



AAA-SA AGM REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

The association, through its President and contributions from its members, participated in various industry fora during 2022/2023 to advance the interest of its members and industry as a whole. These included, amongst others, the following:

- thorough review of proposals for the amendments to the Civil Aviation Regulations (CAR) and in particular Part 139;
- participation in various workshops for the amendments to the National Aviation Security Program; and
- proposals for the amendments to CAR 187.

Some of the association members were selected by SACAA to form part of the ICAO USOAP CMA Audit which took place from 22 March 2023 to 03 April 2023. SACAA achieved the final 91.1% Effective Implementation and no Significant Safety Concerns were raised by ICAO.

During the year SACAA also took over from SAWS the complete control of the Meteorology Service Oversight Function. The licence audit of AAA-SA members and other aerodromes will now incorporate this function.

During the period under review we, together with other CASAA members, experienced challenges with the radio telephony licencing process within ICASA. SACAA was therefore requested to intervene by engaging ICASA on this matter and as provided for in the MOU concluded between the two entities. This engagement and intervention resulted in the resolution of the matter and the consequent service enhancements by ICASA.

The association was part of the aviation industry groups that received a presentation from SACAA on Activity Based Costing model that would form the new basis upon which user fees would be determined and its

implementation thereof. This new model, however, caused much consternation amongst industry members as its application and implementation would result in significant increases in user fees from 2024. AAA-SA, in conjunction with CAASA, made several representations to SACAA and whilst some of our were addressed, SACAA was still determined to introduce this new fee model effective 2024. CAASA advisedly wrote a letter to SACAA and the Minister of Transport raising various concerns regarding this new fee model. It would appear that SACAA would, following this letter, review the construction of certain of the applications of the model including its roll-out plan.

We are pleased that the ILS calibration work by SACAA has not been interrupted this season notwithstanding our reservations regarding the operating model being used.

The latest amendments to part 139 as proposed by SACAA appear controversial and require extensive review by the association and industry in general. These amendments have been referred to the AI subcommittee workgroup for further review and assessment.

The Department of Transport is in the process of drafting new regulations to give effect to the Airports Company Amendment Act, 2020 (Act No. 17 of 2020) and the Air Traffic and Navigation Services Company Amendment Act, 2020 (Act No. 18 of 2020). AAA-SA has been approached by the department, through its advisors, to provide its input to the draft Regulations to give due effect to the relevant provisions and principles contemplated in the Amendment Acts.

Lastly, on behalf of the members of AAA-SA I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to CAASA and its personnel for the wonderful work done to date. We wish CAASA all the best in the year ahead and we remain committed to the success of this organization. Keep up the good work!!!

AAA-SA President

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