

ASAAT President's Report Year 2023

As we reflect on the changes that have occurred within our businesses and industry, we can see that the year started tentatively after the slow growth during the previous year, and increased in momentum as we committed to building on the foundations that carried us through the previous few years.

Businesses stabilised and blossomed in spite of the continued political and economic decline which has seen a weakening of the Rand, which has such a profound impact on our local aviation industry.

ASAAT's aircraft sales and consulting services are active as we continue to engage with clients within the region and see a growth in services, both scheduled and un-scheduled. We have seen increases in corporate and commercial operations in the region.

We need to continue to capitalise on the opportunities to contribute to the growth of aviation within the Southern African region.

We continue to experience a loss of expertise in aviation in South Africa, as many pilots and engineers have moved due to aviation growth world-wide. This is encouraged by global advancement prospects, remuneration and national instability.

I thank the ASAAT members who have worked in conjunction with other affiliates within CAASA to assist in addressing concerns with the regulator.

CAASA members (those are the individuals organisations who are committed and involved in the aviation industry) need to keep encouraging colleagues in the industry to engage with national, regional and international regulators regarding safety and security issues in all areas of aviation.

We live in a post-lockdown world where people have become isolated and hesitant to engage with the world around them. We need to continue to use the opportunities that have materialised during the past year to encourage renewed vision for personal, corporate and social development to prepare for growth possibilities that are still to come.

Thank you for your continued support and trust that you have shown me during the past year.

Dr Dave Martin, an American business consultant and motivations speaker gives this advice: "It doesn't matter how good or bad things currently are – the rest of your life can be the best of your life!"

I believe we can achieve this together as we support each other through CAASA.

Closing thought: "If plan A fails, remember there are 25 more letters."

Regards

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