



Draft Minutes

The Aero Club of South Africa NPC

84th Annual General meeting

held

7th of May 2025 at 18:30

EAA Auditorium & In the Virtual MStTeams Room

1) Notice Convening the Meeting

a) Attendance

Iaan Myburgh (Treasurer)	Stefan Coetzee (MISASA)
Tarryn Myburgh (SAPFA)	Simon Smith (DAASA)
Walter Doubell (Exco)	Mark Drutman (EAA)
Salome Maree	Hanke Fourie (BAFSA)
Rob Jonkers (Chairman)	Derek Orford (SAPFA)
Mike Brown (EAA)	Robert Gassman (EAA)
Braam Hechter (SAGPA)	Chris Shaw (EAA)
Kevin Storie (CAASA)	John Herbert (EAA)
Frank Eckard (SAPFA)	Karl Jensen (EAA)
Louis Stanford (SAHPA)	George Coetzee (SAGPA)
Jacques Swiegers (SAGPA)	Alan E Hanes (EAA)
Paul Lastrucci (EAA)	Nigel Musgrave (EAA)
Warren Eva (SAC)	Caroline Eckard (SAPFA)
Martin Meyer (SAPFA)	David De Freitas
David le Roux (SAPFA)	David MacGregor (BAFSA)
Jeff Earle (EAA)	Hans Schwebel (SAPFA)
Nadine Brooker (Exco)	Jan Leodolff
Tina Hunter	Marie Reddy (EAA)
Melt Morrison	Sandra Strydom
John Boucher (MISASA)	

b) Apologies

Carol Clifford (SSSA)	Leon Boutell (SAPFA)
Andrew Blackwood Murray (ASSA)	Brian Wilford (SSSA)
Rikus Erasmus (ASSA)	Duncan Molefe (RAA)
Richard Bovell (BAFSA)	Henk van Wyk – PASA
Goitse Diale (Vice Chairman)	

c) Confirmation of Quorum

Mr Rob Jonkers confirmed that a Quorum is represented in terms of members present as well as Member Associations present.

d) Announcements

No specific announcements – except that this AGM is fully Virtual enabled as well as in-person



2) Confirmation of the minutes of the 83rd Annual General Meeting

a) Corrections, Proposer and Seconder approval

The Minutes of the 83rd Annual General meeting were proposed by Walter Doubell and Seconded by Stefan Coetzee

b) Matters arising from previous minutes

No Matters arising from previous minutes

3) Chairman's Report – As per December 2024 Mailchimp Communiqué

The year 2024 has come and gone in a flash, somehow this year has gone quicker than most, and possibly the first year since the pandemic where things are getting back to some form of economic normality, global inflation has subsided and businesses are expanding again, airborne travel and activities are also back to pre-2020 levels - if one can imagine that the drama that unfolded in 2020 has taken 5 years to recover from.

At least our exchange rate which although not great has remained stagnant. The FAI has held their annual conference in Saudi Arabia this year where a new President Greg Principato (who hails from the USA) has been appointed where he has already been reaching out to the National Aero Clubs (NACs) to get them to be more inclusive in strategic growth which has been a first since we can remember. We trust this will bode well for our fledging sporting activities - SA however has always produced many champions in our various disciplines.

The Aero Club also held its annual awards ceremony, this year moving away from the Aviation theme location to a more formal setting at the Birchwood conference centre, and what a great venue it was - everybody commenting that it was stylish and fitting for this black tie event.

The Chairman who is on his last year of tenure in terms of the constitutional mandate, introduced Vice Chairman Goitse Diale to carry out the honour of the proceedings and an introductory speech, which he delivered with great aplomb. (see Pilots Post for his full speech).

For this year the highlights were two Lifetime Achievement awards, one going to Neil Bowden who has been supporting RA for most of his life and has organised the Oshkosh Camping tour over the last 26 years and developed an excellent relationship with EAA USA, the other going to Athol Franz who has been supporting RA through his magazine African Pilot for many decades.

For this year the Aero Club has again been able to organise Airweek at Middleburg which has become a signature event for all our Recreational Aviation disciplines (this year all 13 Sections took part) to get together and enjoy the camaraderie between us, we have also found a sweet spot in terms of event calendar timing being early March where weather is excellent for flying as well as camping.

