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IBAC Renews Plan for the Next 5 Years

IBAC's Governing Board, at its 38th meeting in Orlando, approved the renewal of its business plan. Dedicated to continuous improvement, the Business Plan 2003-2008 provides the direction for the strategic planning and management of the IBAC program over the next five years.

In introducing the Business Plan, Chairman Paul Stinebring stated that- *“Given business aviation's significant size and active participation in the aviation system, the business aviation community must take a participatory and leadership role in the challenges inherent in the orderly development and implementation of the world's airspace and airport infrastructure and in promoting international harmonization of rules”.*

The new Business Plan emphasizes the need for action on current and emerging issues, with significant attention given to security and the need to ensure regulatory authorities implement realistic and effective rules. The industry will also encourage aircraft operators and Fixed Based Operators to apply good industry practices for security.

The large number of new small sized jet aircraft expected to be introduced to the market by 2006 is leading to a proactive study to determine how best to accommodate this growth and to ensure adequate attention to pilot proficiency. Business aviation is also working to be well

prepared for the new concepts inherent in CNS/ATM implementation.

The Plan addresses the need to support the ICAO study of access to airports by business aircraft. IBAC will continue to promote widespread use of the successful industry code of practice — the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO). The dy-



dynamic standard will continuously be updated to reflect new best practices, technologies and regulatory requirements. IBAC plans to expand the number of workshops for accredited auditors and for interested flight department managers and staff.



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Special points of interest:

The lack of harmonized international rules and policies for fractional ownership operations are having a negative impact on business aviation.

What's New at ICAO

- Mr. M.S. Boulouf succeeds Dr. Taïeb Cherif as the Representative of Algeria on the Council.
- Mr. Saud Hashem succeeds Mr. S. Al-Ghamdi as the Representative of Saudi Arabia on the Council.
- Mr. Nicholas Denton succeeds Mr. Douglas Evans as the Representative of the United Kingdom on the Council.
- Mr. Rod Graff, succeeds Mr. Daniel Galibert as President of the Air Navigation Commission.
- Mr. William (Bill) Voss, formerly FAA Director Terminal Services, succeeds Mr. Jack Howell as Director of the Air Navigation Bureau.
- International Civil Aviation Day was celebrated at ICAO HQ on 7th December 2003. The theme – the 60th Anniversary of ICAO and its contribution to civil aviation.
- An ICAO Secretariat Study Group is being established to update Flight Plan requirements. This foreshadows amendments, for adoption circa 2006, of Annexes 2 and 11 and PANS-ATM.

ICAO's 11th Air Nav Conference

ICAO's 11th Air Navigation Conference was held during a two-week period in September (September 22 to October 3) in Montreal. IBAC used this forum to encourage recognition of the need for CNS/ATM planning committees and work groups to understand the unique operational realities of business aviation during implementation.

The Air Navigation Conference was the first since the 10th ANC in 1991, when a decision was made to start work on the transition to a satellite based air navigation system from the previous ground-based system, that we all know so well. A substantial number of recommendations were made by the Conference related to the implementation of the new CNS/ATM system, including formal acceptance of the Global ATM Concept. ICAO now intends to update the Global Air Navigation Plan for CNS/ATM systems and to develop a formal approval process for the global Plan. Work will also be conducted to better harmonize ATM systems between regions. A framework is to be developed for system safety, ATS safety management programmes and establishment of acceptable levels of safety.

“ The business aviation community is resolved to assume an active role in the evolution of the aviation system and to help in the design of the system for the 21st century.”

Business Aviation Establishes Position on Emissions

The IBAC Environmental Issues Work Group (EIWG) met for the eighth time in early December, under chairmanship of Rich Gage, President of the Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA). Environmental issues significant to business aviation were discussed, the most important being finalizing an industry position on emissions. IBAC is preparing the Emissions Policy and other material for the February, 2004 meeting of the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP). IBAC's Environmental Issues Work Group has representatives from a number of IBAC's Member Associations, with strong representation from both the Americas and Europe. EIWG

receives excellent technical support from business aircraft and engine manufacturers.

