

PENSIONER NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2019

Dear Pensioner

Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate candidates. We are delighted to announce that we have three candidates standing for election.

Now that we have wrapped up the nomination process, as a pensioner of the Fund, you have the opportunity to vote for the candidate who you feel will best represent the interests of the Fund.

HOW DOES THE ELECTION PROCESS WORK?

1 Cast your vote by completing the enclosed numbered ballot form. Remember that you may only vote for one candidate and child pensioners are not allowed to vote.

2 Return the fully completed numbered ballot forms to the Fund by:

- Post: P O Box 4300, Tyger Valley, 7536;
- Email: support@laretirementfund.co.za;
- or
- Fax: 021 917 4114

3 Voting closes on Friday, 22 November 2019. If you are submitting your ballot form by post, please allow sufficient time for postage as no submissions will be accepted after 16H00 on the 22 November 2019.

Please ensure that the ballot number in the top left hand corner of the ballot form is clearly visible.

The overall election process is being monitored by the Principal Officer, in her capacity as the Election Officer, and the Fund's auditors will count and verify the ballot papers submitted. The results of the election will be announced in December on the Fund's website, via a special newsflash (to those pensioners for whom we have a valid e-mail address) and in our first newsletter of 2020.

The candidate with the most votes will become a pensioner Trustee. The results of this election will be used to identify alternates should either of the two pensioner elected Trustee positions become vacant before the expiry of their respective terms of office.

Once elected, an induction programme, ongoing trustee training and access to self-study will be made available to the newly elected Trustee and he will be required to comply with the prescribed training requirements applicable to Trustees.

The term of office will be 5 years commencing on 1 January 2020.

We look forward to your active participation in the election process. Thank you for taking the time and helping us ensure that your retirement savings are in good hands.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

LA RETIREMENT FUND



Pieter Willem Esterhuizen
 RETIREMENT FUND
 Securing your retirement

“I am 78 years old and have been representing the pensioners on the LA Retirement Fund Board of Trustees for the past 6 years. My strengths are management and training which began when I was at school and I was selected Head Boy. While obtaining my BA Law Degree at Stellenbosch University, I served as a Residence Committee member and as the Secretary of the Legal Association.

My experience in local government includes: Hennenman (Assistant City Clerk), Victoria West (City Clerk), Graaff-Reinett (Deputy), Mossel Bay (Deputy), Somerset East (City Clerk) and Cradock (Executive of Regional Services Council). In addition, I was also the appointed Training Officer for the Training Board. I retired early in 1996 and moved to Bloemfontein where I was a part-time Public Administration lecturer at UOVS (I obtained my Master’s degree in Public Administration in 1995) and I was also involved in managing distance education classes for the University of Port Elizabeth. I would be honoured to continue my work as a representative of the pensioners.”

Mr Pieter Willem Esterhuizen

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Christiaan Jacobus Franken
 RETIREMENT FUND
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“I hold a B.Comm (Law) LLB degree from the University of Stellenbosch. I was admitted as Advocate to the Supreme Court of South Africa in 1991 and a member of the Pension Lawyers and International Pension Lawyers Association. As CEO of Verso, for the past 20 years, I have been extensively involved in the consulting, administration, annual general meetings, legal advice / challenges of the LA Retirement Fund.

I serve as Director on the real estate company of the LA Retirement Fund and provide legal advice to the Pensioners Association on protecting pensioner’s rights to ongoing medical subsidies after retirement. I am a former Trustee of the Verso Umbrella Fund and currently Chairman of the Investment Committee of Badisa, and Trustee of a Property Development in Stellenbosch.

I believe that a trustee is a person with knowledge, but also someone who serves the interests of the pensioners / members with the highest good faith, honesty and integrity.”

Adv Christiaan Jacobus Franken

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Stephanus Willem du Toit
 RETIREMENT FUND
 Securing your retirement

“I started my career as a civil engineering technician at the then Divisional Council of Stellenbosch and was responsible for the design and construction of various highways in the area. With the advent of personal computers, I became involved in programming and other aspects of IT and eventually progressed to the IT Manager of the Oostberg Region of the City of Cape Town.

I retired in 2007 and am currently working on my first love, namely hiking and touring. I also serve on the management committee of the Sanlam Hiking Club as vice chair, chair of the Association of Pensioners of the Cape Joint Pension Fund and serve on the management board of my local NG Church. My attitude is that if you want something done, get involved.”

Mr Stephanus Willem du Toit



Now that you have been introduced to the candidates and got to know a little bit about them, it’s time to vote!



Trustees: Mr DL Carstens (Chairperson), Mrs M van Zyl (Deputy Chairperson), Mr HF Botha, Mr PW Esterhuizen, Mr J Jacobs, Mr WR Meiring, Mr S Philander, Mr JAH van den Berg,
Principal Officer: Mrs IT Hartlieb

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