

2018/9 SAHPA ELECTION - BALLOT PAPER

I, _____ Membership No: _____ ID No: _____
A bona fide member in good standing of the South African Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, hereby vote
for the following members by placing an **X** against the names of the selected candidates under the Paragliding
Representative section (**only vote for one per category**) (*Students and non-current members cannot vote*)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO):

Chairman (Board of Directors)	
Zenti Bishop	
Peter Wallenda	

Treasurer (Board of Directors)	
Alec Booth	
Steven Burd	

Vice Chairman (Board of Directors)	
Ria Moothilal	

Marketing Manager	
Ronnie Beukes	

Operations Manager - No nomination received
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Access Manager - No nomination received
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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

Powered Section Representative:
Nicholas Petropoulos

Paragliding Representative
- No nomination received

Hang Gliding Section Representative
- No nomination received

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12 October 2018 (By Faxes, Email and mail)

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Signed: _____

Date: _____

MANIFESTOS

SAHPA CHAIRMAN

1. ZENTI BISHOP

Who Am I:

I started paragliding in 2003 at the age of 13 and has since then never looked back.

I have been flying for a total of 15 years now and have been involved with many clubs over the years from Xntrix, cloudbusters Glen paragliding club.

Why I think I should be elected to the committee in that particular role (What do I want to achieve):

The past year as chairman of SAHPA has been a tough one. We as a committee were faced with many challenges including but not limited to ATO renewals, ATO Management, rewriting the training and procedures manual so schools can operate legally and in line with Civil Aviation regulations part 141 of the civil aviation act 13 of 2011.AA

We spent a lot of time editing the MOP and properly involved each respective discipline within our organisation. For the first time I received feedback from the Hang gliding and powered paragliding guys saying how amazing it is that their concerns and opinions are listened to and that they are not simply undermined like they were in the past.

We have a lot of work to do going forward as an organisation that faces constant pressure from government organisations like the RAASA or CAA There For this organisation needs a strong leader, one who knows all the regulations , one that will fight for every discipline in this organisation and is not scared to stand up in a room with 40 plus officials and say no we simply cannot comply to these ridiculous regulations you are proposing !

Sahpa needs a chairman who doesn't allow his friends to be above the law or makes special rules to enrich him or herself. Sahpa needs a chairman with integrity and self-worth, one who put the people in this organisation above himself, there needs before his. I believe I am the right candidate for this job and I urge all of you to consider re-electing me as your chairman and friend. Let's continue what we have started let's complete the outstanding work and let's keep fighting for what we believe in, Freedom of flight.

My Qualifications / experience for the role are:

Sahpa chairman for 2017-2018

Instructor with 15 years of flying experience

Corporate project managing background with more than 10 years' experience

2. PETE WALLEND

Who Am I:

I am a professional pilot and instructor and most of my life revolves around paragliding., I own a paragliding school and paragliding equipment service center and I am involved with building new gliders and equipment with European associates according to European specifications. I have been flying since 1986 and was part of the original group that set up SAHPA and the training of pilots. My love for flying and the future is thereof is evident in my daily life.

Why I think I should be elected to the committee in that particular role (What do I want to achieve):

The benefits I believe can bring if elected to the committee in the role of chairman (i.e.) what I want to achieve)?

I am a leader with the vision and necessary skills to put a team together that is formidable in their roles to make SAHPA a professional and successful Organisation.

SAHPA Needs to have an overall 'rewire'. We must 'clean the house' by starting with the way we communicate to our members. Simplifying processes and forms, going digital & creating a sense of responsibility & belonging with all members. I have an excellent support system of the talented individuals that will assist in this single-minded effort.

My Qualifications / experience for the role are:

I am a business owner and one of my businesses is all about paragliding and the future thereof. From training new pilots, flying professional tandems, equipment sales and the development of new equipment. In the past I have served as co-chairman of SAHPA, Glen Paragliding chairman(for several years) and organized several competition for all pilots (Gatskop). I understand paragliding as a whole and all the people that are involved. I am a team player, motivator and good mediator! I look forward to and appreciate you support.

VICE CHAIRMAN

RIA MOOTHILAL

Who Am I:

I am a paragliding pilot based in the Western Cape and have a love for all air sports. I'm a qualified engineer however now make a living as a data scientist in the corporate world. My field of expertise include data analysis, management consulting and problem solving. I'm a logical thinker who strives to understand the bigger picture with regards to solving problems and advising on strategic decisions.

Why I think I should be elected to the committee in that particular role (What do I want to achieve):

I would like to work together with he chair and the rest of the committee to grow the sport of paragliding. A bigger sport is in everyone's best interests. I don't believe we are anywhere close to where we should be in terms of the number of South Africans participating in this sport, yet we have some of the best paragliding sites in the world. Th man in the street currently does not even know just how accessible this form of flight is, or how far we've come from just running of hills.

My primary objective f being on the committee would be to drive initiatives that seek to grow our sport.

