

FASVIG Steering Group Meeting, CAA House, Kingsway, London 10th June 2014

Present:

John Brady	Co-Chairman
Tim Hardy	Co-Chairman
Eryl Smith	Programme Co-ordinator
Tom Hardie	BHPA
Ian Moorman	BALPA
Tony Ridley	BALPA
Julian Scarfe	PPL/IR
Trevor Wilcox	LAA
Jonathan Smith	NATS

Apologies:

John Williams	BGA
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Purpose:

JB welcomed all present. The meeting had been called in lieu of the full FASVIG Working Group to review the FASVIG agenda with a view to re-invigorating activity. JB noted that limited progress had been made since the last FASVIG meeting in February due in part to the conflicting demands upon key FASVIG leads and participants. With hindsight it was felt that the issues generated at FASVIG 2 had not been sufficiently focussed and that the resulting workplans were too ambitious. Whilst the objectives of FASVIG remained valid there was a need to recast the scope and priorities of the programme to ensure that its success.

Processes to Move Forward:

The Co-chairs proposed and the meeting agreed that FASVIG should not attempt to 'boil the ocean' rather it should establish a limited set of objectives to focus on and design a programme and process to ensure that these could be progressed. It was agreed that the priorities should focus on Airspace and associated Regulatory initiatives. A more limited set of objectives should be developed for Information Management, whilst at the same time reviewing how best to progress the respective Electronic and Visual Conspicuity initiatives. It was agreed not to continue with a dedicated Safety workstrand but as adopted by FASIIG where safety was considered as an output rather than an input, safety considerations should be an integral consideration for individual initiatives. The FASVIG Co-Chairs would maintain an overview of Safety matters.

Discussion:

It was noted that the FASVIG initiative complemented related European initiatives and that there was significant opportunity to influence and cross fertilise European agendas. With regard to safety, discussion focussed on the ability to measure the impact/effect of initiatives. Jonathan Smith briefed the meeting on the use of RATS as a demonstrable measure of improvement. JB undertook to explore whether GASCO might assist in developing/managing a tool that would support FASVIG. Considerable discussion took place on the parallel initiatives relating to Electronic and Visual

Conspicuity. It was felt that the work of these groups was largely invisible to FASVIG and that there was a risk of duplication of effort. It was agreed that discussion should take place with CAA (Mark Swan) to agree how best to synchronise/integrate work across these areas with that of FASVIG.

Airspace:

John Williams (BGA) to Lead, supported by Trevor Wilcox (LAA)

Key priorities agreed as:

- Airspace Review: review of extant CAS to identify and recover 'redundant controlled airspace'
- Modelling: how best to model capacity of controlled airspace to determine appropriate levels of VFR access
- Data transparency: ensuring that CAS is predicated on current/appropriate procedures
- Transit Routes: Review of current VFR transit routes and identification of opportunities to establish additional VFR transit routes
- Access (into CAS)
- Airspace Utilisation: minimise the effect of commercial traffic in uncontrolled airspace (PBN)

Regulation:

Tom Hardie (BHPA) to Lead

Key priorities agreed as:

- Equipage ('Innovation through Regulation')
- Community endorsed appropriate standards
- Review of Legislation that is blocking innovation
- Regulatory Building blocks

Information Management:

Lead tbc (potential candidate Ed Bellamy?)

Key priorities agreed as:

- NOTAMs
- Dynamic Airspace Management
- Trajectory Sharing
- Tactical Airspace Sharing

Programme, Organisation and Leadership:

It was agreed that renewed efforts would be made to identify support resources for the respective workstreams and that a Lead role to take forward the IM workstream agreed. It was agreed that the individual workstreams should be progressed independently through the summer with the intention of reconvening the full FASVIG forum in September.

Programme Co-ordinator:

JB reported that Bob O'Neil had decided not to take up the invitation to become FASVIG Programme Co-ordinator. The opportunity had now been re-circulated to a number of participating organisations in an effort to secure a Programme Co-ordinator to replace Eryl Smith. To date a small number of responses had been received and JB asked members to encourage any further potential interest.

AOB:

On behalf of BALPA Ian Moorman requested that it be recorded that they wished to see Continuous Climb & Descent procedures included in consideration of the Performance Based criteria within the Airspace Workstream activities (A6).

IM further advised that BALPA wished to continue to participate in FASVIG on an informed and as required basis so as to best utilise their limited resources.

MoU. It was agreed that the proposal to establish an MoU under which participating organisations would operate had yet to be progressed. It was agreed that this should be in place for the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting;

It was agreed that the Joint Chairs would review progress of individual workstream activities through the summer and convene meetings of the Steering Group as required.

The date of the next full FASVIG forum was scheduled for 16th September (tbc).