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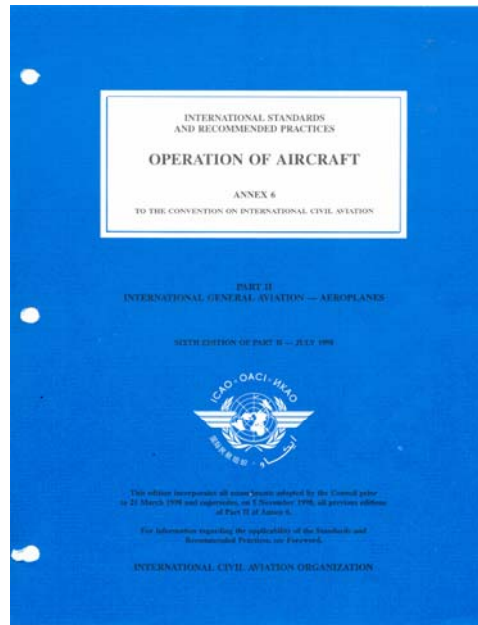
ICAO Seeks Comment on New Standards for General Aviation

The Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) signed a State Letter on March 30, requesting comments from ICAO Member States and international organizations on the proposed modernization of the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) governing international general aviation (Annex 6 — *Operation of Aircraft, Part II — International General Aviation — Aeroplanes*).

Work to modernize the SARP commenced in 2005, when the ICAO Air Navigation Bureau asked the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) for help to bring the requirements up to date with the reality of modern general aviation operations.

IBAC created an industry task force which worked for a year to develop a comprehensive modernization proposal. The ICAO Air Navigation Bureau and Air Navigation Commission then conducted a thorough review of the proposal, made some adjustments, and prepared the State Letter to seek comments.

The Air Navigation Commission will consider comments on the proposal and pre-



pare final provisions for approval by the ICAO Council. See the summary of the modernization proposal on page 2.

EBAA Celebrates Anniversary

The European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) is 30 years old. The Association celebrated its anniversary in conjunction with their Annual General Meeting held in Brussels in March.

The Chateau Sainte Anne was the spectacular venue for the gathering of current Directors and many pioneers of the EBAA early days, including Honorary President **Francois Chavatte** who regaled the gathering of the heady days of the Association's birth. Many other long term European and international contributors to business aviation included **Fernand Francois** and **Heinz Lichius**.

Special guests included **Victor Aguado**, Director General of Eurocontrol.



EBAA Chairman Rodolfo Baviera welcomes guests to the Gala Dinner held to celebrate EBAA's 30th Anniversary.



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Special points of interest:

Proposed amendment to the Standards and Recommended Practices for General Aviation being considered by States and International Organizations.

What's New at ICAO

Mr. F.P. Venier appointed Representative of Italy on the Council,
Mr. T. Araki appointed Representative of Japan on the Council,
Mr. M. Vélez Malqui appointed Representative of Peru on the Council
Mr. Y. Yanagisawa appointed Member of Air Navigation Commission nominated by Japan,
Ms. N. Graham appointed Director, Air Navigation Bureau,
Dr. F. Liu appointed Director, Administrative Services Bureau,
Ms. F. A. Odutola appointed Director, Air Transport Bureau,
Mr. R. J. Heighes -Thiessen appointed Director, Technical Cooperation Bureau,
Mrs. L. Martin appointed Regional Director, NAM/CAR (Mexico),
Mr. A. Guitteye appointed Regional Director, W & C-AFI (Dakar),
Mr. G. Moshabesha appointed Regional Director, E & S-AFI (Nairobi).

Emissions Trading Schemes

On 15 March 2007, the Council agreed that the emissions trading guidance proposed by CAEP/7 should be published as draft guidance and that a forward should be developed by the President of Council to reflect the views of the Council on this issue. The President's forward would, among other things, indicate that a non-mutually agreed approach for the inclusion of emissions trading schemes had been rejected by a majority of Council Member States.

For those readers who desire more information about ICAO, the UPDATE Editor recommends a visit to the ICAO website www.icao.int

Business Aviation Industry Urges Use of Security Programs

As States worldwide continue to consider new regulatory provisions for security in general aviation, the industry continues to point out to all who will listen its good record and the good security practices applied historically by the industry. Concurrently, industry associations are encouraging operators to introduce standards that have been developed by the industry for both operators and ground handling facilities (FBOs).

Over the next few months, new regulatory proposals are expected to be announced by the European Commission in the form of Implementing Rules pursuant to EC2320, the Framework Regulation, and by the US Transportation Security Agency (TSA) for general aviation security requirements.