We still intend that Airweek becomes the established equivalent Oshkosh in SA, although on a smaller scale, and we thank the Middleburg Club & Richard Lovett for hosting us and continuously improving the facilities to support this event, and we trust that we will see all of you there again in 2025 - where we are



looking at expanding the event to also coincide with the EAA national Convention and planning a limited airshow for the afternoon - watch this space.

The Aero Club continues to take part in many Advocacy workshops, workgroups and engaged with the regulator to ensure fair regulatory updates and curtail regulatory overreach. Part 149 governing the Aviation Recreation Organisations (AROs) is still in limbo, with no real progress being made to consider the actual roles and responsibilities AROs have, and the mandates for oversight - we continue to engage the regulator on this topic.

Part 96 (commercial use of NTCA) is also making good progress, where we are working to limit overreach requirements on operators, especially those that are in small operations, Part 62 on training operations & NPL requirements being reviewed to be more tailored to NTCA. There has also been some measure of progress related to safety at Aviation Events in the form of development of Part 95 to allow Air-Traffic Management at these events, which will soon be serving at CARCom. In the interim ATC operations at events which had been curtailed over the last year has at least secured ATNS approval to support events that are of a complex nature and with busy airspace.

Regarding overflight rights and altitudes through National Parks, some progress is being made, that all relevant stakeholders will partake in a review on the needs of Aviation to operate in these areas with a brief to secure air routes within these areas.

The withdrawal of AIC 18.19 related to the 12 year engine overhaul limit for Lycoming's and Continental's continues to feature heavily in the regulatory world, with extensions being invoked, General Notices issued, but without any clarity on solutions, and remains a sub judice topic. This affects all aircraft in commercial use with these engine types fitted.

The Aero Club also continues to support our members with the on-line ATF renewal support initiative, which improves the quality of documentation supplied to the CAA which ultimately improves the turnaround times, and we have engaged with the CAA on the merits and robustness of the system as a mechanism to lessen the overall cost and time with the view of eventually achieving some level of autonomy in processing ATFs.

Our membership continues to show slight decline at around 2500 members, we do find ourselves in a situation of lessening RA participation as well as the question of value add to Aero Club membership - knowing that our biggest contribution is the participation and engagement at Advocacy forums within all of the regulatory environments, failing which if we do not participate, the regulator will continue to regulate our disciplines into oblivion and force us into the ICAO way of thinking which will cost us all more and/or restrict our activities.

From early 2025 with fresh blood and ideas at the helm of the Aero Club, a media campaign will be launched with wider access to modern communication platforms to spread the message of what we do, this will be under the initiative of our incoming Chairman Goitse, co-opted Exco member Nadine and Exco member Louis. There will be a significant website revamp due for release in early January 2025.

Our aim also continues to focus to make aviation appealing to the recreational aviator and the youth, in order for them to share and progress in the wonderful passion of all types of aviation sport offered by the various sections of the Aero Club in South Africa, as such we are fortunate to have in our midst many professional and retired professional career and military aviators that continue to share their mentorship and guidance freely to anyone who is interested in aviation in South Africa.



With this, let us all work together and support the structures that represent recreational aviation to make 2025 a success to achieve growth, as it will only be our coordinated collective efforts that will ensure the survival of our disciplines into the future. If you have any comments or contributions to make you are most welcome to contact us at the Aero Club.

Our membership renewal season for 2025 commenced on the 1st of December, we have applied a CPI related increase to the membership fee with a view to ensure affordability going forward, and also to continue to bolster our legal fund for potential legal engagements that may be necessary. We have instituted a rolling membership system as from early 2023, so that a member's joining / renewal month becomes the membership anniversary – which will be applicable to some Sections that are not tied to fixed term membership cycles.

Many thanks are extended to our Aero Club Exco and Council support during the year, given the volunteers we all are, and having to weather the economics of the past few years, will be looking forward to a better 2025. An early in the year Strategy Session will be planned again for 2025 to map out the future of our Recreational Aviation Community.

