



WORLD AIRLINES CLUBS ASSOCIATION

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President's Annual Report.

Introduction

Year 2009 is the first year term of office of the new team that took office in October 2008 in Nassau, Bahamas. We still have another one more year to put in place the resolutions taken at the level of Assemblies and/or Executive Committee Meetings. Generally year 2009 was not a good year for the industry, economically speaking and WACA has to cruise through to position itself against all difficulties which we may have encountered in realizing our projects. Our team has been working hard to implement decisions taken and also to work closely as one body in producing the 42nd AGA in Kuala Lumpur hosted by the Executive Committee.

EC Meeting.

Thanks to the good means of communication we established the years before we are satisfied that one scheduled EC meeting is more appropriate nowadays. This year our EC meeting was held in Montreal as hosted by the Montreal Interline Club. Good opportunity for our new comers on the EC to visit the WACA Head Quarters and to understand the issue whenever we are taking any decision as regards the virtual office we have been talking for quite some years. Good and valuable decisions were taken at that meeting and summary of which was circulated to the membership. Prior this EC meeting I have the privilege to discuss matter with my assistants and to collect various resolutions taken at the level of the Assemblies, workshops and engagement forums and to craft a right strategy for the years to come. We were pleased to come up with a new Vision and Mission:

Vision

To be the best recognized social organization for employees, family and friends in the airline and related industries.

Mission

To organize local and international social events for active and retired employees, family and friends so that they will be united in friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding and link with Social Responsibility projects.

Regional Meetings.

All the five regions held their own Regional meetings which mostly taken place just after our EC Meeting, with the exception of the North American region. I am pleased that RVPs disseminated the deliberations of our last EC meeting to the club members. I attended the regional meeting of the AIM region which was hosted by the Paille-en-queue Social Club of Air Mauritius. This was an occasion to have Julian Chau the secretary General to be present and to meet together to discuss the preparation of the AGA as hosted by WACA.

Social Responsibility.

I am glad to notice that members clubs through your educational tours you are supporting Social responsibility projects. I have personally followed the sustainable Fikelela projects in Capetown which we initiated on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of WACA. I have on behalf of all interliners of WACA remitted a check of ZAR 6000 and also bought toiletries and educational materials amounting to ZAR 866.87 remitted the same to the responsible of the Day Care Centre of the infected children of HIV/AIDS. This year again for the AGA in Kuala Lumpur we are supporting the needy children in providing them with educational materials, which goes in line with the UN Millennium Development Goals. I have also participated as WACA president together with the PEQ Social Club of Air Mauritius in organising a seminar on Sustainable Tourism in the context of the UN World Tourism Day and to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Club.

Communication

I am delighted to note that communications among members clubs through our WWNews in the electronic format is paving its way rightly and also notice that the North American region has an electronic version of regional News. I make it a duty to communicate all messages received from head quarters and also from member clubs and EC Members. I would recommend that over and above emails, Skype which is coming at its own pace now, it is recommendable that interliners could be on Face Book now.

WACA Portal and ID cards.

In one of the correspondence I sent and also based on the decisions taken by both the assembly and the EC meeting, we would like to have a full fledge WACA portal designed with all its facilities enabling us to survive for the decades to come so as each and every interliner could have the WACA office in front of them and interact from the tips of the fingers. We are aiming to have a WACA virtual office and to be supported by the WACA Id cards. Sponsors have been contacted to support WACA in this endeavor and we hope to be able to realize this project before the end of our mandate in 2010.

New WACA Structure.

Upon our last engagement forum we had in Cape Town, the matter was again discussed at the level of our EC Meeting and we are pleased to note that some clubs have come forward with ideas and decisions to be taken at the level of this assembly. I would wish to have good debates on that matter before final decision taken thereon. We do hope that this go in line with our philosophy of streamlining our organization with a view to make it more efficient and effective for the benefits of the membership at large.

AGA in Kuala Lumpur.

The Secretary General, based on his past experience and proximity of some of his organizing team with the Malaysia Tourism Board had been given all the necessary green light to proceed in establishing necessary contacts to make this AGA one among the best ever organized and after all it is being hosted by WACA and am very pleased to notice that we have gone above our expected target. The pre and post packages have also been some value added to the main package. I am so glad that the registration via the WACA headquarters was effectively managed by the Headquarters team. Some changes to the format of the AGA is being done to make maximum use of the facilities of the venue and also the Gala Dinner converted into the president's ball are new concepts brought in and we shall be pleased to get maximum feedback from interliners after the AGA with a view to improve in the future.

Recife AGA in 2010.

I would like to thank club delegates for your mail vote to choose Recife as our next Interline Celebration and at this present Interline Celebration we shall have the privilege to welcome the representative of the Brazilian Tourism Board to enhance the presentation on the next venue of our Annual Event. I do hope that we shall get some registrations for nest year event in Kuala Lumpur itself.

Acknowledgement

I would like to seize this occasion to thank all my humble assistants, Britt Aakerman and Jenny Adams as well as Peter Gillardoni with whom I interacted quite often and all my fellow EC members and other members of Honour for guidance and the WACA headquarters team. My special thanks go to all the interliners supporting us in our endeavor.

Respectfully submitted

Yours Interlining

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