



ANSO PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023: VAUGHN GRUNEBERG

As we bid farewell to 2023, it has been a challenging year marked by regulatory amendments and legislative changes. Despite the hurdles, I extend my sincere gratitude to Kev Storie and Vivian Sandercock for their invaluable support to ANSO. Special appreciation is also due to Mellisa Sewgolam for her efforts in restoring the CAASA house to its former glory.

Amidst the challenges, there were notable achievements, such as successful engagements with SACAA resulting in the enforcement of Technical Guidance Material on numerous operators and necessary corrections under Part 140 and Part 114. However, Service Level Agreements are still under review by SACAA.

We have observed a concerning trend of increasing aircraft losses from the South African register, often due to prolonged registration processes. Some operators find it more expedient to register their aircraft with alternative regulatory bodies, presenting difficulties in proving these challenges to the regulator. It is crucial that these issues are communicated to CAASA or ANSO so that we can offer assistance and provide evidence to SACAA.

Our collaboration with the regulator and the industry continues, with ongoing efforts to address these concerns. Despite historical perceptions, non-scheduled operators are gaining recognition as an integral part of the aviation sector. The regulator has acknowledged the significance of General Aviation, and we are optimistic that our voices will be heard in 2024.

Encouragingly, SACAA has initiated positive dialogues with ANSO and CAASA, indicating a willingness to listen and collaborate. Additionally, the implementation of an online system by SACAA is anticipated to streamline the process of submitting manuals and reports, fostering efficiency and communication. In our collaborative efforts, we have also engaged with the Department of Transport, shedding light on the challenges faced during the application process with the Air Service Licensing Council.

As we navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, let us remain united in our commitment to the betterment of the aviation industry.

Best regards,

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