Aero Club Strategy

The Aero Club held a Strategy Review on 22 October 2024 with the following topics:

- Interaction with the CAA on regulatory matters, to gain more industry involvement in decisions related to RA
- Review of membership model for our Associations and review of membership involvement, benefits, value
- Review of the Voluntary nature of our Associations & sustainability thereof
- Review Member Communication Strategy

Outcome & Actions of Strategic Review

- Re-established the RA Industry Liaison Forum (ILF) with the CAA at Executive Level to cover all regulatory subjects – Progress – Have held 2 meetings 2024 and 1 in 2025 – effectiveness in question on topics raised not receiving attention – possible way forward on the “Delegation/Designation of Powers” workshop where interaction may gain traction. AeCSA and the Sections (AROs) still maintain that knowledge of RA lies within our industry – and can provide appropriate oversight within the context of approved MOPs – See CAA Interactions slide
- Membership Model to be reviewed for consideration that a single fee to be applied covering Association & Aero Club, also to review the membership management system that has a significant cost element currently – Progress – Louis Stanford working on a Corporate Membership model
- Review and overhaul of the current MOAs (Memoranda of Agreements) between the Aero Club and the Associations – Progress – Will form part of the Corporate membership model review
- A website overhaul is in progress, to enable more member interaction, and a more effective communication mechanism being investigated to replace mailchimp (not more than 30% mail delivery rate is noted). A wider social media presence also being developed.



- Engagement with the CAA on the Part 149 designation as part of their Devolution of Powers initiative – To be engaged with a comprehensive business plan defining a planned robust ARO framework. – **Progress** – Post CARCom submissions now have Part 149 relegated into a review Workgroup

Membership Support Initiative

- The Aero Club instituted this support initiative in 2019 to assist with submissions of ATF and NPL renewals.
- Demand for this service has been steady – 245 ATF renewals were concluded in 2024 via the Aero Assist web-based interface. Planning to work with CAA on further integration



AUTHORITY TO FLY APPLICATIONS: SUMMARY STATS			
Application not ready to process			10
Application form still being completed			10
Application form submitted by client, awaiting payment			0
Application form submitted by client and EFT payment done, awaiting confirmation			0
To be verified by Aero Club			1
Application form submitted by client and Paygate payment done / EFT payment confirmed			1
Corrections submitted by client			0
Ready to send to CAA/inspector	0	To be attended to by CAA/inspector	12
Application form completed by Aero Club	0	Application sent to CAA	4
Verification of application/corrections done	0	Inspector assigned by CAA	8
Aero Club resolved issues reported by inspector	0	Application corrections sent to inspector	0
Awaiting client feedback	0	Completed	780
Issues referred back to client	0	Approved by CAA: ATF issued and sent to client	780

AUTHORITY TO FLY APPLICATIONS: COMPLETED APPLICATIONS						
2024						245
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	
15	20	22	23	25	22	
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
19	23	12	29	24	11	
2023						231
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	
9	27	29	12	23	32	
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
11	17	18	26	20	7	

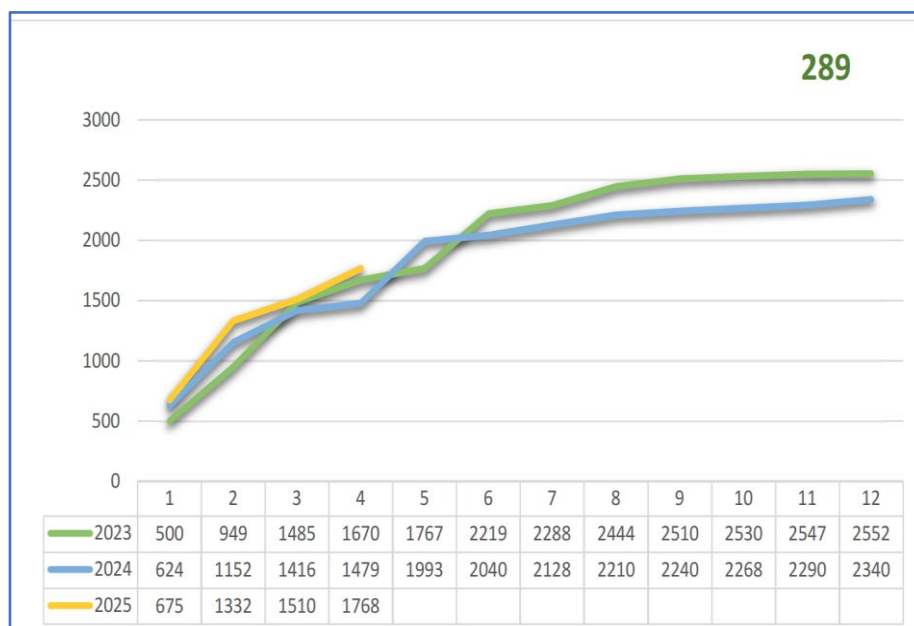


Membership

- Membership has seen a decline since 2021, our budget target of 2500 was missed by 160
- Multi-Section membership is in place
- Good progress has made on 2025 renewal campaign – Budget planned for 2500 members to match 2023