Model security programs for operators and ground handling facilities can be found on the IBAC website (see www.ibac.org).

“ 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.”

Summary of Annex 6 Part II Proposal

The proposed modernization of the Annex governing International General Aviation—Aeroplanes introduces a new structure that accommodates the significant range of operations of the modern GA industry. New Sections address:

Sect 1—Definitions and Applicabilities;
Sect 2—Basic General Aviation Operations;
Sect 3—Large and Turbojet (Corporate Aviation).

A future section is to cover requirements for fractional ownership.

The SARPs for basic general aviation contain essentially the same substantive requirements of the current SARP, although the terminology and organization of material have been updated.

The requirements for Corporate Aviation are new, reflecting the good practices of the industry established over the years of business aviation growth. The draft SARP proposes that flight departments operating under the new Section 3 provisions will need a Safety Management System (SMS) and an operations manual, as well as some other provisions relating to the roles and responsibilities of the management of an operation.

The proposed Annex maintains many of the fundamental principles established with initial Annex 6 Part II development in the 1960s. The new Annex emphasizes performance based provisions and makes use of industry best practices as much as possible.

Business Aviation Safety Strategy Progresses

The business aviation industry continues to refine its proposed Business Aviation Safety Strategy. IBAC's Planning and Operations Committee (POC), with assistance for safety specialists in Europe and the Flight Safety Foundation, made final adjustments at its meeting in Brussels in March. The IBAC Governing Board will review the proposed strategy at its May session in Geneva, and it is expected that the document will be published and delivered to ICAO this summer.

IBAC Member Task Force to Investigate Gross Navigation Errors (GNEs)

A Task Force has been named to conduct an analysis of the proportionally high number of Gross Navigation Errors attributed to business aviation on the North Atlantic tracks. Representatives of the IBAC Member Associations and operators that frequent the NAT routes have met twice at the Farnborough Airport. The group is completing an analysis of past events with the objective of developing recommendations for improvement.

CAEP/7 Wrestles With Emission Issues

The ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) met for the seventh time in Montreal in February. CAEP is the international technical body that develops proposed Standards and Recommended Practices and policies for ICAO Council approval. CAEP meets every three years, with extensive preparatory work conducted in the interim. . The 2007 meeting focused on the controversial issue of finding mechanisms to respond to global warming. The need for more stringent emissions standards has been receiving considerable attention due to the projected increase in the aviation contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and the global climate impact. Although the business aviation contribution to CO₂ emissions is less than 1% of those from all civil air transportation sources, the industry may be impacted by proposals for more stringent emissions standards and/or other measures. The Committee recognized that it was premature to establish more stringent emissions standards. ICAO has however, previously recognized that the most appropriate mechanism for managing the

growth in CO₂ emissions is through an Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). In this regard, the Committee recommended that ICAO publish the ICAO developed Guidance on the use of Emissions Trading. (see also "What's New at ICAO" , Page 2) ICAO continues to strongly encourage States worldwide to recognize the importance of adherence to international standards. A Resolution adopted at the 35th ICAO Assembly (2004), urged Contracting States to refrain from unilateral action to implement an emissions trading system for international aviation before the Council reports again to the Assembly. In the meantime, many States have objected to the recently released European Commission proposal to introduce a European ETS in advance of an ICAO agreement, and, in particular, have voiced concerns with the EC proposal to include both third-country airlines and other operators. IBAC was represented at CAEP/7 by **Rich Gage** and a group of technical advisors from IBAC Member Associations and aircraft and engine manufacturers, all of whom are IBAC Environmental Issues Work Group (EIWG) members.

Katherine Perfetti and Bob Blouin Join the Industry IS-BAO Program

Katherine Perfetti (see photo one right) was named to succeed **Ray Rohr** as IBAC's new Standards Manager. Kathy will be responsible for the day to day management of the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO) and will serve as Secretary for the IS-BAO Standards Board.

Standards Board Chairman **Paul Stinebring** announced that "*he was particularly pleased to have Kathy assume the position given her ability and extensive management and flying experience in the aviation industry*". Kathy has worked for many years for, and recently retired from, the US Federal Aviation Administration



(FAA). She was the manager responsible for establishing the rules for fractional ownership (FAR Part 91, Subpart K).

Also joining the team is **Bob Blouin**, former Vice President of Operations for NBAA (see photo to the left), taking over responsibilities for education of business aviation safety programs, including the IS-BAO industry safety standard. Bob has been welcomed by the IBAC Governing Board as he assumes a contracted position as Manager of Safety Awareness.