My Qualifications / experience for the role are:

Paragliding since 2014, skydiving since 2005, currently the chair of the Glen PG Club, a BSc Eng. degree and more than 10 years of using data to solve problems, advise senior management and influence consumer behaviour.

TREASURER

ALEC BOOTH

Who am I:

I am an avid aviator. I hold a private licence for fixed wing aircraft with various ratings including a twin Baron B58 as well as a private licence in Helicopter. Collective flying hours over 1500 all for recreational purposes. I have been paragliding since 2002 but stopped after Tristan's accident in 2005. I got back into paragliding and paramotoring and has since obtained my tandem rating for PPG. I live in East London, love the outdoors and for a day job I am a chartered Accountant for the Kempston Group who employ over 7000 people.

Why I think I should be elected to the committee in that particular role (What do I want to achieve):

Based on my aviation background together with my expert understanding of accounting and how the business industry operates I believe I am able to make a difference and add a huge amount of value to the industry. I hope to create more transparency around the finances and attempt to make the sport more affordable and accessible to all.

My qualifications/ Experience for the role are:

I am a Chartered Accountant with over 15 years commercial experience.

STEVEN BURD

Who am I:

I started paragliding in the early years of 1989 and witnessed the growth in both the sport and the technology. I thoroughly enjoy free flying and being at one with nature, also sharing the experience with students from both a tandem perspective and those wanting to learn on their own. I hold a PG instructor and TFI rating.

Why I think I should be elected to the committee in that particular role (What do I want to achieve):

I would like to streamline the financial and management processes so as to ensure consistency in application, transparency and develop a funding model that aligns with the differing disciplines. I believe Sahpa needs to bring about strategic change and direction through a unified team and will play an active role in achieving such coherency.

My Qualifications / Experience:

I am a chartered account with a master's degree in business administration, having worked in South Africa, Namibia, London, Germany & Eastern Europe and Australia. A brief summary of work experience includes: articles with Deloitte, started a Namibian office for Deloitte, London based Finance Director for subsidiaries of FTSE listed Company, Australia based Business and Financial Consultant, Head of Risk Management function of Old Mutual South Africa, Rest of Africa and Emerging Markets, for all risk types and now full time TFI.

MARKETING MANAGER

RONNIE BEUKES

Who Am I?

I have been involved in paragliding since 1989. I love the outdoors, I love people and I am passionate about paragliding.

Why I think I should be elected to the committee in that particular role (What do I want to achieve):

For the 2018/2019 season the clock has moved on and it is time for other people to get elected to the key SAHPA positions. My focus as Marketing Manager will be to complement every member – social pilot, instructor and tandem operator. We live in a digital world, driven by social media, and we must explore this opportunity.

Paragliding training schools have been given a place and own identity, under the SAHPA ATO. New improved training manuals have emerged, and new recruits will get the benefits of these. We are in line with what is expected from SAHPA as an organization, but without the right marketing strategy and regular feedback we as members have no idea where we fit into the system. It is time to open our wings and enjoy the freedom of the sport we so much care for. We need to take control of our marketing side and explore and expose ourselves, with every opportunity, to brand our pilots and SAHPA.

My Qualifications / Experience:

I have been in the marketing industry since 1996, assisting companies from the smallest to corporate, in their marketing strategies and marketing material. My personal feeling is that schools do a lot to promote the sport, but centrally from SAHPA's side we have zero exposure other than the Go Fly Magazine that is only read by members. Our busy lifestyles make electronic media, e.g. newsletters and social media, a viable marketing channel that is currently under-utilized.

We share such a beautiful sport and with the right marketing we will be able to take SAHPA and its members on a journey of balance between fun, safety and regulations. We will adopt a business-driven approach in management style, with this said we must look out for each other, we must work for each other and with each other as a team, unbiased and righteous.

The 2018/2019 committee will lead by example with pilots who know the industry and have fun flying, not primarily for personal benefits, but to make sure the legacy of flight will be respected and remembered.

I started paragliding in 1989.

I have been doing paragliding training since 1991, of which more than 10 pilots trained by me received their national colours. I train in all the paragliding related disciplines: PG, PPG, PPC, PPT. My love for the sport and for the people sharing this passion prevails.

I have been a successful entrepreneur since 1996.

Powered Section (PPG/PPT/PPC) Chairman

NICHOLAS PETROPOULOS

Who am I:

I'm passionate about aviation, I've been doing it for over 20 years. I love seeing other pilots learn and grow and develop into safe proficient pilots.

Why I think I should be elected to the committee in that particular role (What do I want to achieve):

To promote Powered paragliding in South Africa, remove politics and promote a fair structure within the Organisation.

My qualifications/ Experience for the role are:

Commercial pilot for over 20 years, Grade 2 instructor on corporate jet aircraft, PPG Instructor. Owner and operator of aviation company managing and operating corporate jet aircraft. But have much more fun on my PPG.