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
2017	711	1513	1723	2177	2459	2675	2918	3066	3151	3213	3284	3805
2018	736	1481	1727	1900	2559	2829	2951	3145	3258	3323	3412	3479
2019	523	1143	1640	1847	1963	2099	2755	2963	3016	3115	3157	3204
2020	318	798	1269	1610	1710	1866	2106	2360	2574	2626	2713	2723
2021	498	1041	1510	1766	2058	2686	2716	2767	2867	2934	2952	3009
2022	542	1109	1730	1901	2414	2499	2596	2664	2702	2745	2772	2772
2023	500	949	1485	1670	1767	2219	2288	2444	2510	2530	2547	2552
2024	624	1152	1416	1479	1993	2040	2128	2210	2240	2268	2290	2340
2025	675	1332	1510	1768								

Section	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Aero Club	4331	4634	4244	3805	3479	3232	2723	3009	2772	2552	2340	1768
AHASA	12	24	48	39	38	38	21	20		1		0
ASSA	80	68	64	39	47	46	33	27	39	34	37	48
BAFSA	45	44	43	48	45	48	44	46	43	43	41	40
DAASA	10	11	12	12	21	21						0
EAA	337	448	396	418	377	339	293	308	340	342	282	288
MISASA	1013	1058	967	879	789	676	506	474	425	452	367	298
PASA	622	639	607	606	579	560	440	494	492	437	455	194
SAC	83	88	88	78	74	94	85	99	89	81	76	59
SAGPA	194	220	202	217	197	169	131	138	139	153	125	115
SAHPA	668	636	812	684	657	522	525	619	452	128	161	115
SAMAA	3745	3606	3294	3254	3433	3347	3192	3340	2644	1857	1704	1620
SAPFA	395	458	383	377	312	298	180	249	196	167	159	168
SSSA	480	418	408	439	434	421	394	429	405	396	353	279
RAA								7	6	9	16	15
AeCSA							157	243	292	442	350	223





4) Treasurer's Report

a) Financial Status of the Aero Club of South Africa NPC and associated companies

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 Submitted and presented Iaan Myburgh

The Aero Club of South Africa's financials statements reflect a challenging 2024.

In 2023 and 2022, AeCSA had a surplus of R221,221 and R160,470. In 2024 a loss of R60,888 was recorded.

Income

Total Revenue continued to decrease from R1,323,530 in 2023 to R1,171,272 in 2024.

The 2024 annual member subscription fee was R620 Inc VAT, of which R100 was contributed to the Legal Fund.

Year	Subscriptions
2024	1,110,722
2023	1,261,218
2022	1,259,767
2021	1,236,240
2020	1,021,639

Other income increased from R257,166 in 2023 to R487,081 in 2024. The increase is attributed to Airweek and Award Function income (recorded in the Events company in the past) and utilization of the Legal fund.

Expenses

Total Expenses increased from R1,466,512 in 2023 to R1,898,511 in 2025. The primary contributors to the increase are the addition of the Chief Advocacy Officer fee.

Salaries and wages remained the biggest expense at R588,978 for the calendar year followed by the Chief Advocacy Officer fee of R360,000. Events, the Awards Function and Membership System are the other main expenses. FAI Membership Fees for 2024 totalled R77,097 and R54,522 was recovered from FAI sporting licenses.

FAI Membership Fees:

2024	R77,097	CHF3,639	@R21.19/1 CHF
2023	R63,031	CHF3,568	@R17.67/1 CHF
2022	R57,155	CHF3,366	@R15.54/1 CHF
2021	R138,683	CHF7,854	@R17.66/1 CHF
2020	R138,816	CHF7,854	@R17.67/1 CHF



The Awards Function costs totalled R209,275 and were partially offset by income of R150,001.

Year	Cost	Income	Net cost	Venue
2024	R209,275	R150,001	R50,026	Birchwood Hotel
2023	R206,961	R129,403	R77,558	Rand Airport
2022	R197,147	R76,234	R120,913	Rand Airport
2019	R128,343	R104,120	R24,223	Rand Airport

Balance sheet

Cash and cash equivalents increased from R2,669,579 at 31 December 2023 to R3,086,250 at 31 December 2024. The increase is due to funds held in the Events company being moved to the AeCSA accounts.

Retained income decreased from R1,763,548 to R1,702,660 at the end of December 2024.