EIWG meets approximately twice per year, and is responsible for drafting IBAC policies on all matters related to the environment. IBAC's Emission Policy can be found on the IBAC website (See Library and select Policy Manual).

Derek Leggett Honoured by IBAC and BAUA

Derek Leggett, recently retired Executive Director of the Business Aircraft Users Association (BAUA), was honoured at a dinner held at Farnborough on December 2nd. IBAC's Governing Board and Planning and Operations Committee (POC) presented plaques in appreciation for the strong support and contri-



Derek Leggett (right) with POC Members (2000)

bution to IBAC's management program since IBAC's inception in 1981.

Also on hand to thank Derek for the contribution to the Business Aircraft Users Association were many of its Council Members and other prominent members of the UK business aviation community. John Batty assumed the position as Executive Director late in 2003.

Security Workshop Emphasizes Need for FBO Security

A Security Workshop held in Berlin on 15 September, sponsored by the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA), provided the venue for an excellent exchange on security initiatives, strengths and weaknesses in business aviation. In particular, the business aviation representatives strongly encouraged improved standards of security at FBOs and the need for operators to work in partnership with the FBOs to ensure good security.

An overview was provided by EBAA Chairman Brian Humphries and presentations included those by Marion Knoblen (EC), Fernand Francois (EBAA) and Don Spruston (IBAC).

IS-BAO Workshops Planned for 2004

Demand for IS-BAO Workshops is increasing. To satisfy demand, IBAC plans to conduct a minimum of eight (8) workshops in 2004, proposed venues being New York, Dallas, West Palm Beach, Chicago, Seattle, Atlanta, Washington and Farnborough. Additional Workshops will be added in response to demand from groups at other locations.

NBAA Annual Meeting & Convention a Major Success

The NBAA 57th Annual Meeting and Convention held in Orlando, October 7-9, was again a major success, signaling continued health and energy of business aviation. A total of over 28,000 persons viewed 1068 exhibitions occupying over one million square feet of space, with 111 aircraft on static display. FAA Administrator Marion Blakey and House Aviation Subcommittee Chairman John L. Mica provided opening remarks. Congratulations to all in NBAA for a magnificent event.

BAUA Hosts IBAC Meeting at Farnborough

The IBAC Planning and Operations Committee (POC) met in Farnborough on December 2-3, thanks to the hospitality of John Batty, Executive Director of the Business Aircraft Users Association (BAUA) and Len Rayment of TAG Aviation. Significant issues considered by the POC included finalization of the Briefing Note on fractional ownership, consideration of a security brochure and development of a working paper on security for on-demand operations to be submitted to ICAO.

Business Aviation Industry Works with European Joint Aviation Authorities on JAR OPS 0 and 2

The November meeting in London of the JAA/industry committee tasked with drafting corporate and aerial work rules (AWGAS) indicates that the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) is responding favorably to the unified proposals made by IBAC and its Member Associations in response to the JAR OPS 0, 2 and 4 Advance Notice of Proposed Amendment (A-NPA). The Committee agreed that many of the industry recommendations should be incorporated into the next draft of the proposed rules.

IBAC is working with the Committee and JAA secretariat on some outstanding industry concerns. Recommendations are being made to simplify the rules, introduce a safety management system to replace the proposed quality system, and to clarify the applicability provisions. Changes sanctioned by the JAA will be incorporated into the revised Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) expected to be issued in 2004.

The business aviation community is strongly urging the JAA to clearly identify the industry sector to be regulated. The JAA, when assigning the task of developing the rules to the AWGAS Committee, announced that it intended to regulate corporate aviation (and aerial work). However there was no agreement amongst those participating regarding what constituted corporate aviation.

The industry advocates acceptance of a definition of corporate aviation that reflects the long standing position held by the industry and many States— i.e. a non-commercial business aviation operation flown by professional pilots employed to fly the aircraft. Alternatively, some Committee Mem-

bers favor a new definition that would include owner-operated operations of small aircraft.

