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## **IBAC Recognizes Steve Brown with DG Award for Strategic Contributions to International Business Aviation**

Montreal – October 28, 2022 – The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) recently recognized retiring National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) Chief Operating Officer Steve Brown for his exceptional contributions to the global business aviation community, particularly for his guidance to IBAC and its direction for more than a decade.

Steve served on the IBAC Governing Board as an advisor and valuable confidant to IBAC and the Director General, Kurt Edwards. “Steve has always been willing to share his sage advice and counsel that made a lasting and positive impression on me and IBAC as an organization,” Edwards said. “Steve played an important role in helping IBAC set a strategic direction to guide our growth. He was willing to find resources within NBAA to build the capacities of IBAC and identified NBAA members and staff to help support many of our ICAO initiatives.”

In presenting the award, Ali Alnaqbi, Chairman of the IBAC Governing Board, said, “IBAC and the global business aviation community have benefited greatly from Steve Brown’s contributions. We are grateful for his knowledgeable, far-seeing insights.”

The inaugural IBAC DG Award was named after the directional gyroscope, the mechanism behind the heading indicator used by pilots for navigation. Coincidentally, DG also refers to the initials for director general. “We felt the DG reference was fitting for Steve as a visionary leader in the development of IBAC. His guidance helped indicate the direction in which we were to fly. We at IBAC wish Steve the best in his retirement and thank him again for his contributions,” Edwards added.

### **About IBAC**

IBAC represents the interests of business aviation worldwide. IBAC is a non-profit, international trade association with official observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization, the UN Specialized Agency for aviation matters, in Montreal, Canada. IBAC promotes and manages the industry-leading standards for best safety practices through its International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO™); International Standard for Business Aviation Handling (IS-BAH™); Safety Management Tool Kit; SMS eLearning training; and Aircrew Identification Card. Recently introduced in partnership with CTX, the IBAC Carbon Credit Exchange provides the business aviation community a reliable resource for real-time offsetting to reduce its carbon footprint. [www.ibac.org](http://www.ibac.org)

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