November/December 2019

From The Director- Ben Walsh
2019 Wrap-Up

The 2019 IS-BAO Standards Board met to conduct business at NBAA BACE in OCT.

- The Board elected new operator representatives and new Chairman. We are grateful for the leadership provided over the years by the outgoing Chairman David Nigri of Textron (NBAA) and outgoing Vice Chairman Juergen Wiese of BMW (EBAA). Thank you, Gentlemen!
- Stan Medved from Shell Aviation (EBAA) was elected the new Chairman for a two-year term while Len Beauchemin of AeroTechna (NBAA) was elected Vice Chairman for a two-year term.
- Joanne Wong from Uber Elevate (AsBAA) was re-elected and Mohammed Waggas of Saudi Private Aviation (MEBAA) was elected as a new member.
- The Remotely Piloted Aviation Systems (RPAS) subcommittee was founded. The subcommittee consists of industry experts in this field and has the commission to steer the inclusion of RPAS vehicle options in the Standard/protocols, similar to fixed wing and rotor-wing aircraft. The intent is to support those traditional flight departments that have integrated and/or conduct RPAS operations.

2019 has been a great year of progress for the IS-BAO Programme. I want to especially thank the operators that have been so instrumental in the Flightplan Stage1 and Progressive Stage 3 programmes. Your efforts to develop and test these programs in partnership with us has been exciting. IS-BAO is truly the operator’s programme. Additionally, I want to thank the progressive auditors that are working with the operators and the rest of the team to flesh out these programs in a simple way, making them appropriate for small operators.

There have been several enhancements, announcements and initiatives in 2019 which I think are worthy of reviewing here:

**IS-BAO™ Industry Events**

2020

Visit us in 2020 at these events:

- **NBAA Regional Forum – West Palm Beach**
  29 January - Visit IBAC at Booth #100

- **HAI HELI-EXPO 2020 – Anaheim, California**
  27-30 January - Visit IBAC at the HAI Safety Booth #15011

- **NBAA Regional Forum – San Jose, California**
  5 March - Visit IBAC

- **NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference**
  10-12 March - Visit IBAC at Booth #1803

- **NBAA International Operators Conference – Charlotte, North Carolina**
  16-19 March - Visit IBAC here and contact is-bao@ibac.org about IBAC Roundtable event

- **Asian Business Aviation Conference and Exhibition (ABACE) – Shanghai, China**
  16-18 April - Visit IBAC at Stand #B723
2020 Perspective On The Audit Programme
Daniel Devraignes - IS-BAO Audit Manager

As we look back, much of our audit management work throughout 2019 was focused on implementing the new procedures established in previous years and assisting our auditors and operators on understanding and implementing them. These procedures included, among others, the new audit management system process that incorporates the registration application and fees within the audit processing, and the applicability of the 2018 IS-BAO for all audits after June 30, 2019. Read More

2020 Operations
Katherine Hilst - Operations Manager

The end of the year is a time filled with reviewing the year's activities and wrapping up projects and planning for the new year. There is an abundance of all these things going on here in the IS-BAO operations world!

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you in Las Vegas at NBAA-BACE. It's always good to have the chance to put a face with a name, and even better to have the opportunity to talk with you about your programmes and ideas for how IS-BAO integrates into your operations. I had the pleasure of doing a presentation on our updated approach to SPIs & SPTs at the IS-BAO/IS-BAH Roundtable session. Thank you to all who have offered great feedback about our work on this project. We are integrating those ideas as we speak. Completion for the update is targeted for the end of the year. READ MORE

How Time Flies...
Yvonne Marinus - Accreditation Manager
2019 has been a busy year for me, filled with travels to teach workshops around the world, attend industry events across the U.S.A. and conduct audit monitors at a variety of locations. I have had the opportunity to put “a face to the name” of many of our auditors and operators in the process. It is always a pleasure to get out in the field and meet the people who appear so frequently in my email inbox.

In October, I attended the NBAA BACE exhibition in Las Vegas along with most of the IBAC team. Working the IBAC booth gave me the chance to meet longtime supporters of the programme as well as to introduce the IS-BAO and IS-BAH Programmes to others for whom they were completely new. I also had the chance to meet lots of folks at our Round Table Meeting for operators and auditors, the IBAC Lunch and Learn, and the Auditor Meeting.

The Auditor Meeting was especially meaningful to me as the IBAC Auditor Accreditation Manager. I am a highly experienced auditor in my own right, and I make it my priority to try to support our auditors in their efforts to conduct high quality audits to our operators. I am always interested in hearing feedback from our auditors about the challenges that they face when they are out there performing audits. We at IBAC are working diligently every day to try to provide our auditors and operators with the resources for success in operational safety via the implementation of the IS-BAO and IS-BAH Programmes. The auditors that took the time to attend the Auditor Meeting provided valuable feedback to let the IBAC team know what was working well for them and what wasn’t. Likewise, the IBAC team was able to share information with the auditors about exciting new initiatives and resources that we at IBAC are working on as we move into the coming year. READ MORE

A Brief Look Back Before The Next Steps Forward
Stéphane De Wolf - E.U. Operations Specialist

A single word stood out this year and particularly during the activities of the IS-BAO team in Europe. That word is “representation”. Well, what’s so special about that? After all, representing business aviation has always been -and will always remain- one of IBAC’s raisons d’être. IBAC is a highly influential force in all ICAO forums that affect our sector, but also in other regulatory circles and industry initiatives worldwide. So, why was 2019 any different from the previous years? READ MORE
Thank you all for your participation.

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