

Press Release

IBAC Celebrates 25th Anniversary and Welcomes its 12th Member Association

IBAC 25th Anniversary

The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its founding during the recent NBAA Convention in Orlando. Tribute was paid to the vision of the founders of the Council and, in particular, to Mr. John Winant, the then President of NBAA, and to the many dedicated and inspired 'internationalists' and their 'progeny' who devoted their tireless efforts to building the Council to become what it is today...the widely respected and effective representative and advocacy body for business aviation globally.

A certificate was bestowed on IBAC in the form of a Resolution of the NBAA Board of Directors:

"Whereas

The International Business Aviation Council, Ltd. ~ IBAC ~ has faithfully served the Business Aviation industry as its representative to international regulatory bodies for Twenty-Five years, and

Recognizing that during those years that IBAC has grown in stature and influence on the international aviation stage, and

Whereas the Board of Directors of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), as a founding member, recognizes that the work of the Council has been done with great success in representing the needs of over 24,000 business aircraft operated worldwide, that it be

Acknowledged that NBAA expresses its unreserved appreciation and gratitude for the enduring contributions of the Council and all those that have contributed to its many successes in promoting the welfare of business aviation, and

Wishes the Council the best for an ever-growing and successful future, and in light of the above

Commits to the Council's continued support.

Done in Orlando, Florida,
Thursday 19 October 2006

Attest:

Ken Emerick
Chairman of the Board
Ed Bolen
President and CEO"

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BAAI Joins IBAC

At the 44th Meeting of the IBAC Governing Board and Members convened in Orlando on 20 October 2006, the Board accepted unanimously an application for Membership from the Business Aviation Association for India (BAAI). This brings to twelve the number of IBAC Member Associations.

The Director General of IBAC is Mr. Donald D. Spruston.

IBAC has its Principle Office in Montreal, Canada and has Observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization, headquartered in Montreal.

Background

IBAC is a non-profit, non-governmental association, which represents, promotes and protects the interests of business aviation in international policy and regulatory forums. IBAC was founded on 15 June 1981 at a meeting in London; it was incorporated as the International Business Aviation Council, Ltd. in the District of Columbia as a non-profit corporation on 25 June 1981. Its Bylaws were ratified 14 September 1981 in Anaheim, CA.

There were five founding members of IBAC and they are now called the British Business and General Aviation Association (BBGA), the Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA), the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA), the German Business Aviation Association (GBAA) and the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) of the U.S.

Since that time, IBAC has welcomed aboard the Australian Business Aircraft Association (ABAA), the Associação Brasileira de Aviação Geral (ABAG), the Business Aviation Association for India (BAAI), the Business Aviation Association of Southern Africa (BAASA), the EBAA France (EBAA-F), the Italian Business Aircraft Association (IBAA), and the Japan Business Aviation Association (JBAA).

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