



ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION DESIGN ORGANISATIONS (AADO) PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018: MR FRANCIOS JORDAAN

Since its foundation in November 2014 the Association of Aviation Design Organisations had exercised its mandate to represent its member organisations at various forums, notably to interact with the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) regarding matters of common interest. Whilst good relations were maintained and progressive reactions were experienced in many respects, there were also a number of frustrations that persist to this day.

Membership of the AADO remained stable during the past term, which is effectively only 10 months to bring our AGM date in line that that of CAASA.

Activities of the AADO during the past year revolved around the executive committee. Since the annual General Meeting held in October 2017, the executive committee held two meetings together with representatives of the SACAA. Matters addressed revolved around approval of minor modifications and the Engineering Authorised Persons (EAP) scheme, which has evolved to become the Authorised Representative scheme.

The Technical Guidance Material (TGM) for the Authorised Representative scheme was published by the SACAA in April. Once again it was published without prior consultation with the AADO or its member organisations. The matter of minimum qualifications for avionics personnel, which had been debated for four previous years, seems to have been resolved. Mr Thabantso of the SACAA reinsured us that the TGM is a live document and any submissions for amendments will be considered.

Within the Certification engineering division, we once again experienced the frustrations of staff availability. The seven avionics engineering positions are currently filled, but four of the seven structural engineer positions are currently vacant.

The Consistency and Standardisation Division under Ms Mary Stephens appears to be effective in ensuring an acceptable standard of documentation within the SACAA. However, this adds at least another week to the approval process of most projects.

The AADO representation at CARCom saw several proposed changes to the Regulations which may impact design organisations, one being the proposed Part 70 relating to test flying activities. Other proposed regulation changes relate to maintenance and maintenance facilities for Non-Type Certificated Aircraft (NTCA).

One meetings of the Joint Aerospace Steering Committee (JASC) industry forum took place during the past year. The only significant contribution was from the Department of Trade and Industry, which has made significant progress towards signing of a new Bilateral Aeronautical Services Agreement (BASA). The government to government level agreement is expected to be signed in November 2018 and the agency to agency agreement (SACAA and FAA) is in process, but may take several years to

Affiliation of the AADO with CAASA is working to our benefit and I would like to express my sincere thanks the CAASA board for the level of service and support we were privileged to experience over the past year. May our affiliation grow from strength to strength in the years to come.

Finally, to members of the AADO executive committee and all member organisations – I have reached the end of my second term as President, so in terms of our constitution I will automatically serve as “immediate Past President” for the following two terms. My best wishes to the new President, please be assured of my support.



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