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This IS-BAO Newsletter welcomes contributions from both operators and auditors. Anyone who wishes to contribute a piece for the next Newsletter may send it to rayrohr@telusplanet.net.



IBAC staff wish all of our friends and colleagues best wishes for the holidays and for a healthy and happy New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2007.

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IS-BAO Annual Revision

The annual revision to the IS-BAO and related documents has been completed. The revision package will be mailed to all IS-BAO holders by the end of December. Depending on the part of the world that you live in, you should receive your amendment some time in January 2007. If you have not received yours by the end of January please advise Paul Lessard, IBAC Administrator at plessard@ibac.org.

The revisions were largely “housekeeping” issues but some of them may be very pertinent to your operations. If you wish to review the revisions that were proposed and their final disposition, check Appendix C of the Decision Record of the October 16, 2006 IS-BAO Standards Board. The Decision Record is posted at http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/standards_decision_rec.htm

Business Aviation Safety Brief, Issue 5

IBAC recently released the 5th Issue of its annual Business Aviation Safety Brief. The Safety Brief is based on analysis conducted by Robert Breiling and Associates in 2006 of all accidents worldwide involving aircraft when used in business aviation operations. It does not include accidents of business aircraft when used in airshows and other non-business related flying. A copy of the Safety Brief can be downloaded at:

http://www.ibac.org/Library/ElectF/saft/Business_Aviation_Safety_Brief_Issue_5.pdf

Business Aviation Accident Analysis

Robert Woodhouse, an independent aviation safety consultant, recently completed an analysis of turbojet and turboprop business aviation accidents which occurred during the five year period 1998-2003. Mr. Woodhouse analyzed the accidents reports to identify their root causes. The data was then analyzed to determine the probability of prevention had the IS-BAO been implemented by the operator. He concluded that between 35% and 55% of the accidents could have certainly or probably, been prevented by IS-BAO implementation. The report should be of interest to all operators who have implemented or are considering implementing, the IS-BAO. It can be downloaded at:

http://www.ibac.org/Library/ElectF/saft/Woodhouse_Report_V11.pdf

First IS-BAO Workshop in Asia

Operators in Asia requested and were presented with the first Workshop for operators and auditors interested in the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO). Attendees at the November 7, 2007 session at the Hong Kong international airport were from Hong Kong, Macau and Australia.

IS-BAO Workshops

The next IS-BAO Workshop is scheduled for San Antonio, TX on January 30, 2007 and the one after that will be held in Bedford, MA on February 28, 2007. Additional information on the Workshops is posted at <http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/Audit%20Workshop.htm>. Workshop registration forms can also be downloaded from that web page. The feedback that we receive on the Workshops is very positive and indicates that those who attended a Workshop find that it makes IS-BAO implementation significantly easier.



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IS-BAO Registration Update

At the end of 2005 there had been 51 initial IS-BAO registrations issued to operators. As of December 15 there were 27 initial registrations issued in 2006 and 11 renewals. In its October 2006 meeting the IS-BAO Standards Board expressed satisfaction with the strong showing of registrations in 2006. At the same time they also recognized that the number of operators who have achieved IS-BAO registration is only a fraction of the more than 450 that have purchased the IS-BAO.

Initiatives that were discussed to work with registered operators and auditors in geographical areas to develop mentoring programs to support operators with the implementation process and to try to facilitate the establishment of operator networking groups. A list of registered operators is posted at http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/isbao_audit_registered.htm. If there is anyone interested in establishing an IS-BAO implementation mentoring group for a specific geographical area, please contact Ray Rohr at rayrohr@telusplanet.net and we will work with you to make it happen.

IBAC and Members Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago, at the Browns Hotel in London England, the Presidents and Executive Directors of the major business aviation associations from around the world met to discuss the formation of an international family of associations. The meeting marked the 1981 birth of the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC). Since that time IBAC has represented the interests of business aviation internationally and has served as a mechanism for business aviation to develop industry codes of practice for safety and security and to coordinate and develop policy and procedures for a vast range of programs such as Air Traffic Management and the Environment. IBAC's principle office is located in the ICAO headquarters building in Montreal and the Council is represented on many of the ICAO panels, work groups and regional planning groups. The 25th year anniversary celebration took place in Orlando at the International Dinner hosted by the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA).

