

Dear Members,

WACA Council Meeting

The 1st WACA Council Meeting of 2019 was held on 7 April in Fleet, England. The minutes are currently being prepared and a summary will be sent to the membership in due course.

52nd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The WACA Africana Festival 2019 Registrations

Registrations for the AGA are progressing steadily although the organising committee of the Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East Region would be happy to receive more registration forms from those who are interested to attend the 52nd AGA as well as the pre- and post-AGA tours.

Pre-AGA Tour: Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park

Handling Partner

The handling partner for the AGA is very keen to assist participants on the pre-AGA package with their airfare booking Johannesburg/Livingstone/Johannesburg upon request. Participants who are interested in taking this option, as advised previously, should communicate their flight requirements to the organising team to ensure they receive the correct rate. It is important to note that these flights are not being organised by WACA. They are not part of the pre-AGA package and nor is the transfer cost of USD 20.00 per person Livingstone airport/hotel/Livingstone airport from these flights.

Participants can, of course, make their own positive space airfare bookings and www.cheapoair.com has been recommended as a booking site for a possibly more favourable rate.

Post-AGA Tour: Kruger National Park

Participants are advised that the departure for the post-AGA tour to the Kruger Park will now be at 07:30 to allow more time in the Park.

Brochures about the 52nd AGA, the pre-AGA tour to Victoria Falls, the post-AGA tours to the Kruger National Park and Cape Town, as well as the relevant registration forms, can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: www.waca.org/events.

Grand Venture Bonanza

And the Winners is ...

The second draw of 2019 for a USD 100.00 cash prize donated by WACA was made today by IATA Business Analyst, *Caroline Liu*. There were 693 tickets in the draw and the lucky winner is Member-at-Large *Kimberly Domokos* with ticket number 14484. ***Congratulations.***

Next Draw

The remaining 692 tickets will now be included in the next draw scheduled to be held at the end of May for a USD 100.00 cash prize graciously donated by the Vancouver Interline Club.

The May drawing will be followed by a drawing at the end of June for a fabulous prize of a package for one based on double occupancy to attend the 52nd WACA AGA: The WACA Africana Festival 2019 to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 27–31 October graciously donated by the WACA Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East Region.

Don't delay buy your tickets now for a chance to win one of the above great prizes or one of the other wonderful prizes in the draws that will be held throughout the year.

WACA Contact

A May 2019 issue of the WACA Contact is attached to this e-mail which replaces all previous issues.

Please review for accuracy any specific entry that applies to you and/or your Club. Should you require an amendment to an entry in the Contact, please forward your request by e-mail to my attention.

WACA Facebook Site

WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, would like as many members as possible to “Like” his posting on the WACA Facebook site about the Mauritius wildlife foundation which in turn will be shared with the WACA members’ friends on Facebook. This will provide some good publicity for the WACA Facebook site.

The WACA Facebook site has now grown to just over 580 interliners from all parts of the world. WACA Representatives of Member Clubs are reminded to ensure that *all members* of your respective Club are told about this social media way of communicating. *This is the best communication tool to attract new, young, members into our Association so your cooperation to advise all your members about the WACA Facebook site will be greatly appreciated.*

To be accepted as a “friend” on the site, you have to be affiliated with an airline or related industries as well as with WACA. The administrators of the Group page will allow for healthy and constructive two-way exchanges of communication and ideas. It is, however, at the discretion of the administrators to determine which posts are inappropriate and those which must be removed: www.facebook.com/waca.hq?hc_location=timeline.

Events Calendar

Update

The I.C. Portugal has now issued the programme for the always popular annual Grande Festa which this year is scheduled to take place in Lamêgo and Douro Vinhateiro from 2–5 October.

Specific details about the above events can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: www.waca.org/events.

Sri Lanka Tragedy

The following message has been received from the Sri Lanka Interline Club President, *Ranjeeva Senanayake*.

It is with deep sorrow this news is shared. In the wake of the recent unfortunate incident in Colombo, we have lost two cabin crew members of Saudi Arabian Airlines whilst another crew member is still under close medical care in hospital. May their souls rest in eternal peace with our thoughts and prayers going to the family members. A request is made to all WACA members to kindly observe a time of silence and offer your prayers.

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,

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