This month *De Rebus* news editor Nomfundo Manyathi-Jele spoke to the chairperson of the Pretoria Attorneys Association (PAA), Dawie Beyers, about the association.

**What is the PAA?**
The Pretoria Attorneys Association/Pretoria Prokureurs-vereniging/Mokgatlho Wa Bamedi Ba Pretoria is an association serving attorneys in Pretoria and the greater Gauteng area. Its executive committee consists of 14 members elected annually.

**What does the PAA do?**
We assist attorneys in liaising with the deeds office, Master’s Office, as well as the courts and other bodies. Information and circulars affecting members’ practices are sent to them on a regular basis via e-mail.

We also hold functions for candidate attorneys twice a year.

**When was the PAA established?**
The association was established in 1946.

**Who can become a member of the PAA?**
Practising attorneys who have good standing and abide by the ethical code of conduct of the association may apply for membership. Candidate attorneys can become associate members until they are admitted.

**How does one become a member?**
Any practising attorney may apply for membership by filling in an application form, which can be found on our website. The current membership fee is R 199,50 per annum.

**What is the PAA’s current membership?**
Our current membership is in excess of 1 600 members.

**Where are the PAA’s offices?**
We have two offices in Pretoria. One at the North Gauteng High Court and one at the Pretoria Magistrate’s Court, where attorneys can have photocopies made and documents typed. The offices also have telephone, fax and e-mail facilities.

At the magistrate’s court members enjoy a pigeon-hole facility for sheriff/attorney correspondence and court documents.

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