

IAOPA eNews – August 2016

28th IAOPA World Assembly Report

Sixty-three delegates from 25 countries on four continents descended on Chicago July 21 through 24 to hash out challenges facing global general aviation and to celebrate the joy of flying. The twenty-eighth International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations (IAOPA) World Assembly tackled tough issues, such as overly burdensome maintenance regulations for light airplanes and the challenges of airspace access in some countries.



The twenty-eighth IAOPA World Assembly was held in Chicago July 21 through 24.

[IAOPA](#) represents the federation of 75 AOPAs around the world, from Estonia and Iceland to Australia and the United States. While regional meetings occur more frequently, especially among the European affiliates, the global assembly gathers only every two years. The last one, in 2014, occurred in Beijing, China. After hearing an impressive invitation from the New Zealand delegation, the delegates in Chicago voted to have the next world assembly in Queensland, New Zealand, in March 2018.

Moldova is the newest affiliate. Qatar is a provisional member. Once formally accepted, it will become the seventy-sixth member of the organization. Craig Spence, IAOPA Secretary General, reported that information regarding joining IAOPA has been shared with representatives in Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Uruguay, and Indonesia.

AOPA President Mark Baker is also the president of IAOPA. He welcomed the guests at an opening reception, which also was attended by FAA Administrator Michael Huerta and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu. ICAO is a Montreal-based entity that sets global policy on aviation matters. IAOPA has official observer status at ICAO, providing input on issues affecting GA.

Among the duties of IAOPA affiliates are surfacing issues affecting GA and working with other global entities, frequently ICAO, to resolve them and improve the opportunity for success of GA around the world.

During an opening panel discussion in Chicago, Liu encouraged affiliates to share their work and successes in growing the pilot population with ICAO so that others can benefit from individual countries' successes. Patrick Ky, executive director of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), shared with the group his work on trying to right-size regulations for European GA. He is credited in his short time at the agency with working hard to reduce unnecessary regulations on GA. Others on the panel, including Baker; Pete Bunce, president of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association; Ed Bolen, president of the National Business Aviation Association; and Peggy Gilligan, FAA associate administrator for aviation safety, detailed the challenges facing GA and reported on opportunities for improvement. The issues facing GA in other parts of the world are remarkably familiar to pilots in the United States—high costs of airplanes and fuel, dwindling pilot population, overbearing regulations, airport and airspace access, the emergence of drones, and public perception problems.



Courtesy of AOPA, by Tom Haines, Editor in Chief [Read online at AOPA.ORG](http://www.aopa.org)

Resolutions Adopted at the 28th World Assembly:

Resolution 28/1

Gratitude for the Host and Sponsors

IAOPA, at its 28th World Assembly, resolves:

to extend its deepest gratitude to all of the dedicated AOPA personnel and members for their work in hosting the Assembly, including President Mark Baker, EVP Ken Mead, SVP Jim Coon, SVP Tom Haines, SVP Jiri Marousek, VP Michelle Peterson, VP Melissa Rudinger, Director Mike Kline, Director Katherine Swain, and the other members of AOPA that worked so tirelessly to make the event a success. A special thanks goes out to Elizabeth Hannan and Charles Lehman without who's help this event would not have been possible. The entire organization also wants to express its appreciation to the following organizations for their sponsorship and services:

Jeppesen

Aero Space Reports

Resolution 28/2

Gratitude for International, Government and Industry Support

IAOPA, at its 28th World Assembly, resolves:

to thank the representatives and other organizations for their cooperation, and especially the following officials for their generous and valuable participation:

Dr. Lui, ICAO Secretary General

Patrick Ky, European Aviation Safety Agency

Michael Huerta, Federal Aviation Administration

Peggy Gilligan, FAA Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety

Pete Bunce, General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association (NBAA)

Steve Creamer, ICAO

Resolution 28/3
Proposed by AOPA New Zealand

IAOPA, at its 28th World Assembly, resolves:

The IAOPA Secretary General shall work with ICAO towards formal acceptance of medical requirements for private pilots, that are based on national or state medical standards that are currently used for drivers of motor vehicles.

Resolution 28/6
Proposed by AOPA Italy
Non Certified Equipment

IAOPA, at its 28th World Assembly, resolves:

to urge regulatory authorities to allow where appropriate the installation of non-TSO'd equipment on aircraft up to a limit of 5,700 kg (12,500lb) of MTOW, operated under Part 91 or its equivalent.

Resolution 28/8
Proposed by AOPA Italy
Airspace Classification

IAOPA, at its 28th World Assembly, resolves:

to endorse AOPA Italia request and efforts with the local authorities for greater access for VFR flights in the countries airspace and to encourage airspace designers to allow for increased access through the correct use of the ICAO airspace classifications.

Resolution 28/9
Proposed by AOPA Italy

8.33kHz

IAOPA, at its 28th World Assembly, resolves:

to urge regulatory authorities to ensure that avionic retailers and suppliers of 8.33kHz radios have the necessary capacity to meet the demand in order to achieve the January 1, 2018 deadline as set out in the European regulation. That there should be no unnecessary grounding of aircraft.

Resolution 28/10

Supporting Regulatory Development

IAOPA, at its 28th World Assembly, resolves:

To encourage all affiliates to provide the necessary support to regulators during the development of new regulations for the delivery of rules that are proportionate to the activity where they focus on, inter alia, positive safety outcomes.

AWARDS

IAOPA HOST AWARD Presented to Jim Coon, SVP AOPA US

For Extraordinary Accomplishment in Hosting a Successful, Enjoyable, and Memorable 28th World Assembly

IAOPA PRESIDENT'S AWARD Presented to Reggie Arsenault, Jeppesen,

For Outstanding Service and Support for IAOPA affiliates around the globe

IAOPA SERVICE AWARD Presented Bennett Snowden, Aero Space Reports

For Outstanding Service and Support for IAOPA and the 28th World Assembly

IAOPA SERVICE AWARD Presented to Ian Andrews

For Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Members and Staff of IAOPA and AOPA
New Zealand



Are you ready to go on V•A•C•A•T•I•O•N?

Not much can trump the fun of flying GA to our holiday destination: We get to do something we enjoy *and* avoid standing barefoot in long airport security lines or being held up in traffic on that eight-hour drive to the beach. But let's plan to stay out of the sometimes grim headlines that follow holiday weekends by reciting the Air Safety Institute's "Vacation" Pilot Safety Announcement, a "ghastly" rhyme and darkly humorous reminder of the various ills that can befall the careless or unwary vacation flier (www.airsafetyinstitute.org/psavacation). Make sure your name isn't next on the list...

Pass on This Newsletter to Your Members

Nothing can keep existing members, and attract new members, like reminding them of the great work that IAOPA affiliates, and IAOPA, are doing on national, regional, and international levels to keep them flying. Great work is being done in all parts of the globe to advance the interests of general aviation and the best way to share the message is to make sure that this newsletter gets to as many members and non-members alike. So I encourage you to publish this on your website, send on via email to your members, and do what you can to help spread the word.

Our focus with the e-News is to let the world know what IAOPA Affiliate around the globe are doing to keep general aviation flying. Each affiliate AOPA is encouraged to

submit stories that we can post in e-News to share your successes so that others can benefit. Stories should be directed to the Secretary General, contact IAOPA HQ if you need additional information or have any questions.