

ATAC 2010 Annual General Meeting and Tradeshow
Sunday, November 7 - Tuesday, November 9
Westin Bayshore Hotel
Vancouver, British Columbia

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Welcoming New Members

This new section of the newsletter will be used to welcome new members who joined ATAC since the publication of the last issue. Since this is the first time we publish the names of these new members, we are proud to welcome the following new ATAC members who joined in 2010:

Operator Members – Air Mikisew, Cargair, Glacier Air, Grondair, KD Air, Lake Country Airways, Whistler Air and Winnipeg Aviation (2003).

The Paul Mulrooney Memorial Award of Excellence

An invitation to submit nominations for the Paul Mulrooney Memorial Award of Excellence was sent to Operator Members on May 20, 2010. The deadline for submissions is June 18. The award will be presented during our Conference on November 7 – 9, 2010 in Vancouver.

Canada Transportation Act Data Regulations Proposal

In June 2007, Bill C-11, which addressed amendments to the Canada Transportation Act, received royal assent. Amendments to this act would allow the Minister of Transport to collect information for environmental and security purposes, in addition to safety, infrastructure, policy, planning and grain transportation monitoring. Proposed amendments to the Canada Transportation Act present an opportunity for Transport Canada to review its existing regulations regarding information and data collection and management, as existing regulations have been in place since 1998. Transport Canada is now consulting the proposed changes with ATAC. These regulations would apply to all Canadian scheduled carriers operating aircraft of over 25,000 Kg.

Bill Boucher, VP, Operations and VP, Quebec and Atlantic, bboucher@atac.ca

Passenger Bill of Rights Voted Down by House of Commons

Bill C-310 the Private Members Bill which purported to be an Air Passenger Bill of Rights was voted down by the House of Commons.

ATAC had strongly opposed the highly punitive and poorly written law. ATAC has recognized that it is likely that similar legislation may be introduced in the future. Accordingly a working group has been established which intends to develop a proactive response no later than the end of 2010.

Passport Canada Unveils New ePassport

Passport Canada, the government body responsible for the issuance of passports recently unveiled its new ePassport. The new passport has an embedded chip which stores the information currently on the passport. The information can be readily read by electronic devices which are located at Immigration Canada check points. ATAC and IATA had been consulted. Non-aviation stakeholders complained that the new passport was tailored for aviation purposes but did not meet the needs of land border crossings.

Michael Skrobica, VP, Industry Monetary Affairs and VP, Ontario and British Columbia, mikes@atac.ca

Foreign Affairs and International Trade approves ATAC Phase 4 India Project 2010

The Global Opportunities for Associations has approved an ATAC Flight School proposal to support a tightly focused marketing strategy aimed at recruiting potential Indian student pilots from Ground school prep schools, private high schools and international baccalaureate programs.

Canadian Trade Office in Bangalore India announce Indian Air Operators mission to Canada Fall 2010

Foreign affairs in India will travel to Canada with a mix of private Indian airline operators and flying schools interested in sending their students to Canada as well as partnering with Canadian flying schools.

Flight Training Updates

ATAC member Ottawa Aviation Services ("OAS"), acquired a Mechtronix Ascent® Turboprop Trainer™ simulator configured as a generic regional turboprop with conversion kits to multi and single engine piston. The FSTD will be used for Ab-Initio training, Turbine Transition, Crew Resource Management ("CRM") as well as Instrument Flight Rating ("IFR") courses.

ATAC congratulates Jim Dow past Chief, Flight Training and Flight Crew Examinations in Ottawa. Jim has taken on a new role as Air Navigation Commissioner at ICAO in Montreal. The Air Navigation Commission is a body of technical experts that gives advice to the Council, which is the governing body of ICAO. ICAO is a Specialized Agency of the UN.

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