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GEPF Board of Trustees: Candidate for Vacant Pensioners' Trustee Post 2026

To: All AMAGP members

In our even circular dated 26 Feb 2026, AMAGP informed members about:

- the GEPF trustee election process in terms of which new pensioner trustees for the GEPF Board of Trustees will be elected, and that

- AMAGP identified a very capable candidate for the said vacancy. We, however, at that point did not announce the name of our candidate for the vacant trustee post.

Triggered by requests to identify its AMAGP candidate, the AMAGP National Executive Committee gave approval for disclosing the identity of our trustee candidate.

Our candidate for the vacant post for representing the government pensioners in the GEPF Board of Trustees is **Major General Johan Nelson**, former Head: Financial Services, responsible for the National Budget, Expenditure and Accounting Services in the SA Police Service. We believe that he will be the ideal person to carry the pensioners' flag in the GEPF Board of Trustees and will be very able to pursue the best interests of not only the pensioner-members of the GEPF but the best interests of indeed all GEPF members.

Shortened CV of Maj Gen Nelson for your information:

Stephanus Johannes Nelson (Johan)

I am (59 years old) and occupied various positions within the national government (South African Police Service) over a period of 35 years of which 26 years were Senior Managerial positions in corporate governance, financial management environment offering a strong strategic perspective combined with a deep passion for developing financial policies and regulatory compliance frameworks. I retired at the level of Chief Director as Head: Financial Services responsible for the National Budget, Expenditure and Accounting Services. The financial responsibility managed was more than R100 billion annually.

I was appointed as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees of Polmed where I served on various sub-committees of the Board, acted as Chairperson of the Investment Committee and member of the Board Technical Evaluation Committee. My expertise in governance and strategy, regulatory compliance, risk management and long-term financial planning and budgeting allowed for a positive contribution to the work of the Board to ensure financial sustainability and operational efficiency in a R7 billion fund. I have also proven the ability to work collaboratively and to drive organizational goals. I am eager to contribute to the GEPF's performance, financial health, and governance, bringing a proactive and analytical approach to the board. I am committed to dedicating the necessary time to attend Board meetings, support key initiatives and ensuring a sustainable funding level as per regulatory compliance framework.

I obtained vocational training in Government Finance through Tshwane University of Technology Pretoria, including training involving various courses presented by the University of Pretoria: Public Finance Management Academy, the National Treasury and the National School of Government.

We can confirm that he has officially been nominated as a candidate. The next step in the process will be for AMAGP members to vote for the proposed candidate. **More information on the voting process to follow soon.**

Carl Thomas

CHAIRPERSON: AMAGP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CARL THOMAS

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