

## Special Meeting Minutes

1300 EDST Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
Telecon

1. Opening: RQ opened the meeting at 1300
2. Present: Brian Tydeman (BT), Ron Quirk (RQ), Tony Collier (TC), Colin Hockings (CH), Gavin Smith (GS), Garry Bowden (GB), Gary Martin (GM), Shayne Flynn (SF), Jason Maitland (JM), Neil Joiner (NJ), Malcolm Oakey (MO).

Observers: Mark Taylor (MT)

Apologies: Peter Virtue (PV)

3. Adoption of the agenda and other business – *RQ/NJ Carried*
4. Disclosures of interest – Nil.

### 5. Special business

*5.1 Incorporation of the NANDTB* – RQ reported on the obstacles to incorporation of the Board in any individual Australian State. The option of becoming a Registered Australian Body under ASIC (Federal) was discussed, including possible sources of financial and legal assistance. MT confirmed that CASA would require the Board to have legal status. Given that the incorporation would be required before CASA could enter into a MOU, the consensus of the Board was that financial support to achieve this should be from CASA.

SF noted that under the recently signed MOU with the AINDT, the AINDT may also be a potential source of funding. NJ offered to pay the initial costs as TC had done at the previous meeting. The offer was declined pending the results of an approach to CASA.

*Action CH to prepare a letter for CASA (Richard Farmer) from the Board outlining the current situation, seek guidance on what CASA expects from the Board, and what potential exists within CASA's finances to support the Board. RQ/GS Carried*

*5.2 MOU with CASA* - RQ to report on progress. – See 5.1

*5.3 Agreement with AINDT* – SF reported on the recent AINDT Federal Council meeting at which the proposed agreement document was accepted unanimously by the AINDT. It was proposed that the Board now agree to the MOU. GS suggested that this development be included in the correspondence to CASA (Item 5.1) .

*RQ/GB Carried*

*5.4 Future of AS 3669* – Members discussed the merits of retaining AS3669 over adoption of EN4179/NAS410. TC suggested EN4179 be adopted and GS recommended retaining AS3669, with no real consensus being shown. MT noted that the AMC for the new Regulations is expected to recognise all three standards.

ASA3669 is not shown in the list of NDT standards currently being considered as a project by committee MT-7. The new Standards Australia business model make is unclear what process would be followed to periodically revise it.

*Action: CH to write to the chairman of MT-7 Peter Sheedy requesting the current status of AS3669 and what category in the new business model would be the most likely pathway for its ongoing revision.*

*BT/SF Carried*

**12.** Any other business: TC noted that the report from the CASA Team Leaders meeting which included discussions on the state of NDT in Australian Aerospace could be made available to the Board if CASA was approached for it. It was agreed that the Board had an interest in the report.

*Action: CH to write to CASA (Greg Hood) to request a copy of the report.*

*TC/RQ Carried*

**13.** Agreed actions – As above

**14.** Schedule of next meeting- TBC Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Timken, Kingsgrove Sydney

**15.** Close: RQ closed the meeting at 1350.

CH  
Secretary.