

Dear Members,

### **WACA Council Meeting**

The 1st WACA Council Meeting of 2023 was held on 24 January in Vancouver, Canada, graciously hosted by *Judith Guevara* and *Greg Clark* in their home. The meeting was held to coincide with the Memorial Service for WACA Past President, *Gerry Philbrook*, which current President, *Maga Ramasamy*, and myself attended. Many thanks are expressed to Judith and Greg as well as to the Vancouver Interline Club which invited us to attend an executive meeting of the Club and presented us with a surprise welcome cake.

### **WACA Manual Part I**

Further to the Constitution amendment of 1.5.2(a) adopted at the 53rd AGA, please find attached a February 2023 issue of the WACA Manual Part I which replaces the October 2017 version.

### **WACA Contact**

A new appointment to the WACA Council as well as other positions that had not already been filled were decided during the Council Meeting held in Vancouver. Members who are holding the various positions can be viewed in the attached February 2023 issue of the WACA Contact. Congratulations and thanks are expressed to all who have agreed to volunteer their time to the Association.

Members are requested to please review for accuracy any specific entry that applies to you and/or your Club in the attached. Should you require an amendment to an entry for inclusion in the next issue, please send your request by e-mail to my attention: [millerk@iata.org](mailto:millerk@iata.org).

### **WACA Office**

IATA has commenced a major renovation project to reduce the current amount of office space. The work entails closing all floors in due course to renovate which means all the IATA staff will have to work from home for long periods while their specific work areas are renovated. Due to this renovation work, WACA has been requested to vacate its office space as soon as possible until further notice. This will require me to work completely from home once again in the same manner as I did during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Association will retain access remotely to the IATA office for e-mail, folders, the website, etc. and receive full IT support as required.

### **Royal Visit**

WACA's Ambassador for Blind Children, *Suheil Baqaem*, recently had the great honour of welcoming Jordan's Crown Prince Hussein and his fiancée Rajwa Al Saif at his workshop for the blind: <https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FLsRtDPlwmDY&data=05%7C01%7Cmillerk%40iata.org%7C7ffc37865d88411fa91608db061c4afa%7Cad22178472a84263ac860ccc6b152cd8%7C0%7C0%7C638110491164366681%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CPPH7e6pWYt2s8bO8wJqTa7M6hFKAxijHPHOrDPFgyQ%3D&reserved=0>.

### **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](http://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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