

Minutes of NANDTB Meeting

**Qantas Group Lounge, Sydney Domestic Terminal
5th February 2007 – 1000-1400**

1. Chairman Tony Collier opened the meeting at 1000 and welcomed all in attendance. Tony went on to clarify the recent email messages which generated some confusion amongst members. He further stated that he would be in telephone contact with all members on a monthly basis in the future to ensure there was no such confusion in the future.
2. Attendance: Tony Collier TC, Garry Bowden GB, Neil Joiner NJ, Neville Morgan NM, Brian Tydeman BT, Ron Quirk RQ, Gavin Smith GS, Malcolm Oakey MO, Colin Hockings CH, Shayne Flynn.
Apologies: Gary Martin GM, Peter Virtue PV.
In attendance: Keith Johnston KJ, Trevor Robinson TR, Len Bishard LB, Jed Murray JM

Keith Johnston and Trevor Robinson introduced themselves to the meeting as CASA observers.

3. Adoption of the agenda –Additional items related to the CASA Maintenance Authority discussions at 10.2 were identified **GB/MO**
4. Disclosures of interest - None
5. Acceptance of previous minutes July 2006 **MO/NM**
6. Business arising from the minutes and not dealt with in the main agenda – None

6.1 Progress on Board Projects:

SF/TC Assessment of Personnel- Recognition of Training- TC and SF Presented a draft document which was discussed at length. Lack of Level 3 coverage in General Aviation was noted as a particular problem when identifying training needs. CH is to circulate the various documents to Board members again. TC and SF will produce a procedure for comment by May 2007. **Action**

CH/TC/CH

PV/GM Assessment of Written Practice – PV/GM document circulated and agreed to. CH to put into Board format and include in the Procedures. Any comments to be sent to CH by 20th February. **Action CH**

CH Reported on web site progress referring to earlier circulated information. All web material is to be reviewed for changes which have not been included. Photos of all members to be put on the site. Resumes of all members would be sought Inclusion of the NANDTB logo should be incorporated into the site Legal disclaimer to be added to the site.

Some form of appreciation to Leanne Foggarty for here work thus far is to be decided
Action CH/All

Discussion of web management followed. TC offered to sponsor the site if it could not be managed FOC. It was also agreed that once established, a web co-ordinator needs to be appointed as a focal point for information to go onto the site. Further Promotion and links to other sites were suggested and CASA was to follow up with David Pattie on what promotional assistance could be offered. **Action CH/TJ**

BT/TC/CH Liability/disclaimer – CH noted the disclaimer statement now in NA-001 porcedure. Some discussion followed on what protection that statement would afford to members. It was agreed to retain that statement at this time and if any member is aware of reason to amend it then it should be brought to the attention of the Board.

CM/NJ Control of Examinations procedure- CM sought further advice on what was needed and will incorporate that advice into the document he was drafting for the next meeting. **Action NM**

CH Mutual Recognition with other NANDTBs/Regulators- CH attended European NANDTB meeting and noted reports circulated to members earlier. It was agreed that it was in the Board's interest to remain actively in contact with the European Forum of NANDTBs and seek mutual recognition when criteria was established. **Action CH**
TC noted that the Australian Board once established could afford assistance to Pacific nations which did not have the resources for their own Board.

TC Reported that he is still investigating the possibility of receiving Government funding for the Board's activities. **Action TC**

7. Correspondence in / out: circulated by CH

Arnold Long (CASA) re electronic NDT renewals. TJ to contact Arnold Long to discuss the exact information CASA would like to solicit from the Board.

Action TJ

8. Chairman's report was tabled by TC

NJ/NM

9. Sub-committee reports – See above

10. General business

10.1 Impact of EN4179-2005 on AS 3669 – No discussion

10.2 Comments on CASA procedures previously circulated (CAAP and MT): A lengthy discussion of the shortcomings of the present situation where CASA presided over a system of approvals of persons undertaking NDT using Maintenance Authorities which was not in accordance with AS3669. This particularly relates to the General Aviation sector. Also the issue of continued use of COA 108.8 and 108.10 when these were manifestly obsolete. CASA representatives were not able to comment on the progress on procedural documents circulated for comment thus far. TR to check and report to the Board on the progress of the CAAP 30-4 (1) and CAAP 42V-3(0) including appendices and the comments received. **Action TR**

TC to contact Graham Edkins, using the conclusions and recommendations from his (TC) discussion paper as a basis of alerting CASA of the need to address this problem as soon as practicable and ensure all stakeholders including regional CASA staff administer the procedures uniformly. **Action TC**

10.3 POD thresholds for defect detection in NDT procedures- It was agreed that POD justification of NDT procedures was beyond the scope of NDT Level 3s writing procedures. OEM/Engineering personnel were the appropriate persons for this work.

10.4 Dealing with new technologies- TC lead a discussion about the inclusion of new technologies into the coverage of Maintenance Authorities. He referred to a response provided to a persons seeking a MA for video borescope work. It was agreed that visual inspections were not the subject of MAs. OEM and NDT Level 3 persons should lead the discussion on what new technologies warrant special treatment as individual approvals by MA.

10.5 Member's Agreements – Member agreements were received from TC and NM.

10.6 Report from NANDTB Berlin and Paris meetings- Reported in 6.1

10.7 Progress with Web site- KJ/TR had nothing to add to comments provided in 6.1.

10.8 Seminar with CASA and NSW AINDT Branch: CH advised that the NSW branch of the AINDT was planning a seminar with CASA (November 2007). KJ is to finalise what assistance the Branch may expect from CASA and advise CH, and CH is to draft a program. **Action KJ/CH**

10.9 Any other business- Other items discussed in earlier matters.

11. Election of officials or representatives - not required

12. Schedule of next meetings: July 10 (Qantas Sydney), November 20 (Helitech Brisbane)

13. Close