

Dear Members,

56th Annual General Assembly: The 2025 Interline Celebration

Organised by the WACA Council, 124 interliners participated at the 56th AGA held in Malta from 1–5 October. Tours highlighting the islands fascinating history and breathtaking views were arranged and the traditional Regional Night and Gala Dinner amongst other things were enjoyed by all.

Pre- and Post-AGA Tours

Twenty-eight participants were on the pre-AGA tour of Cyprus where they toured around the Greek part of the divided island with some crossing over into the Turkish part of the island for a brief time. A total of fifty-eight participants were on the sold out Highlights of Sicily post-AGA tour which included an excursion on the ash covered slopes of volcanic Mount Etna.

Election of President and Auditors for 2025–27

The Assembly convened on 4 October but did not have a quorum so, as prescribed by the Constitution, the current Council Members and Auditors will remain in office until the next Assembly.

WACA Donates to a Maltese Charity

During the 56th AGA WACA donated school supplies and cash to an educational charity in Malta managed by the former President of Malta, Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca. She graced the Assembly to brief the participants on her various missions and to receive the donations. It is a long tradition with WACA to donate to a local charity at its AGAs held all over the world. WACA also continues to support charities in Madeira and Mauritius.

Seen in the attachment is Her Excellency, second from the left, receiving the school supplies from the WACA Ambassador for Vulnerable Children, Anneline Hetland Tjessem. WACA President, Maga Ramasamy, is on Her Excellency's right and WACA's Chief Marketing/Events Officer, Silva, Kandiah, is seen on the left of Anneline.

Scent of Colours

The Scent of Colours initiative led by WACA Ambassador for Blind Children, Suheil Baqaeen, empowers visually impaired individuals and people with disabilities to express themselves through art. He organises workshops and interactive exhibitions where participants create talents and promote social inclusion. The initiative combines art and education to create a positive lasting impact.

Attached is a picture of a Certificate of Appreciation that was presented to Suheil at a recent trade event under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President of the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman of Dubai Airports, Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline and Group.

Regional Coordinator for the North American Region

The Regional Coordinator for the North American Region, who also oversees the affairs of the Latin America and Caribbean Region, Linda Lenters, has advised that she is stepping down. Freddie Whiting of the Vancouver Interline Club was formally proposed by the Calgary and Vancouver Interline Clubs on the 56th AGA Delegate Credential Form so, pursuant to 2.6.11(c) of the Bylaws, the Council has approved the appointment of Freddie as Regional Coordinator for the North American Region to serve until the next General Assembly.

The Council formally conveys a big thank you to Linda for all her hard work and dedication over the past several years and welcomes Freddie to the team.

Membership Messages

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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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