Ray Rohr the Standards Manger since the inception of the IS-BAO program will continue to assist IBAC on rulemaking activities at EASA and ICAO.



First Annual General Aviation Summit held in Beijing, China

The increasing interest in general aviation in China was clearly evident April 19-20 when an event was held at the New Otani Chang Fu Gong Hotel in Beijing. Many experts from the Chinese aviation industry, international aviation community and Chinese government explained why general aviation will prosper in the future. IBAC's **Don Spruston** appealed for enhancements in air traffic management and preparations for the 2008 Olympics, amongst other issues. (See IBAC presentation at www.ibac.org)

US Federal Aviation Administration Announces Proposal on User Fees

The long awaited proposal by the FAA on potential new user fee structure was announced by the Administrator recently, much to the chagrin of the US general aviation industry. NBAA's **Ed Bolen** has been leading the effort by the industry to explain the significant negative impact the proposal will have on the industry. For details see the NBAA website at www.nbaa.org.

EBAA Announces Change in Management Structure

The Chairman of the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA), **Rodolfo Baviera**, advised following the March Annual Meeting of a new EBAA structure. Current CEO **Brian Humphries** will become the Association's President and will sit on the Board of Directors. EBAA plans to hire a full time CEO to manage the day to day business of the Association.

Survey at International Operators Conference (IOC) Reveals High BA Interest in 2008 Summer Olympics

An informal survey of operators attending the IOC in San Diego warn that there is likely to be a very significant number of corporate aircraft flying to Beijing for the 2008 Summer Olympics. Of 110 returns filed by participants a total of 100 potential aircraft trips was recorded.

CBAA Works with Vancouver Olympic Committee to Coordinate Plans for 2010 Winter Olympics

Bill Boucher of the Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA) is working with various aviation and security committees to ensure that effective plans are made for business aircraft that will be flying to the Winter Olympics in 2010.

Middle East Business Aviation Association (MEBAA) Applies to Join IBAC

MEBAA formally applied to the IBAC Governing Board to become a member of the international Council of Associations. MEBAA Chairman **Ali Al Naqbi** announced that he will brief the Board at its meeting in Geneva in May.



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Hong Kong Welcomes Business Aviation

The Hong Kong International Airport was the venue for the Asian Business Aviation Conference and Exhibit held 6-7 February. ABACE2007 took place at AsiaWorld Expo Convention Center located on the perimeter of the Airport. "It truly was a superb venue with indoor Exhibits and Information Sessions located in AsiaWorld Expo, a short bus ride from the Static Display of Aircraft at Hong Kong Business Aviation Center", said NBAA President and CEO **Ed Bolen**. "The proximity of the two facilities made it very convenient for Attendees and Exhibitors to access all that ABACE had to offer." "ABACE2007 closed with more than 2,200 registered Attendees, 65 indoor Exhibitors and 12 aircraft on Static Display, making it the largest business aviation event in the region. Participants included representatives from many governments. ABACE is organized by the

NBAA with support from the Asian Business Aviation Association (AsBAA), located in Hong Kong. AsBAA announced at the Association's annual meeting the intent to join IBAC.

Jason Liao, President of the Asian Business Aviation Association (AsBAA) speaks at ABACE2007 opening ceremony.



IS-BAO Workshops

IS-BAO Workshops are held throughout the year in different locations depending on the demand. Eight Workshops have been scheduled in 2007, the remaining sessions being as follows. Additional Workshops will be added on request and as demand indicates.

Geneva, Switzerland, 21 May 2007
Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 20 June 2007
Washington, DC, USA, 21 August 2007 (auditor renewal accreditation only)
Oakland, CA, USA, 9 November 2007

For detail and potential additions and changes see IBAC website at <http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/Audit%20Workshop.html>

IBAC Calendar of Upcoming Events

IBAC Environmental Issues Work Group, Geneva, 21 May 2007
European Business Aviation Conf and Exhibit (EBACE2006), Geneva, 22-24 May 2007
IBAC Governing Board (GB/45), Geneva, 25 May 2007
CBAA Convention, Calgary, 9-12 July 2007
IBAC Planning and Operations Committee (POC/17), Calgary, 13-14 July 2007
ICAO Assembly, Montreal, 17-28 September 2007
IBAC Standards Board, Atlanta, 24 September 2007
NBAA Convention, Atlanta, 25-27 September 2007
IBAC Governing Board (GB/46), Atlanta, 28 September 2007
Australian Business Aviation Assoc (ABAA) General Meeting, Coolum, 17 Oct. 2007



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