

ECOGAS Board meeting 17th May

Notes

Agenda

1. What responses do we have re our approaches to EASA with D&M and E&M developments.
2. Quick review of website
 - a. Check content
 - b. Addition of Bob's NPA reviews
 - c. Current News to have something.
3. Status of Marcel with his other activities
4. SAB and GA Com anything required from us
5. Question banks quick review with Dan
6. Anything to be aware of in our sector
7. AOB
8. Next meeting 14th September (do we need a session in July)

Notes

1. No feedback yet, Marcel to check with Ric Peri and Marc to check with Bob for any updates. No action required by ECOGAS team at this point.
2. Website reviewed by team and the general changes including the NPA summary tab were accepted. Several editorial changes were suggested, and these were all to be relayed to Sandra at BBGA IT. ***Stop press all potential changes registered with Sandra and those changes have already been completed.*** We agreed that the website was able to be handed over to Anais through May into June. Sandra will work with Anais to complete this task.
3. Marcel explained that he is helping the Swiss MAA working with RUAG. Marcel can continue with his ECOGAS contribution, and the additional knowledge might help our arguments.
4. Anais confirmed that the SAB is taking place during the Paris Airshow and therefore both Francoise and Anais will not be able to attend the SAB in person. We suggested that as Alex is likely to be attending that we perhaps should have a quick virtual session before the SAB so that Alex could formally wear two hats at the meeting. To be arranged.
5. We discussed the question bank issue for both flight crew and engineers. We agreed that it is not the secrecy of the process in terms of protecting examination questions, it is the lack of a feedback loop to the applicants or the instructors to help the learning process. We believe that the approach should be challenged and that we should find a mechanism to allow controlled feedback to prevent any potential reduction in safety.
6. We highlighted the shortfall of resources again and examples were given that in some cases resources were up to 1/3 down on the required levels. This is going to be highlighted at the Paris Airshow. This situation is widespread across the EU and we all have a problem.
7. AOB- Marcel highlighted work that he is doing showing design code and aircraft categories by weight. This work when completed may well help to argue the case for an early adoption process for B2L as engineers progress B2. This could provide a pathway for some resource to be developed on smaller GA aircraft. Marcel may be able to tie up with Bob Wilson on this project.
8. As well as the next meeting on the 14th of September we agreed to get another virtual session in the diary for later in July.