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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2023/24 year may be considered as the start of AADO's revival after a period of relative inactivity following the 2020 COVID-19 experience. In cooperation with CAASA and other affiliates we may look forward to building new relationships with the SA Civil Aviation Authority in the years to come to the benefit of our member organisations, whether they are approved under Part 147 of the SA Civil Aviation Regulations or not.

Our membership has remained steady at 9 member organisations during the 2022/23 year. We are also aware of two organisations in process of obtaining Part 147 approvals and hope to welcome them into our Association in due course.

The AADO's affiliation with CAASA has been the steadying factor in our survival and is much appreciated. Despite significant challenges faced by the CAASA board their continued efforts on behalf of the general aviation industry in South Africa to ensure a safe and sustainable airspace must be commended.

At a special general meeting held at the Incomar head office and virtually on 4th December 2023 some significant decisions were taken, including the following:

1. Matthew Buttle was elected as President of AADO for the 2024/25 year. Francois Jordaan is the Immediate Past President.
2. The AADO will propose amendments to the SA CAR's and CATS to accommodate and implement the Designated Engineering Representatives (DER) system which is already provided for in the Civil Aviation Act (No 13 of 2009, as amended).
3. The AADO will propose a standardised project classification procedure (substantial change, significant change, major change or minor change) to be accepted by the SACAA and adopted by all ADO's
4. The AADO constitution will be reviewed and amendments proposed to address certain shortcomings such as qualification of member organisations.

My sincere thanks to the CAASA management team for the manner in which they continue to promote the interests of the AADO and other affiliated organisations, and to Melissa for the load she takes off our shoulders with excellent secretarial services.

JF Jordaan