

Aerospace Group
Terms of Reference

Aim

The aim of the Aerospace Group of the British Institute of Non Destructive Testing is:

To promote and advance the science and practice of NDT in the aerospace industry.

Enabling Objectives

1. To define NDT requirements to meet future aerospace industry goals.
2. To develop roadmaps for NDT technologies to guide knowledge generators (e.g. Universities, RTOs) towards aerospace industry goals.
3. To change the perception of NDT into being a solution rather than a burden, by promoting the benefits of NDT methods within the design, production and maintenance communities.
4. To promote and enable the introduction of new NDT technologies by identifying and tackling barriers, and through scientific evaluation, validation and education of manufacturing and maintenance supply chains.
5. Through collaboration with the NANDTB and ADS NDT SIG (in the Joint Aerospace NDT Forum), to provide a conduit into BINDT for aerospace-specific requirements.

Membership

Membership of the Group is open to anyone who is a full member of the BInstNDT who has an interest in the Aerospace Industry. Membership is free of any additional charge.

Organisation

The Aerospace Group shall operate according to the Institute's Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye - Laws and under the Terms of Reference approved by the Institute Council.

Committee

The Group shall be directed by an Executive Committee, elected by members of the group.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of:

A Chairman

A Vice-Chairman

At least 8 ordinary members.

All the members of the Executive Committee shall be full members of the Institute.

Committee members shall be appointed on an annual basis, but ordinarily shall serve a term of 3 years. Chairmen and Vice - Chairmen shall be appointed on an annual basis, but ordinarily shall serve a term of 2 years. Under normal circumstances, a Chairman shall be succeeded by his Vice-Chairman.

Any Executive Committee member failing to attend three consecutive meetings without due cause in the opinion of the Executive committee shall step down at the next Annual General Meeting.

In special circumstances non-members of the group may be co-opted to the Executive Committee for specific purposes. They shall not have a vote nor shall they form part of a quorum.

Executive Committee meetings shall be held at quarterly intervals and at other times as directed by the Chairman.

A quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be 5.

General Meetings

The group shall hold one Annual General Meeting in each calendar year for the purposes of

- a. receiving the Chairman's report of the past year's work
- b. electing a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and an Executive Committee.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the group may be called by the Executive Committee or on the written request of five members of the group. Three weeks notice of the meeting stating the nature of the business to be transacted shall be given.

A quorum for a Group General Meeting shall be 5.

Voting

At any meeting of the Group or the Executive Committee a resolution may be adopted by a simple majority of those present by show of hands. In case of equality, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. In the case of amendment to the Group's Terms of Reference a resolution may only be adopted with the support of not less than two thirds of those present who are entitled to vote.

Reporting

The Aerospace Group reports through its Executive Committee to the Technical Committee of the Institute.

Representation on other Institute Committees

One member of the Executive Committee shall be elected to represent the views of the Aerospace Group as a full member of the Membership, Qualification and Education Committee.