



AATOSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018: MR SHAUN LEDLIE

It has been a very productive year for AATOSA.

We had numerous issues to deal with, all concerning legislation and have spent a lot of time at the SACAA. I am pleased to say the team pulled together and overcame nearly all the challenges.

In conjunction with CAASA/SACAA, we were successful in the following significant areas.

The most important to the overall industry is the 5-year approval for OPSPEC certificates. We spear headed this for the industry, as the ATO's were severely impacted by the restriction of only having the ATO and Op Spec Certificates valid for 1 year. International students had to leave the country half way through their courses, due to the student's visa's being linked, to the validity dates of the Aviation Training Organisations. Our members where losing training contracts with international airlines and thus millions of Rand in income and the country was losing foreign exchange.

With the assistance of CAASA we engaged with the SACAA and home affairs to see how we could mitigate the issue. After much consultation the solution was found, that had beneficial results for all stake holders.

This 5-year approval will now be rolled out to the entire industry and has assisted the SACAA in increasing efficiency, of the Audit teams. A great example of a win win for both the industry and the regulator.

We made the requisite submissions to CARCom to facilitate the changes that were required. All our submissions were accepted and have been sent through to the minister for promulgation.

There has been a big push by the SACAA to rewrite Part 141 regulations (all regulations relating to training). This is a crucial time and the industry has participated well, the process is well on its way and all our members are working hard. AATOSA is well represented in all the sub committees.

2 other issues that we negotiated with the SACAA, presented to CARCom and got approved were, Amendment of Parts 61.01.5 (a) & 61.01.6 (Pilot licencing) and Exemption of CAR 61.01.8 (7) (e) (Student Pilot in Command Flight Time).

We look forward to the rest of the year and plan to be engaged with the SACAA as we assist in rewriting of the new regulations pertaining to all aviation training requirements.

All the members of AATOSA would like to thank the CAASA team for all the assistance during the year and specifically a big thank you to Kevin Storie who has been working very hard to assist the team in all we achieved this year.

Many thanks

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