

**Press Statement**  
**NUMSA suspended members take the union to court**

As suspended members and officials of NUMSA, we are going to court on Friday to ask for our suspensions to be lifted. Failing this, we are asking the court to rule that the NUMSA National Congress, scheduled to start on Monday, cannot go ahead.

The case will be heard in the Labour Court in Braamfontein on Friday. We will be arguing that the NUMSA Central Committee, and other Regional structures and leaders, have acted beyond their powers in the NUMSA constitution. That constitution gives them no powers to suspend us – and there are now 30 of us suspended, from 5 of NUMSA's 9 Regions, as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy President. Nor does it give them powers to determine that an entire Region of the union will not attend the national congress, as they have done with the Mpumalanga Region.

We find it ironic that this is the same NUMSA leadership which was prepared to collapse the SAFTU congress if suspended SAFTU National Office Bearers were not allowed to stand for office. Now they are proposing to refuse the right of unconstitutionally suspended NUMSA shop stewards to even attend their own congress. In our view this is hypocrisy of the highest order.

And there is another violation of the NUMSA constitution in our court papers. The constitution requires that the Central Committee appoints a Credentials Committee to accredit delegates to the National Congress. This has not happened. No such committee exists. Without this committee, there will be no constitutionally accredited delegates at the Congress. Without accredited delegates, there will be no congress.

We will notify press as soon as the time of Friday's court case is announced.

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