

2017 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	
Ronnie Beukes	

Vice Chairman (Board of Directors)	

Treasurer (Board of Directors)	
Alec Booth	

Access Manager	

Marketing Manager	
Tracey King	

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

Hang Gliding Section Representative	

Paragliding Representative	
Anthony Allen	
Pete Wallenda	

Powered Section Representative:	
Riaan Struwig	
Nicholas Petropoulos	

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Or

16 June 2017 (Only in Person at AGM held in Barberton)

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 14 years now and have been involved with many clubs over the years from Xntrix, cloudbusters and for the past year I have been chairman of the Glen paragliding club in Cape Town.

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

I have a Passion for the sport and have always been active in pilot skills development be it helping at paragliding schools or SIV courses or just encouraging someone who is nervous on their first flight.

I believe that I can make a difference and help grow this sport to its full potential.

I am a go getter and organiser and no task set before me is too big or too small.

My main attributes are; Patience, positivity, understanding , people skills , working well under pressure.

What I would like to achieve as chairman is:

- Total independence from RAASA
- Insurance or protection for TFI pilots
- Positive marketing for the sport (Hang gliding, Paragliding and PPG)
- Membership growth
- Skills development seminars to paragliding schools to help them grow their business and therefore growing the sport in doing so.
- Creating Youth development programs.

My Qualifications / experience for the role are:

- Have assisted SAHPA PG rep
- I'm a tandem rated pilot & have been flying for 14 years and have a passion for the sport.
- Current chairman of Glen paragliding club
- Corporate project managing background with 10 years of experience.

2. RONNIE BEUKES

Who Am I:

I have been involved in paragliding since 1989. I love the outdoors and I love people. And I have always stood up for those whose voices cannot be heard.

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

I have a theory that good leaders should know when to step down from their positions. There is something important in leadership, knowing when it is time to hand over the reins. It is like a pressure cooker, you are under pressure forever. If you stay too long, you burn. Leave the work at the highest point of your popularity, before you stagnate and destroy what you have built. Since 2008 there was a big move to get SAHPA on track, with pressure from RAASA / CAA to get our house in order and regulated, but with this move we lost our identity and our rightful place within the recreational flying industry - we have lost our self-governance, our freedom of pure flight.

With respect to our leaders of the past 3 years, Jon and committee, a lot of work was done behind the scenes that everybody does not know or respect, thank you. Paragliding training schools has 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 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 destiny and future. My thanks to the committee of 2016/2017, give yourselves a pat on the back, well done!

For the 2017/2018 season the clock has moved on and it is time for other people to get elected to the key SAHPA positions. My focus as Chairman will be to complete the final stretch of the transformation and to take SAHPA and its members on a journey of balance between fun on our playground, safety and regulations. We will adopt a business-driven approach in management style, with this said we must look out for each other, we have to work for each other and with each other as a team, unbiased and righteous. The 2017/2018 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.

My Qualifications / experience for the role are:

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 am one of only a few instructors in SAHPA, who can train in all the paragliding related disciplines: PG, PPG, PPC, PPT, etc. so I understand the playground. My school and myself have withstood much resistance over the years and I am still standing strong and growing every year. My love for the sport and for the people sharing this passion prevails. I have been running a successful business since 1996.

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.

MARKETING MANAGER

TRACEY KING

Who am I:

Creative Director with a passion for free flight. Paragliding pilot and instructor, the three life passions often compete for first place on the fun-o-meter.

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

I have been flying since 1992, have served on the committee twice before, and each time felt that only the tip of the ice-berg has been dealt with! There is a desperate need to bring communication platforms into the modern electronic era, and alleviate the complication of continual renewal on an annual basis in hand written format. We also need to modernise our website and the manner in which we transfer information and knowledge to our members. We clearly have no problem in attracting new members, otherwise our schools would not be in business; our problem is in retaining members. During the past year I have identified possible causes and simply need more time to make the required recommendations and adjustments to outdated processes.

My qualifications/ Experience for the role are:

Marketing and design career that spans 25 years. Designer and publisher of the Go Fly Magazine, i.e. general busy body who is connected to, and frequently nags many members on flying related topics across all provinces.

Paragliding Representative

1. ANTHONY ALLEN

Who am I:

I Have been actively involved in the promotion of paragliding for 27 years.

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

I believe that more of the committee functions need to be professionalised and that SAHPA needs to examine a wider array of revenue streams to permit more effective management of SAHPA.

My qualifications/ Experience for the role are:

Active SAHPA pilot for 27 years, served on the SAHPA committee for almost half of that. Run own aviation related business for 20 years with an in-depth knowledge of the industry. Well known in the aviation industry with established contacts in private, commercial and government sectors. Experience in dealing SAHPA matters. Passionate about seeing our sport grow.

2. PETE WALLEDA

Who am I:

I am a professional pilot and most of my life revolves around Paragliding. I have a paragliding school and paragliding equipment service centre and I am involved with building new gliders and equipment with European associates and 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 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):

I am a leader with the ability to see what needs to happen next. I have the necessary skills to put a team together that is formidable in their roles to make SAHPA a professional and successful organization. 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, doing professional tandems, equipment sales and services and the development of new equipment. In the past I have served as co-chairman of SAHPA, Glen Club chairman (for several years) and organized several competitions 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!

Powered Section Chairman

1. RIAAN STRUWIG

Who am I:

I have been flying since 2005, Trained and became business partner with Tony Gibson. In 2007 I participated in SA nationals and in 2009 was part of the SA national team that went over to Europe. In 2012 I was selected as part of the SA team, but unfortunately due to work commitments had to cancel 2 weeks before the event in Spain.

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

Over the last few years being instructor I trained a large amount of SAHPA pilots and even some instructors in SA. Have been involved with SAHPA over the last few years assisting them with the MOP, TPM etc., helping and promoting the sport. Our school based in Centurion is one of the largest PPG schools in SA, Operating 7 days a week with a team of Instructors on PG, PPG, PPT and PPC's. I will be able to assist with the new TPM and MOP and to work with the work groups in getting the doc and exams in place.

My qualifications/ Experience for the role are:

Electronic Engineer
Experience in Aviation since 1990
System Engineer with Denel Aviation
PPG, PPT and PPC Instructor
Assistant Instructor on PG, Under Blue Gravity
CFI PPG, PPT & PPC for Epic Aviation and Blue gravity

2. NICHOLAS PETROPOULOS

Who am I:

I am a qualified and active professional commercial pilot since 1995. I am a holder of South African Commercial pilots licence, multi engine jet and turbine rating as pilot and Instructor. I have over 8000 flight hours on advanced aircraft and 3000 hours of instruction time from ab initio to advanced training. I have been flying paramotors for nearly 10 years and hold a Sport PG and Sport PPG rating as well as PPT and Assistant instructors rating.

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

With my professional aviation background, I can offer the industry and the sport great value. I have also been elected as an approved technical person by RAASA for PPG. I have a good mechanical background and with a Test Pilot rating can offer sound advice in this regard. Being a commercial Pilot and instructor I will gladly share my knowledge and improve the standards of PPG in SA.

My qualifications/ Experience for the role are:

I have years of experience in the aviation as safety office for part 135 and 121 scheduled air services. I have started and owned aircraft training school (ATO) and non scheduled air charter operation (AOC). With my Professional aviation background I can offer the industry and the sport great value. I have also been elected as an approved technical person by RAASA for PPG. I have a good mechanical background and with a test pilot rating.