



ASAAT PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018: MR COLIN VISSER

As another year has passed, we look back at the events and trends that have impacted our industry over this period.

The first half of 2018 has been a continuation of cutbacks in aviation. There has been a movement of aircraft in the corporate aviation environment, with fewer additions. This had a massive economic impact on the smaller operations and supporting services.

As aircraft traders and aviation support service providers, we have seen the dip in the market.

The global trend at the moment is to consider collaborations and mergers. This has a knock-on effect on the smaller organisations, as there are fewer opportunities in their fields.

If we look at the schedule of conferences and symposiums, both internationally and regionally, we see more emphasis on topics such as airports and handling services as well as safety and security. This gives us an indication of the critical role of support services in the holistic aviation environment.

We need to be availing ourselves of these opportunities to integrate with the other disciplines in aviation.

It is important to acknowledge the work accomplished by the personnel in the CAASA office in communicating the intentions of the SACAA with the members. This has given us the platform to ensure that the industry views and contributions are in turn communicated to and debated with the SACAA.

The SACAA continued to endeavour to align the local regulations with the ICAO standards, creating a number of opportunities to engage with the industry to build a solid base for aviation safety in South Africa.

As ASAAT members we need to continually evaluate the regulatory changes and proposals that are brought to CAASA, even though they may seem to not affect us as members directly. Several the issues may affect our clients or associated support functions and may require our indirect input to identify potential risks to the industry as a whole.

As an industry we all need to contribute to the success of these initiatives by meaningful engagement with the SACAA on all matters that affect aviation safety, through the forums that have been created.

All areas of our industry need to share ideas that can build a strong aviation sector in Southern Africa.

I look forward to seeing the results of the impact that we as members make as we continue to contribute to the safety within aviation in Southern Africa.

Thank you for your continued support and trust that you have shown me during the past year, as we addressed numerous operational issues affecting our industry.

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