

CEIA HONORARY MEMBERS

Background

In terms of Chapter 6, Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 of the CEIA Constitution,

“The executive committee may, on the basis of nomination submitted to it, grant honorary membership to any person who associates himself in a meritorious way with the association, disadvantaged communities and the goals of the association”

The following members of the CEIA retired on different dates during 2018 and the beginning of 2019.

These are members who in the opinion of the Executive, have played a major role in promoting the objectives of the CEIA, and have selflessly shared their time and commitment to the course of the Association.

Following the recommendation by the National Executive Committee to the AGM held on 25 October 2018 at Royal Marang Hotel, North West, the three retiring members below were accorded, in terms of the constitution, Honorary Membership to the CEIA.

Mr Mavela Shongwe



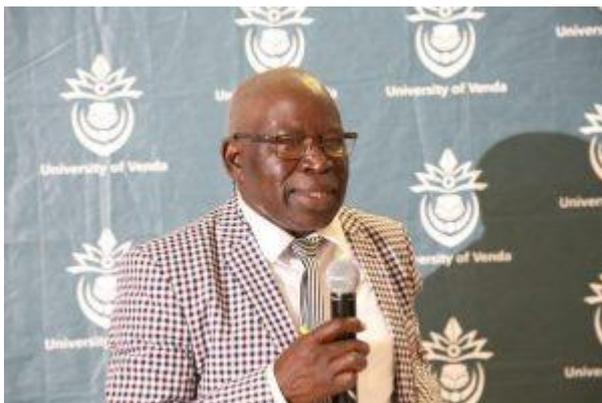
Born on 13 July 1958, Mr Mavela Vensons Vincent Shongwe started his career as a teacher in 1983 at Manzini Central High School, ESwatini. He served as a teacher for 35 years, and 26 of which had been at administrative level. In 1985, he was seconded by Ministry of Education to the post of Designer at the National Curriculum Centre (NCC).

In 1987, he was promoted to Deputy Principal at Sibisisweni High School. In 1991 he became a Principal at Lavundlamanti High School. Since 2001, he was seconded to U-Tech as Principal. In 2006 he was elected Chairman of Swaziland School Principals’ Association. He holds a Diploma in Business Mangement, Diploma in Human Resources Management, Certificate in School Mangement, Bachelor of Arts, Diploma in Education and a Master of Arts Degree.

Mr Shongwe had indeed been a champion of influence and change in our Association. He negotiated for the matric centre with South African government to offer the National Senior Certificate at U-Tech in which to date 16 high schools are registered. U-Tech is the only TVET College accredited by the South African Higher Education Department. He came with the idea of bringing a career exhibition for Swaziland (ESwatini). Through his encounter with the University of Johannesburg and Tshwane University of Technology, they were introduced to CEIA ultimately hosting the first exhibition in Swaziland. He facilitated U-Tech membership to CEIA. We appreciate his efforts to make all subsequent exhibitions in Swaziland a success. We note with appreciation, his investment in his colleagues, the desire to do the best and to continually improve. We thank him for such a commendable mentorship. His leadership is seen in the fact that despite his decision to take a low profile in the last few years, his footprints can be seen continuing amongst his staff.

Mr Shongwe retires from U-Tech and CEIA, but we know that he remains a true cadre of CEIA by supporting us and providing counsel where necessary and possible. He has demonstrated during the 2018 Careers Exhibition, during his farewell dinner, invited all South African institutions to make submission to be included in the beneficiary list of Swaziland's Scholarship. He already sits in the Swaziland Scholarship and Selection Board, and this should provide us an opportunity to get more students studying at South African institutions through the scholarship. As CEIA, we also take opportunity for him being appointed as the Mayor of Lavumisa Town, Eswatini. We wish him all the best in all the dreams he still urges to achieve, despite his age.

Mr Gideon Ramulifho



Mr Gideon M Ramulifho has worked for 40 years in the Education Department. Born on 20 December 1955, he started as a teacher, and progressed to become a school principal. Later he became a lecturer at Teacher Colleges, the former Tshisimani and the Ramaano Mbulaheni Training Centre. Since 2003, he was attached to Vhembe District in the Psychological & Guidance Services Unit as Curriculum Advisor.

His work, amongst others, included guidance, motivation of learners and was servicing 300+ schools in the Vhembe District. He has received numerous awards from schools, circuits, churches, civics and municipality for his dedicated service to the community, including promotion of tennis amongst the youth in Vhembe.

In 2004, he won position 3 (silver) in the Limpopo Premier Excellence Awards for rendering exceptional service in the community. He is an Alumni of the University of Limpopo, Univen, Unisa and University of Pretoria. He holds an MA degree from University of Pretoria as his highest qualification.

Mr Ramulifho has served Vhembe District with distinction and visited all schools at least once each year. When you visit each school, there was significant evidence that each learner knew who you are talking about. Vhembe will indeed miss his positive attitude towards serving our most rural children, and his passion for education. The slogan “*Vha a seta, a vha tambu*” was his trademark. He has supported both Phase 1 and 2 of the Vhembe District, by ensuring that schools were scheduled and arrived for both Careers Exhibitions. Vhembe is one of the highly attended exhibitions in our CEIA calendar. He is married and has two girls and two boys.

Mrs Sardamani Pillay,



Born on 4 February 1954, Mrs Sardamani Pillay started her career as a (locum) teacher at ML Sultan Secondary School in Stanger in 1997. During 1997 and 1998 she became a Project Coordinator for the Science by the Sea and Administrative Officer for the School of Maritime Studies coordinating activities for the year of Science and Technology Exhibition. She was then appointed Assistant Schools Liaison Officer by the University of Natal in the Department of Communications and Publicity. She later served as Schools Liaison Officer at the University of Kwazulu Natal from 2000 until 2007.

In 2007 until 2008, Mrs Pillay became Acting Schools Liaison Manager. In 2012, she became Acting PR Manger for the College of Law and Management Studies at UKZN. In 2013 until 2014, she became the PRO (Schools Liaison) at KZN, but in 2015 she then joined Mangosuthu University of Technology as PRO (Schools Liaison).

She has received several merit awards from the Department of Education and the University of Natal for the service she has provided to Schools in the UKZN. She holds a Diploma in Hairdressing , National Teachers' Diploma (Technical Education), a B Tech (Post School Education)as well as a Masters Degree in Educational Management. She is currently completing a PhD in Marketing. She is married with two children aged 40 and 38 years. The CEIA will remember her for the self-less service to humanity in the form of promoting the values and objectives of the Association in our schools, communities and our member institutions.