The **loans receivable** is the advance to The Aero Club Events (Pty) Ltd and **loans payable** by the end of December are the membership fees due to the sections, which were received during December 2024.

The Centenary Fund has a balance of R60,000 left at year end to be utilised for future projects to benefit the membership. ZAR60,521 was utilised during the year for Airweek. The Legal Fund has a balance of R206,688, up from R129,507 in 2023. ZAR74,208 was utilised during the year.

Summary

The net position of the Aero Club is a loss of R60,888 for the 2024 financial year, and the Cash and cash equivalents balance is R3,086,250 at year end.

Final words

The surpluses generated in 2023 and 2022 were achieved through reliance on countless hours of volunteer time and disciplined management of expenses by the executive committee and office staff. The sustainability of this model was tested in 2024.

The increased expenses in 2024 were for the direct benefit of the membership with the creation of the Chief Advocacy Officer position. As this position looks after the Advocacy matters for all sections of the Aero Club, it is imperative that sections take responsibility for promoting the Aero Club and growing the membership. Income from membership fees declined significantly and in real terms are below the levels during the height of the pandemic.

I want to thank the members of the Executive Committee and the office staff for their continued support and hard work. I am excited for the new initiatives the exco are working on to increase awareness and add value to our members. We will continue to manage the finances in a responsible manner.

Iaan Myburgh, Treasurer
Aero Club of South Africa

The Treasurers Report proposed by Paul Lastrucci and seconded by Tarryn Myburgh



b) Membership Fees

- Membership Fee = R 650 (increase from R 620), on a membership base of 2500
- Allocation of R 100 as a provision towards a legal fund

c) Budget 2025

Salient Points of 2025 Budget – V1

- Membership fees as above, Planning a breakeven budget
- Will be reforecasting the budget to take into account the objectives as set in the Strategy Review.

The Aero Club of South Africa													1,768,882	707,552/258
Budget Jan 2025 to Dec 2025 - V1														
	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	2025 Budget	2024 Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	12 Months Budget	
Number of members	625	550	300	270	200	75	30	20	10	10	10	-	2,100	
Number of SAHPA Members	40	50	50	40	40	100	40	40					400	
Income	-516,013	-467,100	-282,318	-313,622	-201,883	-148,622	-76,231	-68,840	-35,361	-35,361	-35,141	-27,750	-2,208,243	-2,068,026
Subscriptions	-407,609	-368,696	-195,652	-176,087	-130,435	-48,913	-19,565	-13,043	-6,522	-6,522	-6,522	0	-1,369,565	-1,314,783
Subscriptions - SAMAA	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-48,000	-48,000
Subscriptions - SAHPA	-26,087	-32,609	-32,609	-26,087	-26,087	-65,217	-26,087	-26,087	0	0	0	0	-260,870	-250,435
FAI Sporting Licence	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-72,000	-68,400
FAI Crew Card	-220	-220	-220	-220	-220	-220	-220	-220	-220	-220	-220	-220	-2,200	-2,200
Legal Fund Provision	-54,348	-47,826	-26,087	-23,478	-17,391	-6,522	-2,609	-1,739	-870	-870	-870	0	-182,609	-182,609
Commission				-60,000									-60,000	-60,000
Interest Received (All accounts)	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-132,000	-60,000
Members Consult Service Income	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-72,000	-72,000
Postage and Courier (Recovery)	-300	-300	-300	-300	-300	-300	-300	-300	-300	-300	-300	-300	-3,600	-3,600
Less: Expenses	200,883	176,611	307,162	169,513	149,276	146,607	190,944	128,524	132,955	193,405	125,455	168,585	2,089,719	1,887,914
Accounting fees	595	595	2,745	595	595	595	595	595	595	595	595	595	9,290	9,290
Events Allocation			50,000				50,000						100,000	20,000
Audit Fees													30,000	30,000
Bank Charges - BOL	850	850	1,650	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	11,000	13,000
Bank Charge - Corporate Card	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,200	1,200
Bank Charges - Card & Merchant Account	4,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	30,000	42,000
Blue Box Operational Expenses (new System)	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	138,000	71,500
Secretarial Fees	3,500												3,500	2,500
Conference Costs			2,500			2,500				2,500			7,500	10,500
Cost of Sales	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	4,500	5,000
Depreciation	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	15,000	18,000
Insurance 3rd Party	13,750			13,750			13,750			13,750			55,000	55,000
Internet and Web Hosting	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	40,800	40,800
FAI Membership Fees			80,240										80,240	72,536
Cleaning/Office expenses	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000	6,000
Postages & Courier (Consult)	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	3,600	3,600
Postages & Courier (Other)	2,500												2,500	2,500
Printing & Stationary	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	4,200	4,800
Promotion and Marketing / Awareness			5,000			5,000			5,000				20,000	20,000
Refreshments	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	3,600	3,600
Rent	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150	73,800	67,200
Repairs & Maintenance - Office	800		800			800			800			800	4,800	4,800
Safety Campaign Expenses													-	-
Salaries	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	58,800	57,423
Stipend CAO	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	378,000	360,000
Other Stipends	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	120,000	120,000
Staff training		3,000			3,000			3,000					9,000	9,000
Storage	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	10,980	10,800
Subscriptions	3,200	3,200	13,000	3,200	7,500	7,000	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	56,300	50,756
General Expenses	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000	6,000
Travel/Accommodation - International													-	-
Travel/Accommodation - Local	1,000	1,000	6,000	1,000	1,000	6,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	22,000	22,000
Trophies / Awards at Awards function / Boards													5,000	5,000
Workman's Compensation				7,500									7,500	7,500
Year-end Function Contribution													50,000	50,000
Legal Fund Provision	54,348	47,826	26,087	23,478	17,391	6,522	2,609	1,739	870	870	870	0	182,609	182,609
Surplus / (Deficit)	315,331	290,489	-24,844	144,109	52,607	2,015	-114,713	-59,685	-97,593	-158,043	-90,313	-140,835	118,525	180,113

