

Subject: Membership Message 16/2021

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Dear Members,

WACA Office Update

As announced in Membership Message 14/2021, a final rental agreement between IATA and WACA had been received and signed up to the end of 2021. It was foreseen that it would not be an easy task to vacate the premises in such a short time frame having to sort, store, scan 50 years of files, minutes, legal and financial records etc. not to mention the migration of WACA's domain name and all that it entails. This has proved to be the case and so an extension of at least three months has been obtained. This will allow WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, to convene a Council meeting in Montreal in the first quarter of 2022 and review the situation first hand with the other Council Members and decide what action needs to be taken moving forward.

Africana Festival

The Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East Region is pleased to announce that it will be hosting an "Africana Festival" in Durban/Wild Coast, South Africa, from 19–25 April. A detailed brochure and registration form will be issued as soon as possible.

53rd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2022 Interline Celebration

The tour operator who will be handling the logistics has confirmed the pre-AGA tour, 53rd AGA and post-AGA tour dates and locations, i.e. Pre-AGA Tour: Java Grand Tour. 9–16 October 2022. Venue: departs from Yogyakarta, concludes in Bali. 53rd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2021 Interline Celebration, 16–21 October. Venue: Bali, Indonesia. Post-AGA Tour: Land of the Dragons and the Lesser Sunda Islands, 21–25 October. Venue: departs from Bali and concludes in Bali. The post-AGA tour will have two groups: the first group will commence the tour in the town of Senggigi and then take the deluxe phinisi sailing ship; the second group will commence the tour on the deluxe phinisi sailing ship and then transfer to the town of Senggigi. The cost of the tours and the 53rd AGA package as well as registration forms and a detailed brochure will be issued in due course. *It is important to note that the 53rd AGA and tours will only take place if the government of Indonesia opens its borders to visitors.*

Membership Dues

Chief Finance Officer, *Sharon Slessor*, advises that she will be sending the annual membership dues notices in late January and takes this opportunity to wish all in our WACA family a Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Obituary

Regional Coordinator for North America, *Linda Lenters*, has received a message from Member-at-Large, *Debbie Day*, sadly informing about the passing of her beloved husband, *Richard (Rick)*, after battling a rare intestinal volvulus. Debbie and Rick had been together for 56 years and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2020. They have three children and five grandchildren. Friends may gather from 2.00–5.00 p.m. on Sunday, December 19 at Merkle Funeral Service, North Monroe, Michigan, United States. Debbie has posted further details on her Facebook page. Sincere condolences are sent to Debbie at this sad time.

Membership Messages

Communicate

“Membership Messages” are sent out on a regular basis to WACA Member Clubs, Members-at-Large and other individuals closely connected to WACA. Recipients in Member Clubs are requested to forward these messages to all members of their respective Club or direct their members to the News and Press Releases section of WACA's website where the messages are posted: www.waca.org/news/Pages/index.aspx.

Contribute

If any WACA member has anything they would like to contribute to the next “Membership Message” please send the information to the attention of the WACA Administration Manager at WACA Headquarters.

Yours in interlining,

Keith Miller
WACA Administration Manager