



RESOLUTIONS AND DELEGATION OF VOTING

With the IAOPA World Assembly less than 60 days out, it is important that all affiliates who will be proposing resolutions for discussion at the upcoming assembly have them finalized and forwarded to IAOPA HQ.

The IAOPA bylaws state that the IAOPA Board should meet at intervals of not less than 18 months and not more than 30 months to “coordinate the views and opinions of member organizations as expressed by members of the Board, with respect to proposed requirements, recommended practices, procedures, rules, facilities and services for international aviation.” These actions are stated as resolutions of the assembly. Since the Board will have limited time in which to discuss these resolutions, advance preparation and submission are critical.

Considerations regarding resolutions:

- Resolutions are designed to be used in promoting worldwide and regional positions, *not those for individual States*.
- Provide sufficient background information to enable delegates to understand the essential elements of the resolution.
- Wording of the resolutions statement is very important for both understanding and creating a favorable impact on target audiences – see sample, last page.

For those affiliates that will not be able to attend the World Assembly in person, and would like to delegate your voting authority to another affiliate, you must notify [IAOPA HQ](#) via email in advance.

See you in Queenstown!

IAOPA EUROPE BRIEFS MEMBERS OF EU PARLIAMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GENERAL AVIATION

On 10 January 2018, IAOPA, in conjunction with the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) and the European Regional Aerodromes Community (ERAC) hosted an informational lunch for members and staff of the EU Commission. The event took place at the European Parliament in Brussels. The event was organized and hosted by Ismail Ertug, who is a member of the Transport Committee. The event focused on the importance of regional air traffic in Europe, the benefits it can bring, and the political and administrative obstacles it has to overcome.

The first speaker was Dörthe Hausmann, managing director of Rostock-Laage Airport, who spoke on behalf of ERAC. She described the costs that a regional airport has to deal with because of various new regulations. The central problem is that all costs must be passed on to the users, which starts a dangerous price spiral even if the airport is working efficiently. As prices rise, the demand decreases; if the demand decreases, the cost per flight gets even higher. Although regional airports are described as important infrastructural facilities for remote regions, for several years they have been purely business-oriented.



Rob Baltus and Andreas Mundsinger from EBAA spoke on behalf of business aviation. They showed the benefits and flexibility of general aviation, which leads to time and productivity gains for general aviation users. Business Aviation yearly creates 100,000 city connections in Europe. By comparison, scheduled commercial air transport only provide for around 30,000 connections.

IAOPA Senior VP Michael Erb (AOPA Germany) pointed out that general aviation, with access to over 5,000 airports in Europe, offers a more robust infrastructural network than scheduled commercial air transport. However, in comparison to the USA, the IFR approach procedures, which would permit weather-independent flights, are still lacking. General aviation airports with all weather capabilities are essential to the safety and efficiency of general aviation in Europe. On a positive note, Erb noted that the European GNSS Agency is working to set up GPS-based approach procedures for general aviation airports, but many nation-states are reluctant to participate. The support of MEPs is enormously important to reverse this trend.

This info-lunch was very well attended with over 40 participants and provided general aviation associations in Europe an opportunity to clearly position themselves and make their voices heard by the European decision-makers.

AOPA HELLAS HOSTS EASA “GA ROADMAP” SEMINAR

AOPA Hellas, in conjunction with European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), hosted a “General Aviation Roadmap” conference on January 22, 2018 and the program was a very large success. The purpose of the event was to inform the Hellenic and European general aviation community on the significant changes being introduced by EASA as they continue to implement the General Aviation Roadmap. Over 85 representatives of the general aviation community in Greece attended the event, and an additional 1,500 watched the event as it was live streamed on the AOPA Hellas [Facebook](#) page. This marks the first time that such an event has been provided on the web for those that were unable to attend in person.



The General Aviation Roadmap is a high priority for EASA and they are dedicating efforts and resources toward creating simpler, lighter, and better rules for general aviation in Europe. Recognizing the importance of general aviation and its contribution to a safe

European aviation system, EASA in partnership with the European Commission and stakeholders like IAOPA is working to implement a more proportional, flexible and proactive regulatory system for general aviation. More information about the Roadmap can be found on EASA's [webpage](#).

In addition to the conference, a delegation from IAOPA and EASA met with senior officials within the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport to explain the importance of general aviation in Greece and Europe, and discuss efforts to adopt a more general aviation friendly regulatory environment within Greece. Meetings were held with the Minister Hellenic Republic Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Mr. Christos Spirtzis, Deputy Infrastructure and Transport Mr. Nikos Mavraganis, and representatives of the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority and the Air Accident Investigation & Aviation Safety Board. For more details on the event, contact AOPA Hellas.



THE AOPA AIR SAFETY INSTITUTE LAUNCHES ONLINE STATISTICS SNAPSHOTS

If you like to keep a tab on U.S. general aviation accident statistics, you can now access “Major Accident Causes” in the Air Safety Institute’s Accident Analysis section online. The statistical graphs cover nine major flight elements: Decision Making; Takeoffs, Landings, and Go-Arounds; Mechanical and Maintenance; Maneuvering Flight; Descent and Approach; Fuel Mismanagement; Stalls; Collision Avoidance; and Weather. Some categories drill down deeper into the topic. For example, while the main Takeoffs graph provides the total number of takeoff accidents, its subcategory—listed at the bottom of the page—breaks these down by accident type, such as loss of control, delayed abort, runway conditions, etc. Data are updated each April to be current through the end of the preceding calendar year, covering the most recent 10-year period for which investigations by the United States government’s accident investigation agency (the National Transportation Safety Board) are reasonably complete. While visiting the Accident Analysis online section, you can also search the Air Safety Institute’s Accident Database and browse Interactive Accident Maps and the most recent Joseph T. Nall report.

LINK TO IAOPA EUROPE NEWSLETTER

Read the latest information on what IAOPA affiliates are doing in Europe. AOPA's in every part of the globe are making a positive difference for general aviation and there is simply not enough room to publish all that is being done to keep you flying. For the latest updates on what is going on at IAOPA Europe check their website at <http://www.iaopa.eu/>



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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 that 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 of IAOPA 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.