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MEETING 14-10 OF THE UK NATIONAL AEROSPACE NDT BOARD

Meeting Date: Monday 14th October 2024
Time: 10am
Location: Airbus : Chester Road, Broughton, Flintshire, CH4 0DR

MINUTES

NANDTB/2024/24-10

1. Confirmation of the agenda (and any other business)

Nothing

2. Attendance & apologies for absence (Annex A)

Kevin Pickup (KJP), Guy Lawton, Gary Reay, Tony Warren, Ben Wright, Julian Barlow, Andy Worrall, Mike Teece, Craig Seamark, Patrick Boulton and Tracy Grant.

Apologies- Ralph Duff, Todd Parsons, Matt , Phil Byram, Graham McLeod, Paul Harris and Bryan Ravenshear

3. Minutes of the previous (10/09) meeting

Modified email list has been prepared by TEG. TEG reiterated that the list that she sends to the Board is the most up to date list and this list should be used for contacting the Board.

4. Membership of the board

Updated in real time

5. Vice Chair & Chair Nominations

KJP will distribute an email regarding whether anybody would like to be Chair/Vice Chair.

6. UK NANDTB Document Review

As per the last action for TEG and PJB, all documents on the website are now up to date and the issue numbers/dates are correct.

NANDTB_03

Reviewed in meeting – no changes

ACTION – TEG to upload

NANDTB_10

Is on the website

NANATB_16

Needs a review – PT145, OA/IA, JB, CS – reviewed by SW and MC in 2022. Note this was pre-EASA UG so it still needs to be reviewed in this context.



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ACTION – John to arrange with Craig - Still to be arranged OPEN.

CS to chase up JB

NANDTB_18

For subject of next working group combined with WG31.

Agreed in WG31 that 18 will be where the content of 31 lives – draft to be prepared.

ONGOING – Review Pete doc. ACTION –KP to arrange meeting.

NANDTB_22 – leave until 2025 February.

NANDTB_23 – KJP to sent to TEG for publication.

7. ANDTBF

Next meeting is 4/5 December in Hungary.

The UK Board are currently arranging pre audit and Pri Audit.

8. WG15 – Harmonisation

Update to confirm this is all very positive and have worked through every comment. Actually the points at rewriting the draft – meetings every Wednesday afternoon.

Discussion as to who is going to be the secretariat needs to take place.

9. OA/IA Group

Nothing to report.

10. NADCAP Update (DP)

Approval of outside agencies – final touches being made before it goes live early 2025 (April).

11. Regulators Update – (MAA/CAA)

There are a lot of undercurrents as a result of Brexit, it would have been good to have the CAA here. The current document uses the terminology Member State. States that Membership Countries that do not have their own NANDTB must use another Member State NANDTB but going through the process of this with Rosa of developing the framework put together at the beginning of the year to asses boards on competency to allow them to do foreign country approvals but that seems to be outside of the member state part. If you get assessed by the competency matrix as being competent we can do foreign exams for India, Africa and Brazil but we cannot do them for France, Belgium, Spain and Germany. Rosa is doing her best to sort this out.

ACTION – CAA to write to Transport Minister to take on the issue of UK not being a Member State with respect to Easa. BW to help, it needs to articulate the issues with regards to training foreign personnel and the UK not being classed as Member State.

12. PT 145

Hopefully a solution will be found to enable BW and TP to deal with.

Most covered off by the Regulators. Involved in 4th EASA audit in 12 Months.

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Still getting a view of other companies and those who gone through the 145 audit from EASA.

13. Any Other Business

BINDT technical

KJP going through the letter received in to BINDT Technical – in short PJB thinks that the suggestion is that you have a number of persons who want to achieve the status of a L3 aerospace NDT engineer but they don't have an aerospace background or brought up through an aerospace based company, or had a recognised apprenticeship or got aerospace experience.

ISO 18490

PJB had an update on ISO 18490 and a discussion taking place regarding Tumbling E. Brief discussion during the last board meeting and in conjunction with PW a specific request was put together why the Board feel and BINDT feel like the Tumbling E test charge should remain in the standard. These were sent to Darcy Cochrane and Darcy has sent an email out to all WG members, the document has been approved and released as an end document but PJB is still waiting for a date as to when those document will all be out for public review. At the moment there is a number of optometrists who are on the WG for 18490 and there is no further movement to keep Tumbling E in. The UK Board has not attended all the meetings due to the confusion of Russians delegates attending and BINDT cannot participate and have been asking NRCAN to make the views on behalf of the UK.

BINDT have made an official complaint to ISO with regards to the political aspects of UK as a country and BINDT as an organisation not being able to sit on that WG.

PJB will go back to ISO and ask for the specific release date of when the document becomes public and BINDT need to disseminate that release date and make people aware that the documents are open for public review consumption, then it will be down to individuals or companies to them make comments and anybody can do that.

This should go to all BINDT members, not just the Aerospace members.

You cannot vote on the document as a member of the public on the ASD Stan website but you can comment.

This will be taken to the European on the Boards's behalf, at the last Conference in Korea there were mumblings that the Tumbling E would be removed from the document. Fermin Gomez was not happy about this. There are conflicts of interest with this as well.

It will still be down to the L3 administering eye tests and training to carry out the eye tests.

BINDT need to draft a common response and the WG has go the Boards feeling, nothing wrong with BINDT drafting something appropriate.

Tumbling E comes from E M Inspection could BINDT host?

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Questions to be asked :-

Who owns the IP

Who owns the Tumbling E

Could officially take this on Board and host through BINDT's website

ACTION – KJP will locate the contact form

ACTION – KJP will bring this up with the Board

ACTION – PJB will see if BINDT can develop and host the eye test on their website

2024 meeting Schedule

Dec 3th – online

Discussing meetings for 2025 – September