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HASA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023

HASA has seen an increase in industry issues related to Helicopter operations in South Africa. These issues are seriously affecting the helicopter operations in South Africa as well as becoming a threat to the livelihoods of these operators. HASA continues to be at the forefront of trying to resolve these issues for the industry members.

Several meetings were held to discuss the below topics:

- Increase Membership
 - HASA needs to increase membership
 - The HASA social footprint is still in development to promote HASA and will be discussed further with the new Marketing consultant
 - The promotion of the VAST (Vertical aviation Safety Team)
 - There is a VAST charter drafted and sent out to members.
 - The helicopter safety Group
 - Helicopter safety group was formed by the SACAA with Andre Coetzee as the chairperson with the common focus to reduce the number of GA (and specifically helicopter) accidents i.a.w the General Aviation Accident Reduction Plan. This forum has not been very active.
 - Helicopter Flight Plan - ref AIC Series D 003/2022
 - Meeting held with CAASA members and the SACAA to address outstanding matters:
 - The agreement at the meeting was that the AIC would not be applicable to helicopter operators and there was deliberation for the reasons at the meeting.
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- A further meeting was held with Industry, HASA, CAASA, the SACAA and ATNS
 - The outcome of this meeting was that the regulation could change through CARCOM.
 - It was then decided that a task team be formed to deliberate further to get an amicable solution.
 - The task team will consist of representative from HASA, CASA, Industry, SACAA, ATNS and SACAA.

- HASA is affiliated with HAI through a formal HAI international partnership program memorandum of agreement signed by the previous HASA president and the president of HAI
- HASA has been participating in the international partnership program meetings on a regular basis.
- There will be further synergies with this affiliation to, there is an opportunity with agreement currently in place with HAI and HASA to benefit from international exposure and benchmarking of international standards, there is also benefits from this agreement to attend HAI international 2024 to promote HASA and in turn promote HAI at AAD 2024.

- Feedback was given on the status of the FDR topic.

Meetings were held with the SACAA and HASA to get to an amicable solution for the issue with Pilots carrying out maintenance on the H125 even though the OEM allows for this in the AMM, Part43.02.2 is in contradiction to this.

Several meetings held with the Helicopters operators to resolve the unilateral enforcement of reduced SVFR minima by ATNS due to the non-alignment of the CARs vs AIP poses an immense operational burden. There has been a submission to CARcom to revert the old regulations and further meetings to discuss an interim solution until the regulation has been promulgated.

We have also learned that there is a gap in the CARcom process and 3 members have been nominated to monitor the CARcom regulatory changes and to Submit to CAASA in a timely manner to ensure that it is addressed.

There has been fruitful discussion with previous HASA members on current issues with the SACAA that need resolution. We continually rely on your support in highlighting these areas of concern with documented proof that affects the helicopter community. HASA's mandate is to continue to engage and grow its relationship with industry and the SACAA as well as other partnerships to ensure smooth operation of its members and continually build a workable relationship with the authority. We look forward to further growing the HASA footprint locally and internationally.

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