

NATA Spring Committee Meetings Updates

Air Charter Committee

Members of the Air Charter Committee reviewed numerous regulatory issues during their meeting. Committee members are assisting the association in developing communications to educate the industry on forthcoming European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) requirements to imposing a licensing system on non-European based air carriers. Members also evaluated best methods to continue to engage the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on issues related to the proper application of taxes for aircraft management services. The committee also is working to develop sessions for the NATA Air Charter Summit on June 16-18, 2014. Questions or suggestions for the Air Charter Committee can be submitted to Jacqueline Rosser at jrosser@nata.aero.

Aircraft Maintenance and Systems Technology Committee

The focus of the Aircraft Maintenance and Systems Technology Committee is continuing a positive working relationship with the FAA by offering input and expertise on policy development. Committee goals include becoming a feedback loop and resource to help the FAA develop sound policy that reflects compliance with the regulations. The committee is also very interested in the status of the Consistency of Regulatory Interpretation Aviation Rulemaking Committee also known as the 313 ARC and the FAA's plan for implementing the ARC's recommendations. Questions or suggestions for the Aircraft Maintenance and Systems Technology Committee can be submitted to Carol Giles at carol@carolgiles.com.

Airport Business Committee

Members of the Airport Business Committee worked on various subcommittee projects concerning training, outreach, advocacy and education. The communications subcommittee is developing an outreach program that provides tools for members to promote the economic benefits of the general aviation industry. The committee's work and update on the document, "How Many Aviation Businesses Are Enough," is ongoing and a task group is underway to collaborate with other associations. Questions, suggestions or interest in joining the Airport Business Committee can be submitted to Amy Koranda at akoranda@nata.aero.

NATA Safety 1st Committee

The NATA Safety 1st Committee held its first regular business meeting of 2014 last week immediately prior to the association's Aviation Business & Legislative Conference. The committee reviewed a number of items important to the ongoing success of the Safety 1st program. The meeting began with a joint session with the Airport Business and Maintenance Committees. The joint committees reviewed the association's 2014 strategic plan and then engaged in a general discussion on existing training and education needs within the industry. The Safety 1st Committee then reviewed actions taken in 2013. The committee also looked at areas that could affect safety at aviation businesses, including possible OSHA actions on ground equipment seat belts. The committee concluded its meeting reviewing and making edits to the Safety 1st Operational Best Practice (OBP) on wing walking. Questions or suggestions for the Safety 1st Committee can be submitted to Mike France at mfrance@nata.aero.