EASA OPS Rulemaking Project

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) project to transition the JAA operations rules into EASA rules and to develop the required additional rules, commenced with the OPS.001 Rulemaking Group meeting on August 30, 2006. The Rulemaking Group has since held five meetings and has established four sub-groups to assist in the process.

The four Sub-Groups are:

1. Commercial Air Transport;
2. Aerial Work;
3. Authority Requirements and SMS; and
4. Non-Commercial Operations with Complex Aircraft.

Ray Rohr, IBAC Standards Manager, was nominated by the EBAA as a member of the Rulemaking Group and is also chair of the Non-Commercial Operations sub-group. Other business aviation members on the Rulemaking Group and included in the sub-groups are Mark Wilson of the BBGA (CAT Sub-Group) and Doug Carr of the NBAA (Non-Commercial Operations). In addition, Cliff Edwards of the EBAA is a member of the Authority Requirements and SMS sub-group.

The target for completing the draft rules, Notice of Proposed Amendment and the Regulatory Impact Assessment is August 2007. Meetings reports are regularly posted on the IBAC web site at: http://www.ibac.org/Library/ElectF/JAA_EASA/jaa_easa.htm.

IBAC Planning and Operations Committee Reviews Proposed Safety Blueprint

IBAC's Planning and Operations Committee (POC), at its meeting of 14-15 September, reviewed a preliminary draft of a business aviation safety strategy. The strategy is to provide focused business aviation input to the ICAO Global Safety Plan, supplementing the work of a broader aviation industry



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Roadmap being developed in response to a request for industry proposals made by the ICAO Air Navigation Commission (ANC). The draft will be used as the basis for thorough discussions on new initiatives to be included in the plan. Contributing to the work of the POC will be the Flight Safety Foundation (FSF) and other interested business aviation organizations. The POC has identified 8 principle focus areas for consideration:

1. Culture
2. Codes of Practice (including application of SMS)
3. Adherence to industry standards,
4. Regulatory Framework (rules and oversight),
5. Data collection and analysis,
6. Safety equipment and tools,
7. Air Navigation and Airport Services,
8. Industry Support Services.

Brainstorming by the Work Group may develop additional proposals and the Group will develop the detailed action plan to further populate the Blueprint with safety initiatives.

Business Aviation Association for India (BAAI) Joins IBAC

Captain Karan Singh, President and CEO of the new Business Aviation Association in India (BAAI), attended IBAC's 44th Governing Board meeting on October 20 in Orlando Florida. BAAI formally stood for election to IBAC and its Governing Board. Acting IBAC Chairman Peter Gatz of Germany welcomed BAAI to the international family of associations. India is a rapidly growing centre of business aviation activity, and IBAC membership provides the valuable international linkages.

Modernization of Annex 6 Part II

The ICAO Air Navigation Commission completed a review of the proposed modernization proposal for Annex 6 Part II in October. The amendment introduces new provisions that would govern corporate aviation (large and turbo jet noncommercial aircraft operations) and are included in a new section of the Annex. Current provisions governing basic general aviation operations are updated and included as a new Section 2. Definitions and general applicability data are included as Section 1.

Following the ANC review of the modernization proposal for Annex 6 Part II, the ICAO Secretariat is preparing a package to be dispatched in a State Letter that will seek input from ICAO Member States and international organizations. Given the extensive consultation by ICAO in development of the Amendment, the industry supports the proposal and will encourage associations to support it in discussions with State authorities.

Standards Manager Retirement

Ray Rohr, IBAC's Standards Manager, who announced his intention to step down at the end of 2006, has agreed to continue into 2007 working for IBAC on regulatory issues such as the EASA rule making program for aircraft operations. The level of interest in the Standards Manager position from potential successors has been good. A Selection Committee commenced an analysis of application in November and is expected to name a new Standards Manager early in 2007.

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