

Agenda Item: B.2

INFORMATION PAPER

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TOC Chair Report

Presented by Jaymi Steinberg, NATCA (USA)

1. Committee and Meetings

- 1.1. In 2023 For the first time since COVID the committee was able to hold elections and start off the 2023-24 year together as a refreshed committee. I am grateful for the interest from Member Associations (MA) in running for seats. This year the following MAs were elected: Canada, EGATS, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Italy, Singapore, and USA. Their work was well complemented with work from several Corresponding MAs: Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, and Romania.
- 1.2. This year the committee has sought to undertake a diverse array of topics that would be meaningful to the membership. Most of the working programme was derived from topics requested by MAs, ICAO Panel Representatives, and Task Forces.
- 1.3. With several overlapping topics members of TOC had the chance to work collaboratively with PLC, RPAS Task Force, Remote Tower Task Force, and several pertinent ICAO Panel Representatives.
- 1.4. Unfortunately, at the time of paper turn in, 2 of the papers were not up to the quality that we could utilize in this conference cycle and will be continued into the next year's conference working programme.
- 1.5. TOC had two very successful meetings this year. The first meeting was during October 2023, in Melbourne, Australia. This constituted the first meeting outside of the European region for the group since the COVID restrictions were lifted. This meeting was attended by both TOC and PLC. The local MA also graciously coordinated meeting space and presentations from IFATCA Industry Partner Thales. Due to the distance, some members were unable to physically be present, they tuned in via TEAMS to keep apprised of work. The group was generously welcomed by Tom McRobert and Ben Gorrie of Air Services Australia. Additionally, Thales sponsored 2 lunches and coffees whilst Air Services Australia graciously sponsored two fantastic evening meals.
- 1.6. The second meeting of the year was also a combined meeting of PLC and TOC. The groups were graciously hosted by BULATCA (Bulgarian Air Traffic Controller Association) and BULATSA (Bulgarian Air Traffic Services Authority) in January 2024. The group would like to extend thanks generosity of our local hosts, including but not limited to: Zhan Belev, Tzvetan Dimitrov, and Lidia Ruseva. Our local hosts kindly sponsored coffee breaks, lunches, transportation, meeting space, and a grand meal full of local tradition.

- 1.7. I would like to thank the TOC committee themselves for the efforts they have put in this year. I would also like to thank Jean-Francois LePage for his unwavering assistance. Also, our subject matter experts, our liaisons, and our proofreaders.
- 1.8. Throughout the year the team has utilized Google Drive to collaborate. It has been providing a viable platform for what the team requires. There have been a few TEAMS based additional meeting times for any member that wishes to meet up to discuss any topic they need.
- 1.9. To be able to better inform membership I have been working alongside Executive Vice President Technical (EVPT) to preplan locations. The first meeting of next cycle will be during September 2024 meeting and is planned for Madrid, Spain.

2. Budget

- 2.1. The committee came in underbudget this year, but it was partly due to low turn out in Melbourne and very off-peak travel planning to Sofia. I would expect next year, with Madrid in September and a yet to be decided destination in winter, there may be more attendance and closer to the predicted budget expenditure.

3. Connection

- 3.1. At Conference 2023 Adam Exley developed a submission tool for both TOC and PLC to gather job card requests. This has been beneficial at streamlining the gathering of requests and allows for members and MAs to have a more direct method to have their voices heard in shaping future working programmes.
- 3.2. This term TOC worked alongside our new liaison from IFALPA, Kolja Bollhorst, who has been a consistent resource to the team. We look forward to continuing to build our relationship with him as well as IFALPA as a whole. In Melbourne we also took the opportunity to have a local IFALPA resource from Air New Zealand, Frank Usmar, which allowed for more local perspectives.
- 3.3. The TOC did collaborate more with PLC, Task Forces, and ICAO Panel Representatives this term, but there is still room for improvement.
- 3.4. If your MA would like to get more involved or you have suggestions on how we can improve, please reach out.

4. Future

- 4.1. As we look to next year's plans, with the combined meeting with IFALPA in the works, there will be a focus on some papers that have strong cross panel interests.
- 4.2. To help volunteers be best informed we are working toward getting better information on where and when meetings are being planned. This will help everyone better prepare timelines and have more predictable expenses.
- 4.3. TOC will continue trying to strengthen and collaborate with the members which are serving on ICAO Panels and Task Forces to best serve the Federation's needs.
- 4.4. We will be seeking to collaborate with the Training Task Force to collaborate on topics which would be beneficial to add to their repertoire.

5. Personally

- 5.1. I would like to thank NATCA USA for all of their support. Without their assistance I would not be able to fulfill the role. Additionally, thanks to my association for providing subject matter experts to assist whenever we sought help.
- 5.2. Also, I would like to thank Benjamin van der Sanden for being a continual support and collaborator throughout the year.
- 5.3. Further thanks to our ICAO Panel Representatives and Task Force members that stepped up to share their expertise.
- 5.4. Finally, I would like to thank the MAs that have stood up to help TOC to provide us with elected and corresponding members. They are what makes the committee run.

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