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## Outgoing Patron's Remarks

The **2016/2017** CASS financial year was fruitful and successful. The year started off with the disappointment associated with our inability to host the CASS seminar in South Africa. I was encouraged by the positive attitude displayed by the CASS committee and the desire to see the South African dream happen in the not too distant future. I am personally in support of that.

I was impressed by the various activities initiated by CASS during the year and the corporate social responsibility displayed, in particular to the less fortunate in our society. One of the highlights for me, was the establishment of the CASS Bulawayo chapter, and the increased level of engagement from the Bulawayo members. I hope that the interaction of CASS members across the various geographical locations increases.

## EDITORIAL

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*Pictured on a boat cruise during the CASS Seminar*

The CASS Seminar which was hosted in **Kariba**, was very professionally organised and run. Hats off to all those who were involved in the organisation and preparation related to the conference. I personally learnt a lot at the seminar, including the importance of having **"lots of fun"**. The selected speakers were exceptional and delivered presentations of a high standard.

The side line conversations I had with participants reflected the positive impact that the speakers had, though out the conference. Historically, there has been a stigma associated with perceived bad behaviour by CASS members during the CASS seminar. My experience was the total opposite. The CASS members behaved extremely professionally and I did not receive any complaints from guests or from the hotel. A huge well done to all who attended the seminar.



*Pictured with Matts Kunaka (left) and Tinashe Mushosho (right)*

It is with mixed feelings that I hand over the patron role to the incoming Junior Vice president. On the one hand I am happy to have interacted with CASS to a greater extent, whilst on the other hand I am sad to be disengaging seemingly so soon, when I was only just beginning to get to know the various committee members. Nonetheless as ICAZ Senior Vice president, I will remain an interested stakeholder in the development and success of CASS, and consider myself a self-appointed Honourary member.

**Thank you!**

Yours faithfully  
**Tapiwa Chizana**

## OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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The **2016/2017** CASS year was remarkable with the student society being resolute in its commitment to engaging trainee accountants across firms and empowering the community in which its students live in.

The highlight to the start of the year was the hotly contested football season! This year the student society was proud to introduce CAA and Nolands to the championship race. Nine teams battled it out in the exhilarating competition of the Inter-firm soccer league which was dominated by BDO who emerged victorious for the second year in row. The Society also held its own version of the Rio Olympics in the annual Sports Day on the 29th August 2016. The students did not hesitate to prove that trainee accountants make great sportspersons with PwC outclassing the other firms by grabbing the prestigious CASS Overall best trophy for the second year in a row.

On the CSR front, the Student Society showed its continued commitment to the community. CASS donated groceries to Bumhudzo Old Peoples Home and \$1,100 to the ICAZ CASS Scholarship Fund at the annual Sports Day. The Society hosted a sponsored walk on the 29th of April 2017 from Harare Town House to Alexandra Sports Club where over 100 students participated. The walk was succeeded by a fun day with the children with lots of games and entertainment provided. The students were graced by the presence of ICAZ presidium (Gloria Zvaravanhu and Martin Makaya) as well as the ICAZ CASS Scholarship fund chairperson Arthur Mubaiwa. Donations in the form of a lawnmower, stationery and medical supplies to the Village of Hope were made, which was aimed to improve the lives of the children at the home. The Society is proud to also announce that it made a contribution of US\$ 1,900 to the ICAZ CASS Scholarship Fund at this event. The Fund seeks to identify talented students, provide educational assistance and develop them into qualified Chartered Accountants and business leaders.

The Executive Committee was tireless and spirited in its efforts to host the society's first seminar ever beyond the borders of Zimbabwe. The SunCity vision however did not materialise due to circumstances beyond the control of the CASS and ICAZ executive. The committee hopes that in future the student society will be able to explore new destinations and market CASS internationally. Our appreciation goes out to the ICAZ Council, Presidium and ICAZ CEO for their support towards this agenda.

The annual Seminar was held at the **Carribea Bay Resort** in Kariba from the 29th of June 2017 to the 2nd of July 2017.

## OUTGOING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE...



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The theme was **"Power of the past, Force of the future"**. This is a mantra aimed at inspiring students to draw from past lessons so as to chart a way forward. The event was graced by the presence of Oliver Kamundimu (Padenga Holdings), Bothwell Nyajeka (Sable Chemicals), Matts Kunaka (ICAZ), Johnson Demba (Talent Africa), Henry Nemaire (Tanganda) and Joseph Chivinge (Lake Harvest) among other renowned business men and speakers.



I would like to thank the students for their support during the year and would like to implore them to continue doing so in the future. I would also like to thank CASS Committee for their diligent efforts and wisdom in discharging their duties. The achievements and efforts of the year would not have been possible without the support of the ICAZ Council, patron of the Society Tapiwa Chizana and all the participating firms of the Society. The Society thanks them for their immense contributions. My appreciation also extends to all our sponsors and the companies that we work closely with, as a student's body. It was truly a profound honour to be supported by talented and dedicated teams from the firms.

**TINASHE MUSHOSHO**  
CASS President (2016/17)

## ANNUAL CASS SEMINAR

### 2017 Edition: *Carribea Bay, Kariba*

The Chartered Accountants Students Society (CASS) converged for its three day annual seminar in Kariba. The seminar ran from June 29 to 2 July under the theme "Power of the past, force of the future". The event drew delegates from across Zimbabwe in a bid to engage, connect and empower trainee accountants who are the aspiring business leaders of tomorrow in Zimbabwe and globally.



