



## **Notice to Pholela High School Alumni Association Members: 16 October 2020**

The Central Committee would like to communicate to the Alumni membership that the prospects of holding the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant lockdown restrictions.

We had indicated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter newsletter our uncertainty about the likelihood of holding our usual AGM. We are now at level 1 lockdown, however the logistics of organising a fruitful AGM are not in our favour. Safety and comfort of Alumni in respect of attending organised official events remains our important consideration.

It is the responsibility of the Central Committee to ensure that an AGM is held within 6 months after the financial year has ended. Our financial year runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to 30<sup>th</sup> of September. The central Committee and the Governance Sub Committee have explored various options of holding AGM under the current level 1 lockdown. Upon deliberations we came to the conclusion that it would be better to defer our 2019/2020 AGM to a future date (to be announced during the course of 2020) where it will be safe and feasible for our members to attend physically. The AGM event is important for the governance of our Alumni Association as well as for social reasons too. Furthermore, it is critical for such gatherings to conform to the health and safety requirements for all the attendees.

The annual reporting will still be sent through our formal communication platforms. We are positive that we will see each other when it is feasible to meet physically. We appreciate your support to the Alumni Association and the work of all its committees.

Kind regards,

Central Committee of Pholela High School Alumni Association

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