

PHIROSHAW CAMAY (1947 – 2016)

The trustees and staff of the KRT were shocked to learn of the passing of their colleague on 1 October 2016.

Phiroshaw Camay (or PC) was a vital force in the affairs of the KRT. He was also a trustee of our sister organisation, the Asbestos Relief Trust.

He served the public good all his life.

He started his working life as a librarian in the Johannesburg City Council, where he became involved in the trade union movement. He became general secretary of the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa) thereafter the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu).

His lifelong friend, Ebrahim Harvey, recalls that he played a leading role in the trade union unity talks. "But, influenced more by the thinking of the Pan Africanist Congress and the Black Consciousness Movement, Cusa did not join the largely ANC and Freedom Charter-aligned unions that constituted Cosatu at its birth in 1985."

PC resigned from Nactu in 1989 after failing to get the federation to support the Harare Declaration, in which the ANC set the terms for negotiations with the then Nationalist Party. He formed the Co-operative for Research and Education (Core) in 1990, a nongovernmental organisation that facilitates the publication of progressive materials that would strengthen his great passion, civil society.

He served as chairman of the Rand Water Board for some years, an experience he remembered with little affection.

He served as a trustee of the KRT from its inception in 2006, and as chairman for the past five years. He was a trustee of the ART from 2005 and served as chairman between 2006 and 2008.

Colleagues will remember his incisive analytical mind. Intensely private about his own life, PC was a man of the public, who never lost sight of the poor and under-resourced members of our society.

He suffered a heart attack in late September and passed away at 69 as a result of complications following major surgery.

The KRT will celebrate his life by sponsoring an education bursary in his name for a deserving young student from the Danielskuil or Kuruman area.

Hamba kahle PC.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Having been elected to take over the chair only on 5 October 2016, I report on behalf of our late colleague on the performance of the trust for the year ended February 2016, which is our 10th year of existence.

Grant Applications Received

A total of 19 new grant applications (claims)¹ were received by the trust in the 2016 financial year.

Claims Paid

A total of R3 419 234² was paid in the 2016 financial year to 35 KRT claimants as detailed below. Importantly, the trust granted an inflation-based increase of 5% to the award schedule, effective from 1 March 2016.

¹This figure excludes claims received from beneficiaries who previously applied and either did not qualify to receive a grant or, were compensated for asbestosis and subsequently developed a compensable asbestos related cancer and qualify to receive a second grant.

Compensation Category³	Number of Claims Paid	Amount
ARD1	14	R343 975
ARD2	1	R72 851
ARD3	5	R971 250
ARD4	15	R2 013 158
TOTAL	35	R3 419 234

Claims Evolution

Of the 35 claimants compensated 11 had previously lodged a claim with the KRT and their medical certification changed on receipt of new information as follows:

Previous Medical Certification/Compensation Category	New Medical Certification/Compensation Category	Number
No ARD ⁴	ARD1	1
No ARD	ARD3	2
No ARD	ARD4	5
ARD1	ARD4	3

Cumulative Claims Paid

As at end February 2016 a total of R90 661 885 had been paid to 1350⁵ claimants. The capital balance held for future claims was R50 126 668⁶.

Tracking Claimants

In November 2015 the trustees approved a project to reach out to former clients of attorneys Ntuli Noble & Spoor (NNS), who had instructed NNS to pursue a potential claim on their behalf against the owners of Kuruman Cape Blue Asbestos and, or, Danielskuil Cape Blue Asbestos mines, prior to the creation of the KRT. These clients had allegedly been exposed to asbestos from these mines, could potentially qualify to claim compensation from the KRT but many had yet to lodge an application with the trust. Work commenced in February 2016 with the tracking and tracing of 121 NNS clients. To date, 52 potential claimants have been traced and their applications have been or are being processed. Four claimants have thus far qualified for, and received, compensation. Of the 52

² All figures have been rounded off unless otherwise indicated.

³ ARD1 = Asbestos dust disease (pneumoconiosis) with moderate lung function impairment; ARD2 = Asbestos dust disease (pneumoconiosis) with severe lung function impairment; ARD3 = Asbestos related lung cancer; ARD4 = Mesothelioma.

⁴ No ARD = No Asbestos Related Disease

⁵ The number of claims paid may exceed the number of claimants paid as a claimant may have more than one claim where his/her illness progresses from asbestosis to asbestos related cancer.

⁶ The total amount of approved claims pending payment as at 29 February 2016, R1 800 681, has been deducted from this figure.

potential claimants, 14 have been referred to the Asbestos Relief Trust (ART). 69 claimants have yet to be traced.

Social Projects

As allowed by the Trust Deed, the KRT invested R 533,156 of income earned on investments in a number of social projects, some of which were in collaboration with the ART, including support for:

- The Asbestos Interest Group (AIG), which does important outreach work for the trust, and which suffered the loss of its long-time leader and asbestos warrior, Stephen Kotoloane, in October 2015;
- The Cancer Charity Workers (CCW) in Kuruman;
- Research into the viability of rescreening claimants from time to time and into mesothelioma incidence in Kuruman;
- The Kuruman Palliative Care Project, where Sister Phemelo Magabanyane continues single-handedly to deliver a remarkable service to cancer sufferers;
- The Neil White Bursary for medical practitioners wishing to obtain their occupational health diploma (DOH) or study towards a master's degree in public health. [The previous recipient of the bursary, Dr TG Anizoba, successfully completed the DOH in 2015. In 2016, the bursary was awarded to Ms Mpho Ramatsekisa for study towards a master's degree in public health];
- A series of workshops aimed at improving the ARD diagnostic ability of medical health professionals, the first of which took place at the beginning of the year in Kuruman;
- The further development of the post mortem leaflet used by the KRT and ART into a more comprehensive leaflet on workers' compensation, this in collaboration with the National Institute for Occupational Health (NIOH); and
- A research report titled "Mesothelioma Incidence and Mortality in South Africa from 2003 to 2013" by Dr M Muteba, under the supervision of Professors Gill Nelson and Benn Sartorius (MINKS co-authors), including the provision of a research grant of R10 000 (approved post year-end and jointly funded with the ART). Dr Muteba is studying towards a Master's degree programme in Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

Costs

The audited annual financial statements for the period ended 29 February 2016 reflect that the cost of administering the KRT, including claims related expenses, was R1 173 137 compared to R1 023 371 in the previous year.

Brian Gibson

Chairman