The conference speakers were drawn from Zimbabwe's pool of industry moguls. **Joseph Chivinge** of **Lake Harvest** inspired the delegates present on taking initiative amid change and challenges. **Oliver Kamundimu** of Padenga Holdings explored the importance of self-awareness and networking in this world of selfies. Having amassed experience from serving in various positions in human resources, **Johnson Demba** of **Talent Africa** described the practical leadership tips for managing human capital.

**Henry Nemaire** of **Tanganda Tea Company** encouraged the students from moving from being spectator to participant. To cap the conference, **Bothwell Nyajeka** of Sable Chemical Industries presented on the need to develop a personal brand while **Matts Kunaka** of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe offered closing remarks to the insightful sessions.



On the program of the event was also an exploration of Kariba's scenic wonders. The delegates were treated to a host of activities at the tourist destination. The game drive provided a picturesque view of Kariba's terrains and wild animals such as elephants, zebras and water buffalos at sunset. Thrill seekers experienced the over 120 km/h exhilaration of a ride on speed boats across Lake Kariba. Delegates also toured **Padenga's** crocodile farm and got the chance to be up close with the terrifying creatures.

The delegates present also had the pleasure of night time parties hosted by the trusted **DJ Phatchild**.



## Introducing the 2017/18 student leaders



Outgoing CASS President **Tinashe Mushosho** (left) handing over power to incoming President **Regis Shangwa** at the African Soiree Party on 1 July 2017.

The other executive committee members were appointed into office for the 2017/18 year were:

<b>Vice President</b>	Nyasha Chokera
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tapiwa Mhlanga
<b>Projects Coordinator</b>	Batisai Mashinya
<b>Vice Projects Coordinator</b>	Tapiwa Kaseke
<b>Secretary</b>	Paida Marongwe
<b>Public Relations Officer</b>	Mufaro Chamunorwa



2017/18 Incoming Executive Committee

## Introducing the Mr and Miss CASS 2017/18



## CASS BULAWAYO CHAPTER

### President Cordellia Mpala's report

For as long as I have been with EY, 7 years to be exact, Bulawayo had never taken part in the Inter-firm sports day. No-one could remember the last time there had been one in Bulawayo and because of costs involved, it was not feasible for Bulawayo firms to send their staff to Harare either.

Then last year, my partner, Monica Chanduru (EY Byo) challenged us to have an interfirm sports day for Bulawayo. With her support, Blessings Tinarwo and I got in touch with the other firms in Bulawayo. While some firms could not join us for one

reason or the other, 4 firms, EY, Deloitte, KPMG and Baker Tilly, came together, at their most competitive best and held the first ever Bulawayo interfirm sports day on 2 September 2016. I'm happy to say EY took the shield home with KPMG closely tailing EY.

Following the success of our sports day and the in line with the CASS committee drive to increase CASS presence and awareness in Bulawayo, members of the CASS executive committee formally invited us to join the CASS Committee as the executive committee for the Bulawayo Charter.

Allow me to introduce the team that made our 2016 sports day happen and the incoming 2017/ 2018 CASS Bulawayo Charter Executive Committee.



<b>President</b>	Cordellia Mpala (EY)
<b>Vice President</b>	Mbongeni Sibanda (KPMG)
<b>Projects Coordinator</b>	Nathaniel David (DT)
<b>Projects Coordinator</b>	Leroy Ndebele (KPMG)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Blessings Tinarwo (EY)
<b>Public Relations Officer</b>	Taboka Mudzengi (DT)
<b>Secretary</b>	Wellington Ruzani (BT)



*Mbongeni Sibanda, Cordellia Mpala and Leroy Ndebele pictured above.*

We look forward to the 2017 Interfirm sports day and sincerely invite all the firms in Bulawayo to take part.

Special thanks go to our sponsors for making this year's seminar a success!



## CSR REPORT



On Saturday 29 April 2017 CASS students took to the streets for a good cause!

In honour of the Village of Hope located in Mt Hampen, the trainee accountants drawn from across Harare embarked on a sponsored walk from Harare Town House to Alexandra Sports Club. The day was dedicated to inspiring, engaging with and developing the young brilliant minds of the Village.

Upon arrival at the Sports Club, Mr Makaya, the ICAZ Vice President, and Gloria Zvaravanhu, the ICAZ president, roused the audience through inspiring speeches about hope and the importance of touching lives in the communities. Authur Mubaiwa, the chairperson of the CASS Scholarship Fund, presented the donation of a lawn mower, medical supplies, stationery, babywear and groceries to the value of US\$2 500 to the Village. He also presented a donation of US\$1 900 to the CASS Scholarship Fund for the first intake of students. The matron of the Village of Hope expressed her gratitude to CASS for the great feat of charity.

The rest of the day was marked by games, feasting and merry music. On the sports field, the children from the Village of Hope humbled the CASS students in sack races, three legged races and 50 meter dashes. The children also set the dance stage alight in a talent show to mark a fire packed ending to the day.

Special thanks go to all CASS member firms who made this day possible and the students who attended and made a difference in the lives of the Village of Hope residents.



## Your opinion matters!

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU, SO IF YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT ANY OF THE TOPICS YOU HAVE READ OR ANY OTHER ISSUES PERTAINING TO CASS FEEL FREE TO EMAIL [CASSPATRON@ICAZ.ORG.ZW](mailto:CASSPATRON@ICAZ.ORG.ZW)