In general the industry feels the JAA approach to rulemaking is leading edge, using advanced concepts for risk management. IBAC and Member Associations thank the JAA for the open and consultative process for developing JAR OPS 0 and 2.



TAG Farnborough Facilities (London) — IBAC Member, Business Aircraft Users Association (BAUA), moved its offices to TAG Farnborough in 2003.

Safety Statistics Updated

IBAC's Report of global accident statistics has been updated by Robert Breiling Inc., providing data for the years 1998 to 2002. The Report includes business aviation accident data over five years, and includes five-year averages for accident rates per 100,000 flying hours and 100,000 departures. IBAC's Business

Aviation Safety Brief, a summary of key aspects of the Breiling Report, is being updated and copies will be made available early in 2004. It is IBAC's intention to issue the Safety Brief annually, with gradual expansion of the contents. The Brief will also be available on the website (see www.ibac.org).



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IBAC Board Meetings Held in Orlando

IBAC held two Board meetings in Orlando before and after the NBAA Annual Meeting and Convention in October. The IS-BAO Standards Board met for the third time, making changes to the IS-BAO for the January 2004 issue. All holders of the IS-BAO will receive a complete revision in January. The Board also agreed to produce an Internal Audit Manual to assist operators in implementing and managing their IS-

BAO program. The Board approved an increase in the number of board members and a formula for appointment.

The 38th meeting of the IBAC Governing Board was held following the NBAA Convention. Chaired by Paul Stinebring, the Board approved a renewal of the IBAC Business Plan 2003 – 2008, and approved positions on a number of significant issues, including business aviation security and fractional ownership.

Governing Board Approves Fractional Ownership position

Fractional Ownership in international operations is a growing problem for the business aviation community. Since there are no international rules or policies for determining if fractional operations are either commercial or non-commercial, various States have been taking differing positions. The result is unequal treatment of business aviation when operating internationally as some States will not recognize determinations made by the home State of the aircraft. IBAC developed a balanced position and the Governing Board, at its 38th meeting discussed and approved the

policy. IBAC plans to make a submission to the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in 2004. The Paper will advocate a formal study to be completed by ICAO in which explanatory material will be developed to provide guidance for interpreting "remuneration or hire". The study is intended to recommend a methodology for identifying how "commercial" and "non-commercial" determinations should be made under a harmonized international policy.

The IBAC Position Paper is available on the IBAC website.

IBM is First European Flight Department to Gain IS-BAO Certificate of Registration

IBM Euroflight is the first flight department in Europe to qualify for a Certificate of Registration signifying that it meets the requirements of the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO). IBM, with flight

departments in both the USA and Europe, introduced the IS-BAO to help harmonize flight operations of the two bases under a single standard. View the Press Release on IBAC Homepage at www.ibac.org

IBAC Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP), Montreal, Feb 2-12
- NBAA International Operators Conference, Anaheim, CA, March 22-25, 2004
- LABACE/2, São Paulo, April 15-17, 2004
- IBAC Governing Board (GB/39), São Paulo, April 19, 2004
- ICAO Aviation Security Panel Meeting, Montreal, May 10-14, 2004
- EBACE/4, Geneva, May 25-27, 2004
- IS-BAO Standards Board (ISB/4), Geneva, May 27, 2004
- CBAA Annual Convention, Toronto, June 21-23, 2004
- IBAC EIWG/7, Montreal, June 20 2004
- IBAC Planning and Operations Committee (POC/10), Montreal, June 18-19, 2004
- ICAO Assembly, Montreal, September 28-October 8, 2004
- IS-BAO Standards Board (ISB/5), Las Vegas, October 11, 2004
- NBAA 57th Annual Meeting and Convention, Las Vegas, Oct 12-14, 2004
- IBAC Governing Board (GB/40), Las Vegas, October 15, 2004