

AVIATION RULEMAKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ARAC)

Rotorcraft Issues

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8, 2000
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Helicopter Association International
1635 Prince Street
Alexandria, Virginia

The Assistant Chair, Mr. John Swihart, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The attendees introduced themselves and signed the attendance sheet (Attachment 1). Mr. Mark Schilling, Assistant Executive Director, read instructions governing the conduct of the meeting, and the agenda (Attachment 2) was distributed.

Mr. Swihart informed the group that he, earlier in the day, attended the EXCOM meeting where there was extensive discussion on Committee Management. He advised the group that there is a Federal Aviation Order (FAA) Order stipulating that committee meetings be held in Federal buildings in the Washington metropolitan area. However, when it is more cost effective or convenient to hold a meeting elsewhere, or if a site visit is planned, a written request must be submitted to the Department of Transportation (DOT) Committee Management Officer. This is important because ARAC meetings on Rotorcraft Issues often are held at locations outside the Washington, D.C., area in conjunction with significant industry meetings such as Helicopter Association International and American Helicopter Society meetings. The FAA will develop a request to hold certain meetings outside the Washington area, and will seek information from the Assistant Executive Directors to support a change in meeting location.

Status reports and working group presentations were made as described below:

Performance and Handling Qualities Requirements: The NPRM was distributed to the members in advance of the meeting for review and approval to forward the document to the FAA for formal legal review and economic analysis. Mr. Joe Corrao (HAI) moved and it was seconded to forward the document to the FAA. The group unanimously agreed to submit the document as drafted. Mr. Swihart will prepare the transmittal letter and forward the document to the FAA for review.

Status of Rulemaking Accomplishments: Mr. Schilling briefed the group on two work plans developed by working groups. The plans were distributed in advance of the meeting for review, discussion and approval at this ARAC Meeting on Rotorcraft Issues.

Rotorcraft Structures Damage Tolerance and Fatigue Evaluation Harmonization Working Group: Mr. Schilling briefed the work plan indicating that the tasks are on schedule. Mr.

Corrao indicated a need for Mr. Hal Summers to effectively participate in the working group/subtask meetings. He further advised that Mr. Summers had moved into a new position and HAI would ensure that Mr. Summers participates or that he be replaced with a member who could actively participate in working group sessions. Mr. Tom Sandberg (AIA) indicated that the first two subtasks were essentially a cleanup effort to clarify and update existing policy and guidance. Mr. Corrao then recommended inserting the term “Composite” within the title of the task. The group agreed that the title change was needed. Mr. Corrao then moved and it was seconded to accept the plan as proposed. The group unanimously agreed to the plan with the change in title.

Rotorcraft Structures Damage Tolerance and Fatigue Evaluation of Metallic Rotorcraft Working Group: Mr. Schilling briefed the group on the work plan. Mr. Schilling spoke of the agency’s Technical Oversight Group for Aging Aircraft (TOGAA) and how the group was established following the Aloha accident some time ago. TOGAA is a specialized group of individuals who provide expert advice on issues related to the aging aircraft structure. The FAA has advised that this group should participate in working group discussions although the means of participation was not specific. Mr. Bob Lynn from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area would be the TOGAA representative. Ms. Sharon Miles, the FAA representative on this working group would meet with TOGAA and obtain their recommendations and they would be relayed to the working group.

Mr. Corrao mentioned that this interaction would require extra coordination. ARAC agreed that the FAA internal team would ensure that TOGAA is briefed on activities of the working group and that any concerns raised by TOGAA be brought to the working group for consideration in a timely manner. It was then moved and seconded that the Work Plan be accepted as drafted, including the discussion of this ARAC meeting. The group unanimously accepted the motion.

Mr. Swihart scheduled future meetings as follows with the understanding that the meeting may be cancelled if there is nothing substantive to discuss or to put to vote.

November 8, 2000	HAI, Arlington, VA, beginning at 2 p.m.
February 14, 2001	Anaheim, CA, beginning at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Attendance

Seven people, including committee members, alternates, and government employees, attended the August 8, 2000, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee meeting on Rotorcraft Issues.

Public Notification

The Federal Register published an announcement of the meeting on July 25, 2000

Approval

I certify the above minutes are accurate.

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Mr. John Swihart
Assistant Chair for ARAC Rotorcraft Issues

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Attachments