d) Appointment of Auditors

Current Auditing firm Van Wyk Compton – has declined to support AeCSA for future auditing work due to their shift in business focus where NPO auditing can no longer be supported by them. This was announced post the current audit.

The Treasurer has gone out to secure proposals from other potential audit firms to secure a retention. Once sufficient proposals are received – these will be placed on future council agendas for ratification for a suitable appointment. This only has to be put in place by year end 2025.



5) General

a) Events - Airweek 2025

Building on the success of previous AeCSA Airweeks last held in March 2024, this year turned out to be more attended, given also the weather was good.

- Overall Successful Event
- Around 200+ visiting aircraft
- Around 400+ total visitors
- Around 120 campers – 80 in 30 rented tents
- All disciplines participated, and happy with format – i.e. demonstrations
- Added Airshow event – included participants from Sections
- Future planning – venue continues to be suitable – further upgrades planned to grassy areas, early March a good date without other event clashes, good weather conditions
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Events - Other

AERO Wonderboom

- Attendance by AeCSA to AERO 2024 at Wonderboom, poorly attended, although good opportunity to network with interests in RA. AeCSA had a large outdoor display area – but not well positioned
- AERO is moving to Lanseria for 2025 – different dynamics, still need to decide on attendance



AeCSA Awards

- AeCSA Awards –held Awards held 16 Nov – fully organised by the AeCSA office (Sandra)
- Large turnout 160 attendees
- Venue changed to more formal gala dinner setting from the 3 previous events held in Aviation themed hangars





b) CAA Interaction

The Aero Club represents its members at a number of Advocacy Forums (+/- 50 per year) – These include Captains of Industry, Industry Liaison Forum (ILF), GA/RA Industry Liaison Forum (GA/RA ILF), CARCom, NASCom, SubComs, Workshops, GASS. These are attended by mainly the Exco, Chairman and specific Industry Specialists and Council Members. Walter Doubell is the prime interface with CARComs & SubComs

The prime CAA interface established under the initiative of the Aero Club in 2020 was the GA/RA ILF, initially an Aero Club meeting with the CAA, later expanded to include wider GA/RA organisations, and as the overall topics got watered down. Although reduced to ad-hoc meetings in 2022, this has been re-established in 2023 and continued in 2024 as bi-monthly. The RA ILF has attendance by Airworthiness, Personnel Licencing, Operations, GA functions within the CAA with the Executive ASO in attendance. Effectiveness of these meetings are difficult to gauge – but there is at least a forum for discussion.

