

Dear Members,

Today almost the whole world is in confinement due to the Corona Virus pandemic. The connectivity is now mostly with Aircraft on Ground (AOG) mode due to the pandemic. But all governments realise that airlines are playing a vital task for humanitarian causes following the Covid-19 outbreak. WACA would like to pay tribute to all the Airline Champions who have been at the forefront for the past weeks. Doubtless to say that we have lots of our members who are involved day and night facing various challenges, be it professionally or personally, in this period of the time but rest assured that you are all in our thoughts.

As an association within the airline industry, our administration has also been hit badly and for the time being we have put all our activities and actions on hold as nobody today can predict what will happen in the next coming months. Our main annual event, the AGA in Bali scheduled for October, is still on until further notice. Our Chief Marketing/Events Officer, Julian Chau, is in contact with the tour operator and the hotel to see how we can eventually strike a better deal thus rendering the package more attractive.

The WACA Council planned to have a Council Meeting in Paris this month with an invitation to attend extended to WACA's Regional Coordinators, Auditors, Ambassadors and Associates but it is now been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Our aim is to put in place a 10-year plan for WACA 2020–2030 as a responsible not-for-profit organization within the airline industry. Alternatively, we are looking for the possibility of a Zoom Video Communications remote conference meeting in case the confinement will last for an extended period of time.

As social distancing has been imposed in many jurisdictions, I invite you to stay in close contact with our Association via any social media means at your disposal. It's also a good occasion for major housekeeping to get rid of unused items in your drawers and retrieve fond memories of your participation in WACA events over the past years. You may wish to share photographs or documents with Julian or Keith and they will arrange to have them posted on a WACA Memories Gallery.

At this unique time, I beg you all to stay strong and to bear in mind: *we are not stuck at home, we are **safe at home**.*

Yours sincerely,

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