



### **CAASA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019: MRS LYNETTE LOOSEN**

**2020**.....A year that will forever be engraved in our minds, for some it will be the hardship faced, for some the opportunities it presented, for some it will represent sorrow and for others, joy, happiness and family.

In a year that made the world smaller and at the same time unreachable, untouchable, we saw the CAASA family come together to support and encourage each other, keep each other sane (well at least some of us) and most importantly, lift each other up.

The turbulence of this year was enough to bring any organisation to its knees, but not with the staff, board of Directors and members of CAASA. The CAASA office fasten their seat belts, rolled up their sleeves and got to work. They fielded calls from a desperate aviation industry with almost impossible challenges amongst all the uncertainty, engaged with Government and industry regulators to assist in resolving the various concerns, were instrumental in the issuance of flight permits and the opening of various sectors of the aviation industry as we moved through the stages of our National Lockdown and State of Emergency, kept us continuously updated and ensured that the lines of communication were always open. All this was done with the friendly and courteous demeanour we have become accustomed to in our passion and drive to continue serving our members.

For this and more, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to Louise, Kevin, Sam, Maria and to Leon for guiding the team so well during this time.

To the CAASA Board of Directors and Past President, Tracey Eloff, thank you for your endless support and encouragement during my term.

The CAASA Members, we may be the backbone, but you are the heart of CAASA that pumps the blood through the veins of this organisation. Thank you for standing by us in these trying and unprecedented times, for continuing to pay your membership fees, for allowing us to continue serving you, for your offer of assistance, advice and camaraderie, without you, none of what we do would be possible.

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COVID-19 has severely impacted the aviation industry and forever changed the way we conduct business. We too shall reinvent ourselves, with various initiatives that will ensure sustainability and our ability to better serve you as we all emerge stronger after the storm.

It has been an honour and a privileged leading this organisation over the last two years, I hand over to someone who will take CAASA to even greater heights with his wealth of knowledge, insurmountable experience, integrity and passion for the industry and his fellow aviators alike. Mike Clark, you have my full support as you take over the reins, steering CAASA to a better tomorrow.

As I previously stated “CAASA remains one of the most powerful, influential and active commercial aviation organisations in Africa today. During the past few years CAASA has further solidified its position as a reputable role player within the African and, more specifically, in the South African arena.”. This has undoubtedly been evident in the past year as CAASA lends itself to the industry.

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