

Notes for OGM and regular ECOGAS meeting

12th of December

Attendees:

Dan Banja
Kurt Dahlmann
Ani Sargsyan
Cyril Beuchet
Marc Bailey

Apologies:

Francois Horiot
Alex Segens
Marcel Gisel

OGM 2024

We looked to complete the ordinary general meeting even though we had three board members missing through illness and family issues. However, we did not have enough financial information to allow us to proceed. We have rescheduled the OGM for the 22nd of Jan 2025 at 1000 GMT. The Teams invitation has been issued.

Regular Board meeting

1. We discussed EASA meetings and it soon became apparent that our nominations for two of the Comms CSTG's which Kurt had offered to support do not appear to have registered our nominations so we will need to chase up both the chair and secretary of the SAB. Plus ensure that we have a direct line into EASA for all future nominations.

Action: Marc to chase SAB team re nominations and to also contact the chair of the rotary CSTG to see if he is aware of Kurt's nomination.

We also learnt from Dan through his experience in AG004 that it is possible to delegate tasks from one CSTG to another activity group owned by another CSTG. There is no indication as yet as to how that process will work in terms of controlling the original intent, or in fact feedback of any sort.

We also understand that the GA CSTG has effectively been allowed to continue with a similar membership. Along with those people formally nominated anyone from the original GA COM not nominated is allowed to attend, but they do not benefit from a vote. Therefore this at least provides continuity .

There also appears to be another part of the structure which allows the formation of sub group activities to support AG's we believe.

2. **The use of the EASA IT system** was discussed, and it appears that even though there may be access issues we are tending to rely on the distribution of information with good old-fashioned attachments to emails. Nothing else to say if we can work in this way then no further questions are required.

3. **ECOGAS Website**

It seems that there was a lack of understanding regarding what is required for the support of an ECOGAS website. The reason for moving the ECOGAS website under the control of FNAM was part of securing ECOGAS as a European association to protect our position long term. Coupled with that we agreed that the only reason for having a website was to secure a clear presence in the eyes of EASA and the European Commission. It is not a marketing tool, whatever information we put out is to show a reasonable level of activity. Its primary use to us is to have a clear picture what we are involved with at EASA in terms of SAB, COMM and activity groups. We store our notes minutes and EASA documents. We should also have an active diary so we can see when all our meetings are taking place in the following year.

The intention is that FNAM have staff who can maintain the website primarily in terms of uploading data documents and dates of meetings, which in practice should be no more than a couple of hours a month. The training for this has already taken place once with a previous FNAM staff member. What must be done this time is to create a local procedure so that any new person is able to pick up the task with just a handover from the previous incumbent. This is important because the IT resource at BBGA will not be available in medium term and therefore training will not be available.

Training has been set up for Ani and Cyril to have an initial review on the 7th of Jan. From there Sandra can determine what is the best approach to training them based on their relative competency. Sandra will invoice on an hourly basis and this will be invoiced direct to ECOGAS as we did previously.

Security

As a separate issue the ecogas.aero website security software expired 10 December this year and was renewed. I asked Sandra to look at this for us and there were three offers:-

\$107.10 for 1 year (includes 10% discount)

\$198.78 for 2 years (19% discount)

\$257.04 for 3 years (28% discount)

We purchased the 3-year option and will invoice ECOGAS in due course.

4. ECAG European Continued Airworthiness Group

We talked about whether there would be any benefit in offering that separate Airworthiness voice for industry in your member states. In general, the attendees were not certain how this would work in their country. We left this idea on the table for people to consider. The intention is to grow a stronger voice there is no financial angle to this at all.

5. ECOGAS meetings 2025

We agreed to keep our meetings running in 2025 at least four times per annum starting with our first session on February 26th, with the invitation already made on Teams. The following meetings will take place in May, September and December towards the end of each month. Meeting face to face at least once in 2025 will remain an aspiration.

6. Associations in other member states

It appears that Holland does have another aviation association starting up. Marc suggested that we try approaching them to see if they would like to join ECOGAS.

Action: Marc to make the approach to see if there is interest.

Best Regards,

Marc