George Sempeles, FAA/AOV-110, briefed the audience on topics discussed at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) Steering Group meeting that had taken place the week prior in Montreal. The objective of this group is to develop Standards and Recommended Practices to support Regions and States with the implementation of their AIM Programs. George reported that ICAO is analyzing chart types and functions to determine which chart types are being produced and looking at which types are needed. They are also looking at which products can be replaced with digital data and what products should be eliminated. This is part of the “No County Left Behind” initiative.

Catherine Riccio FAA/AOV-110, commented that these are all things that the U.S. and other ICAO States are already doing. She said ICAO is trying to create guidelines for other countries that need to modernize their aeronautical data systems.