Discussion material

Annual Meeting of the
FAI Environmental Commission

To be held in Lausanne, Switzerland
on 22 January 2011
Dear FAI Environmental Commission Delegates, Representatives and Observers,

I have been unable in the past several weeks to reach the other VP nor his NAC, so since we need to get the upcoming meeting agenda distributed for the next EnvCom meeting, here it is from me. Of importance is not only the election process, but the fact that we currently have no President. As VPs, Kare and I can jointly* chair the meeting, which will impact adversely on our country's voting capability, unless we have a country alternate delegate in attendance.

*We have co-chairman at RTCA Special Committee (SC) and EUROCAE (European Organization for Civil Aviation Equipment) meetings who jointly chair meetings and it works very well.

Note it's a long agenda. In addition to regular 'normal' items, I have included all the matters from the past meeting which implied action would be taken by someone or that I consider deserve further purview by EnvCom. Also, there is a lot of discussion material at the end or the agenda.

The meeting times permit European one-day arrival/attendance/departure and same day morning arrival for many non-Europeans!

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USA Environmental Commission Delegate
IGC Environmental Commission Representative
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(suggested by Bernald Smith, EnvC Vice-President)

NAC Delegates and ASC Representatives are encouraged to advise the FAI Headquarters, copying EnvC Vice-Presidents Kare Liasjö and Bernald Smith, of their attendance (through http://doodle.com/3yb8w3wn7dvg92rd), regrets or proxy assignments so the FAI will know the likely attendance for which to plan meeting space, breaks and lunch. Only one proxy may be assigned to any one person (Delegate only and in accordance with FAI Statutes 5.5.2) and no proxy may be assigned to the VPs because they will be chairing the meeting.

Reports by FAI and VPs will address what was done after President’s death to maintain EnvCom presence within FAI, e.g. VPs on President’s email list, activity at Dublin.

Delegates, Representatives and observers attending the meeting are kindly requested to prepare their contributions for presentation as Microsoft files. Agenda items (other than elections) requiring decisions that do not have reports prepared in writing for the meeting may be subject to delayed action, e.g. we need progress/completion reports. Of importance to know is translation costs for the certain items deemed worthy of such action, as well as printing costs for production of the item in some specific quantity (one if only to go on webpage; more if to be considered for some distribution). Delegates will need to refer to the minutes of the last meeting to see the items for which they are responsible.<http://www.fai.org/environment/meetings> and click on: <envc_2010_minutes.pdf>

If we have production cost estimates in hand prior to the meeting, which what this is a call for, then we can have the budget put together prior to the meeting and thus move forward, with promised Executive Board support, on getting it done now rather than later.

Regarding translations, some questions to think about: should individuals provide translation estimates, or should the country of origin, or FAI? Do we only do translations into English, or provide for translation into any language (within reason, that is)? So far, all the items for translation are in German except one in Norwegian and maybe one in Danish.

Although there are many items, we will move through them rapidly for those where people have done their homework by providing the necessary info to permit us to take action, such as authorizing a particular item for inclusion in the budget for translation/production. If there’s not enough supporting material for review, then we’ll just carry it forward as an action item for consideration the following year, assuming we remain at one meeting/year. If we want to get something done/settled, we must have documentation/reports/info on which reasonable decisions can be made without undue time being spent thereon so the meeting can move forward with accomplishments so we look like we know what we’re doing and do it!

Bernald Smith will work on item 11 prior to the meeting, and encourage others to do the same, so we’ll have something ready to put together at the meeting.

In view of Felix Kiser’s suggestion, since all of 8 through 13 are at issue in one way or another, do we only focus on just one major item, and if so, which. Bernald thinks they all need some kind of resolution, which may well come in reports from delegates. Matters which were only intended as info, not requiring further consideration, may be removed from the agenda under agenda item #1.