



EUROPE AIR SPORTS *NEWSLETTER*

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The New Board

The General Meeting in Cologne (16 March 2008) has elected a new Board. All nominations have been accepted unanimously. The size of the Board is now extended to 10 (in accordance with the statutes).

Sir John Allison is President for another term of a year and Per Wisitisen is elected Treasurer-General.

The picture shows from right to left: Sir John Allison, Pierre Portmann (FAI President, Board Advisor), Rudolph Schuegraf, Sergio Calabresi, David Roberts, Louis Berger, Per Wistisen, Roland Stuck, Dominique Méreuze, Günter Bertram and Cor van den Burg.

The Board members represent a variety of air sports and recreational flying and European countries.

The General Meeting.

After the President's Report (available on the website) membership and financial matters have been handled. The financial report 2007 and budget 2009 have been approved. New members have been accepted: EFLEVA (European Federation Light Experimental and Vintage Aircraft), EPFU (European Powered Flying Union) and EPU (European Parachuting Union). Welcome to all!

The General Meeting (Technical Section).

An EASA delegation including Rulemaking Director Mr Claude Probst participated in the discussion in the technical section about the strategic issues:

1. Basic Regulation, extended to Licensing and Operations, now EC Regulation 216/2008.
2. Future extension of Basic Regulation to Aerodromes – EASA Opinion submitted Dec. '07

3. Extension Air Traffic Management– in progress
4. Developments for a regime for non-commercial aircraft less than 5700kg MTOM (European Light Aircraft ELA1 & ELA2), NPA is expected soon
5. Part M changes for Maintenance for non-commercial aircraft < 2730kg MTOM - CRD published on 6-3-2008, comments before 6 May
6. Licensing implementing rules –publication NPA expected in the second half of May 2008
7. Operations implementing rules- NPA publication expected later in 2008
8. Attention for the definition of commercial operations (impact on air sports / activities currently classified as non-commercial), acceptance of General Medical Practitioners as alternative to AMEs, Future of Annex II (exemptions from scope of EASA)

Essential is how we should effectively respond to NPAs. Not just criticism but constructive alternatives are needed with justifications and safety case. All members should participate in submitting comments. There is a special comment tool on the EASA website.

Other subjects presented and discussed are related to sports statements in the EU which are of importance to our community and detailed explanations on main EASA and EU issues including operations and environmental rulemaking. Further attention is given to airspace matters and developments of Unmanned Aerial Systems.



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Detailed minutes will be distributed shortly and will be available on the website.