Industrial Chisanyama in Polokwane.



Free State Office

Colleagues from the Free State enjoyed an outdoor celebration at Masselspoort Resort on Friday, 8 December 2017. Part of the programme included exchanging of gifts and awards.



HUMOUR

New Road Safety hymns to guide you while driving during the Festive Season:

At 60km/h – It is well with my soul

At 80km/h – God will take care of me

At 100km/h – Guide me oh thou Great Jehovah

At 120km/h – Nearer my God to thee

At 140km/h – This world is not my home

At 160km/h – Lord, I'm coming home

At 180km/h – I'll Fly Away

At 200km/h – I have decided to follow Jesus

At 220km/h Take my life

Season Greeting Card from Employee Health and Wellness Service Provider

