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SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD EXTENDS CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF YASIN SHOMAN



March 10TH, 2023 - The Social Security Board (SSB) extends its deepest sympathies to Mrs. Ruth Shoman, SSB Board Member, and her family and friends on the passing of her husband, Mr. Yasin Shoman, who served as Chairman of the Board from 2003 to 2006, as well as Vice-Chairman of the Social Security Board Investment Committee from 1999 to 2003.

During his tenure as the Chairman of the Board, Shoman continued the work of the institution by building on the theme “Bridging the Gap” to extend coverage for self-employed persons that wished to join the scheme. As part of that initiative, more than 1,300 self-employed persons had registered for coverage nearing the end of 2003. Further, in that same year the goodwill Non-Contributory Pensions scheme was activated on April 1, 2003, to provide a pension to women 65 and older who qualify for the benefit. Also under his leadership, over 1.2 million Belize dollars were paid out in 2003 to assist women, as part of the Government of Belize’s Poverty alleviation program.

Other highlights of his SSB career include the implementation of new Information Technology Systems, which enhanced the areas of Registration and Contributions. Shoman also formulated New Investment guidelines using as a benchmark, standards set by the International Social Security Association (ISSA).



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In late 2005, a second Appeals Tribunal was created to manage appeals. Under his leadership the international profile of SSB was further elevated with a cooperative agreement that was signed on May 12, 2005, between SSB and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the Export and Enforcement of Social Security Benefits.

In 2006, Shoman continued leading SSB by formulating strategic alliances with regional and international organizations, which enabled forums for sharing of information, knowledge, and support in the growth of social security. Notable organizations that SSB joined in that year as part of expanding its international profile include ISSA, the Inter-American Committee on Social Security (CISS) and the Consejo Centroamericano de Insituciones de Seguridad Social (COCISS).

Mr. Yasin Shoman's contribution to the development of SSB can never be understated. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, and colleagues.

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