

## ***The Story of the PSA: Ground breaking, Life changing and Growth 1920 – 2020***

**Born from the need to create a safe and conducive Public Service for all workers, the PSA has become one of the leading voices in promoting and protecting the rights and interests of workers. This is the 100-year legacy of the Union and in an effort to provide insight into some of the defining moments in the Union's history a commemorative book has been published to highlight key points and successes for the Union, its workers, shop stewards and members.**

During 100 years of service, the PSA navigated many challenges and achieved many successes, while making a difference for the labour movement. The book expands on the trailblazing work of the PSA, including how the Union pushed for women to be permanently appointed in Public Service positions in 1971. The PSA remains a driving force 102 years later, tackling government in labour councils as well as taking matters to the Courts. The PSA has an extensive history of defending the human rights of public servants, when the employer infringed on these rights, these battles have taken the PSA to the Constitutional Court all to ensure the dignity of all public servants. PSA shop stewards also played a critical role in ensuring that worker's in their workplaces have a voice.

The Union's work, however, extends beyond working for the good of public servants, the PSA as a caring Union, also holds corporate social investment close to its values. As far back as 1958, the PSA was assisting members under the former PSA Welfare Fund. This assistance expanded to assist communities where members live, including donations of food gardens, school bags and uniform, mobile libraries and so much more.

The book further takes readers through the trials and tribulations experienced by the PSA and the everchanging landscape of the South African labour movement. It provides insights into how, over many years, the PSA played a role in moulding and growing both the public service and its servants. In these actions, shop stewards played a critical role.

***Shop stewards will be issued with an electronic copy of the book to share with members. Place your order for a copy with your local PSA Provincial Office.***