Current Issues being addressed / Topics of interests on Advocacy Matters

- Legal letter submitted in April 2023 on regulatory inconsistencies – Inconsistencies included the use of “Designated” insofar as Recreational Organisations, the expected authorisations /duties / obligations of ARO officers within the context of part 149. Meeting held in June 2023 with the CAA to clarify, and find a way forward on these topics. So far regulation updates have occurred to change “Designated” to “Approved”. It was also agreed that Part 149 required a rewrite, but nothing occurred until a CARCom repeal notice was submitted.
- Letter received from the CAA in Q1 2025 to establish a workgroup to discuss “Delegation / Designation of DCA's Powers Workshop” from a proposal by the Minister of Transport. The first meeting is planned for 15 May 2025 – will establish participation and Terms of Reference. We trust that this new initiative will gain the RA sector in getting traction with the impasse on all the regulatory inconsistencies and get real engagement of a Part 149 rewrite.
- Ensuring specified SLA turnaround times for ATF's & NPLs – new SLA has been proposed and now named SLS (Service Level Standards) – no improvement noted
- Engagement with DFFE on national park overflights with specifics to penalties – height restrictions, also on Barberton Mountains as a Heritage site. The maps that show these areas were not available. Better consultation between the ATS dept at SACAA, Dept of Transport, the DFFE and industry has been promised. The maps are now on the CAA website.
- Engagement on SKA requirements – At this point MOA between DOT & DSI has excluded Aviation Frequencies, A Technical Committee has been established with a Terms of Reference in progress – slow progress on this topic between the two Ministries
- Review of Part 66.4 as part of the AP Panel – alignment with AME categories – still has no traction within the CAA
- Part 62 and 96 – Rewrite in progress various AeCSA ARO's involved – much of the workgroup work is done, however still serious objections on the table mostly related to catering for small operators (and the heavy admin overload requirements) and the inappropriate definition of a parachute as an aircraft. Will be opposed at CARcom.



- New Part 95 Special Air Events – AeCSA will be part of the process to develop this new regulation, first workshop held Q1 of 2025
- Part 47 – Process for aircraft build projects, registration as an aircraft of a build project. The SACAA do not want to register a partially built aircraft before an authority to fly is issued. Banks do not want to give finance and insurers will not insure without a registration number. This proposal has been opposed by industry. A proposal by industry that a temporary registration is allocated is being considered and will be discussed at a workgroup meeting in May.
- Part 43 – 12-year engine overhaul rule. After several meetings, the SACAA agreed to a compromise and the regulation was amended to read that the manufacturer's requirements determine the frequency and extent of engine overhauls. This is applicable to only private use of aircraft.
- Part 61 – Radio Telephony Examiners. The SACAA proposed to change the qualification criteria and allocation of a RTE designation. Industry has constantly opposed this in the workgroup meetings. Agreement reached that there should be different levels of RT proficiency eg: ground AFIS only, controlling etc. Also, that the needs of pilots of parts 62, 68, 69 and 106 should be accommodated. Workgroup to meet again.
- Industry Liaison Forum. An area of concern that was highlighted in the ILF presentations is the increase in general and recreational aviation accidents. This prompted a response from CAASA and the Aero Club to request a meeting to discuss the future of a safety strategy for ga/recreational aviation. A meeting was held with 2 SACAA executives where it was agreed that in future there should be much more industry consultation and involvement in the approach and application of a ga/recreational safety awareness campaign. Future meetings to set goals are planned

Other Industry interaction:

- Approved Persons. An initiative to form a representative body for APs has commenced. The purpose is to have a recognised forum that represents the interests of the Aps. Two meetings were held and the process is underway. A further meeting is planned during May. The Aero Club and industry AP representatives are the coordinators of this.
- Third Party Liability Cover for Aero Club Section Events. The insurers refused to renew the 3rd party liability cover for section events for 2025. It appears that general and recreational events are regarded as high risk. Several consultations and in-person meetings were held with 2 brokers. During these meetings detailed explanations were given of what the different AeCSA section events are, how the sections and the AeCSA manage events and that all legal compliance is done. A further in-person meeting is planned. After this meeting, a decision will have to be taken on the AeCSA's approach to the 3rd party liability issue.



c) Constitution Update

A proposal was tabled at a Council meeting in 2024 regarding the composition of the Board or Executive Committee – with a reminder that for most of 2023 and part of 2024 there was no Vice-Chairman appointed. Nominally the Vice-Chairman would be the natural follow on to the Chair – however not always the case.

It was decided that in order to secure a more robust and secure Board, that the Council would propose a chairman-elect during any given year to ensure continuity and handover is well executed. To this end an update to the constitution is proposed as per the wording in 6.3 (c).

