

Although not a NANDTB initiative, the Aerospace NDT Seminar held in Canberra was attended by almost all the Board members, several of them giving presentations. The day before the seminar, the Board held a meeting at the nearby Civil Aviation Safety Authority offices in the suburb of Phillip. A full agenda was completed and the highlights are presented below:

The web site continues to be the most important communication media of the Board. It was recognised that to remain effective it must be frequently updated and cleared of obsolete material. So this remains a priority. Leanne Foggarty who has been responsible for constructing and maintaining the site visited the meeting and was presented with a small gift from the Board in appreciation of her efforts.

Further work on Board procedures for the recognition of Level 3 personnel and other qualifications was tabled and while progress may appear slow, the Board believes it is heading in the right direction.

Shayne Flynn is to prepare a document which is to be used as a basis for closer affiliation with the AINDT. It was recognised that there is already considerable overlap, albeit informal, and that a more formal approach to the Board's interaction with the National NDT Institute would benefit both organisations.

Standardising the interpretation of AS3669 is fundamental to achieving consistency in the advice or statements the Board may make about AS3669. An interpretive document is to be prepared for this purpose.

Trevor Robinson from CASA reported that aerospace NDT in Australia and other ancillary activities would soon come under the administrative control of the Airworthiness Engineering Branch. CASA

will be seeking to appoint a technical person in that capacity. Trevor also recommended that a MOU between CASA and the Board replace the original letter of recognition which originated when the Board first came into existence.

The other important matter was the upcoming election of Board members. It is due to be completed by March 2008, and if possible it will be done using a web based electoral method. The reason for this is so that as many eligible organisations as possible will participate without the expense of having to travel to a single venue. The Board is working with the webmaster to finalise a fair and workable system.

Nominations for the Board should be sent to the secretary before COB on the 31st January 2008. The next meeting of the NANDTB is expected to be in Brisbane in March.

Internationally, the European Forum of National Boards met in November. Progress at this, only the third meeting of the Forum, continues steadily. The main areas receiving attention are:

- Refining the Forum's method of working
- Input to EASA to harmonise Regulations related to NDT in Part 21 and Part 145 organisations
- Establishing communications with NADCAP
- Harmonisation of the operations of the various Forum Members
- Interpretation of standards for qualification and certification of NDT personnel
- Provide a one day workshop during 2008 which would target employers and Regulators, presenting guidance on the implementation of EN4179 and related subjects.