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PASA announces Gubler as next Chair

The Pensions Administration Standards Association (PASA), the independent body dedicated to driving up standards in pensions administration, today announced that the Board has elected Kim Gubler as Chair, effective 1 January 2019.

Gubler, who has been on the Association's Board since inception and was appointed Deputy Chair last year, takes over from Margaret Snowdon, who will remain part of PASA in the newly created non-executive role of President.

Kim Gubler commented: "We have made a huge amount of progress and are seeing greater demand for PASA's influence in the industry than ever before. As the options available to trustees and members continue to expand and add even more complexity, the role of the administrator becomes more challenging. To some extent this leads to areas of deep technical specialism and for others it's a broad-brush understanding. As technology is increasingly able to take over the role of the administrator, we can't forget the how important those member facing people are in providing much needed care and guidance.

"There is still more to be done and I'm looking forward to leading the way in our continued growth and development, to ensure the industry has access to the best practice, guidance and assessment will eventually see all members receiving a consistently high standard of administration.

"I would like to thank Margaret for the immeasurable contribution she has made. Her new role means we can continue to benefit from her enthusiasm and expertise as we further broaden our reach - this is a hugely positive step for PASA."

Margaret Snowdon commented: "As Chair, it has been a real privilege to watch PASA grow from a fledgling organisation to what is now such an influential voice in the pensions industry. We are at a pivotal point in our development and I'm honoured that the Board have chosen me to continue working alongside them in building on what we have achieved in recent years."

Gubler became Deputy Chair in 2017. Prior to this, she was a PASA Board Director and former Chair of the joint Standards and Accreditation Committee. A founding member, she has close to 30 years'

experience within the pensions industry and has been heavily involved in establishing PASA's accreditation process. Gubler is recognised by The Pensions Regulator as a DC specialist and is also a Fellow of the Pensions Management Institute, where she sits on the Examining Board and is a Fellowship Network Ambassador.

In addition to her role at PASA, Snowdon wears many industry hats, most recently as Non-Exec Director to the pensions regulator. She was appointed an OBE in the 2010 New Year's Honours List for services to Pensioners. She strives to increase and encourage pension savings and has been at the forefront of work to protect pension scheme members from the pitfalls of pension liberation schemes.

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Notes to Editors

The Pensions Administration Standards Association (PASA) was created to provide an independent infrastructure which will set, develop, guide and assess administration standards.

PASA will act as a focal point and engage with industry and government to create protocols for understanding good administration - but also appreciates there is no one size that fits all. PASA will develop evidential accreditation practices which will allow benchmarking across and between the industry regardless of how the administration is being delivered.

As well as raising the profile of pension administration generally, PASA will focus on three core activities.

1. Defining good standards of pensions administration relevant to all providers, whether in-house, third party or insurers
2. Publishing guidance to support those standards
3. Being an independent accreditation body, assessing the achievement of good standards by schemes (regardless of provider)

There is no organisation providing such services across schemes, yet there is a demand for evidence of service quality from scheme trustees, sponsors, administrators, insurers, scheme members and regulators.

About PASA Accreditation

PASA Accreditation is open to all corporate members of PASA (DB, DC, trust-based and contract-based schemes). PASA Accreditation is granted following an independent evaluation and assessment process, which includes on-site visits and the review of documentation to evidence controls, procedures, process, staff development and contractual positions with clients.

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