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Dear Member,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all SAMJA members a very prosperous new year and many successful flying hours. As this is the first communiqué since the 2011 AGM there are a couple of issues I would like to highlight.

1) 2012 SAMJA Open

The 2012 SAMJA Open will be held at Swartkop Museum on 21 and 22 April 2012. Please find attached entry forms. Please take note that there will be score sheets on the web site that can be downloaded, maneuvers entered and pre-printed.

Please take note that this will be the second of three qualifiers for the 2013 IJMC WJM and this competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2010/2011 IJMC Rules. Even if the rule amendments as decided on at the 2012 IJMC AGM are published before the competition, the 2010/2011 IJMC Rules will still be applicable. Final details and confirmations will be posted closer to the competition.

2) SAMJA Constitution

Please find attached the new SAMJA constitution as voted on and accepted at the 2011 SAMJA AGM. It is of vital importance that all members make themselves familiar with the contents as it differs vastly from the original.

Please do not forward any suggestions or changes now as amendments can only be done with a formal constitutional change and a vote at the 2012 SAMJA AGM.

3) Subscriptions

Most members should have received a membership renewal notice from our treasurer, Johan Groenewald, by now. Please respond to this timeously. The closing date for renewals is 31 March 2012. Also take note that according to the new constitution there will be a R500.00 re-joining fee for members who renew late.

No cash payments will be accepted and proof of payment should be faxed to 012-3077109 Attention: JA Groenewald.

The renewal fee is R120.00 and should be paid to:

Bank: Standard Bank
Branch code: 012345 - Menlyn
Current Account: 023183500

Also take note that the minimum proficiency rating (Vlamgat) will expire for members who are not current and paid-up. SAMAA will also be notified of such cancellations.

4) Capital Expenditure and Judging Seminar

As was the case two years ago, the IJMC will be hosting a Judging Seminar in Rheinbach during March 2012. At a recent committee meeting this issue was discussed at length and it was decided to support Mr Johan Ehlers (Snr) and Mr Kenney Morey in attending this event.

The SAMJA Committee has earmarked Mr Kenney Morey as a successor to Mr Johan Ehlers(Snr) as it is of vital importance to have a sustainable plan in the event that Mr Johan Ehlers(Snr) decides to retire from active judging.

The IJMC is very clear that no judge will be considered to be invited to a WJM unless he has attend the bi-annual judging seminar. South Africa has always been priviledged to have at least one judge on the static or flying panel which is a masive advantage for Team South Africa from an informational point of view.

At the recent IJMC AGM the IJMC constitution was also ammended to pave the way for countries to have more than one judge at a WJM. There is no guarantee that Mr Kenny Morey will be invited to Switzerland in 2013, but we have to start somewhere.

As it is a massive personal expense for both gentlemen, the SAMJA committee has decided to assist them both with a contribution of R8000.00 per person. This will cover at least their airfare. All other costs will be for their own account.

Mr Johan Ehlers(Snr) has agreed to offer, in return for the support, a local judging seminar which will be held over a weekend. The first day will most probably cover the static part and the second day the flying part. I do believe that Mr Kenny Morey will assist him in his efforts.

This will be a proactive approach to expanding our pool of judges and to ensure that all our judges are properly trained and informed.

Due to the limitation of a debit per one event as prescribed in the new constitution, I have to seek the approval of the membership for this transaction. The total amount will be R16 000.00. If you do have any objections to this please contact me via email before Friday, 17 February 2012. If I do not receive any objections by this date, we will proceed with the support.

Also find attached the support request from Mr Johan Ehlers(Snr).

5) SAMAA Membership

I recently became aware of the fact that some SAMJA members fail to renew their SAMAA membership. Please take note that your SAMJA membership is only valid while you are a paid up member of SAMAA and in good standing. As per the SAMJA constitution and SAMAA constitution the onus is on you, the member, to inform both

organisations of any change in your contact details. By keeping your contact details current you can be assured that you will be notified of membership renewals.

6) Committee

At our first committee meeting held on 15 November 2011, Glen Roberts indicated that he would like to step down as vice-chair due to a recent change in his work circumstances. I would like to thank Glen for all the effort and time that he has dedicated towards SAMJA and his influence on raising the level of competition. The position of vice-chair was allocated to the treasurer, Johan Groenewald.

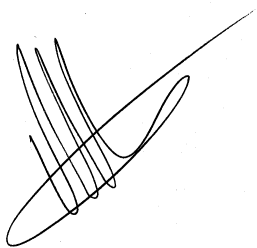
7) Web Page

Our web page www.sajets.co.za is up and running. Please take note that all relevant documentation regarding our association will be published on this web site.

It would be greatly appreciated if we could receive some contributions from members in the form of technical information, photographs for our gallery or just some reports on local events.

Please feel free to contact our web master, Dylan Roberts, in this respect (dylan@cointech.co.za).

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Marthinus Potgieter (Chairman)