Proposed: Rob Jonkers Seconded: Paul Lastrucci

6 Board of Directors (Executive Officers)

6.1 Composition of the Board of Directors (Executive Committee)

The Board of Directors or otherwise known as the Executive Committee may comprise of:

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice – Chairman
- c. Treasurer
- d. Elected officers
- e. General Manager, if appointed

6.3 Appointment of the Board of Directors (Executive Committee)

- a) The Council will be called to order by the immediate past Chairman within one hour of the closing of the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, elected officers and Treasurer will be elected by majority vote by the Council annually from amongst the appointed Council Members at the first meeting of the Council following the Annual General Meeting of the Aero Club of South Africa NPC, subject to a maximum continuous term in office of six years. After an initial 3 year term these elected officers will automatically stand down but can offer themselves available for re-election.
- c) At the first Council meeting post the AGM or at the next available Council meeting, the Council to elect a Chairman-Elect who is to be selected from the elected Board, who could be the Vice-Chairman or one of the elected officers. This will allow for future Board succession leadership planning
- d) The Board of Directors may elect and appoint a General Manager, who would fulfil the role of a director, but not subject to the fixed term period stipulations as defined in 5.9. The General Manager needs to be a Member of the Company, either through a Member Association or as an Associate Member.
- e) The Board may appoint further co-opted Directors as it deems appropriate, which Directors may be appointed for a specific purpose or to fulfil a specific task, or for a specific duration. Such Directors need to be Members of the Company, either through a Member Association or as an Associate Member.
- f) Should any Director vacancy occur on the Executive Committee, by resignation or otherwise, a meeting of the Council shall be convened to fill the vacancy.



Opening of 1st Council Meeting

Given there were no new nominations, and only the current Chairman standing down, no breakout room was invoked – as proposed by Johan Boucher with consensus of the membership, thus the election of the Executive Committee was carried out in the AGM open forum. Attendance of the Council amongst the members of the 1st Council meeting were:

Attendance

Rob Jonkers – Chairman
Iaan Myburgh – Treasurer
Walter Doubell – CAO, ASSA
Paul Lastrucci – EAA
Kevin Storie – CAASA
Tarryn Myburgh – SAPFA
Simon Smith – DAASA
Louis Stanford – SAHPA
Warren Eva – SAC
Jacques Swiegers – SAGPA
Sandra Strydom – AeCSA
Salome Maree – AeCSA
Frank Eckard – Awards
John Boucher – MISASA

Apologies

Alec Groenewald – SAMAA
Brian Wilford – SSSA
Richard Bovell – BAFSA
Bob Skinner – SAMAA
Rikus Erasmus (ASSA)
Henk van Wyk – PASA
Goitso Diale – RAA

6) Election of New Executive Committee

a) Nominations received for consideration

Current Incumbents

– Rob Jonkers	– Chairman	– elected 2019 (6 Years)
– Iaan Myburgh	– Hon Treasurer	– elected 2023 (2 Years)
– Walter Doubell	– CAO	– appointed 2023
– Goitso Diale	– Exco Member	– elected 2023 (2 Years)
– Louis Stanford	– Exco Member	– co-opted 2023
– Nadine Brooker	– Exco Member	– co-opted 2024



In terms of the constitution, see point below, Rob Jonkers will be required to stand down, the remainder do not require re-nomination unless standing down, and will continue as Exco/board members.

- In terms of the constitution, having served 3 consecutive years, the current Chair has to stand down, however can serve a further 3 years (after which will need to stand down permanently – i.e. a total of 6 years). Thus, if the members so wish, the Chair is available to be re-nominated to serve on Council.

b) Appointment / Election of office bearers

Nominations for the Exco received for consideration:

None

Mr Rob Jonkers reported that the Council resolved on the following Executive Committee for 2025/6:

Chairman – Goitse Diale – Proposed by Kev Storie, Seconded by Louis Stanford

Vice Chairman – Vacant

Hon Treasurer – Iaan Myburgh

CAO – Walter Doubell – As appointed

Exco Member – Louis Stanford

Exco Member – Nadine Brooker

The Council thanked Rob Jonkers for the 9 years of serving on Council. The Exco going forward will review and plan the portfolios

The 1st Council Meeting was closed.

7) Notification of Exco and Closure of the 84th Annual General meeting

The AGM was reconvened, with Mr Rob Jonkers announcing to the attendees the Aero Club Executive Committee. The members thanked the previous Exco for their support in the last year, also in particular the Office staff Sandra & Salome for their support to the membership throughout the year.

The Annual General Meeting were closed and members were thanked for their attendance.