



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY
OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATORS

NEWSLETTER

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President's Preamble

Ladies and Gentlemen

Another year gone in a flash, although there must be some for whom it has dragged on and on. Just when we could see light at the end of the tunnel, all of a sudden it turned out to be the Omicron Express coming the other way. All we can do is keep on what we have been doing with Delta and hope we can keep it at bay, especially in light of the ISASI Brisbane seminar (see <https://asasi.org/>).

There's not all that much for me to report this time round, although both Mike and Wayne have some updates to share. You'll notice a change in the newsletter format, as hinted at in the September issue: we now have a section for the Vice-President, the Secretary/Treasurer and another for membership matters. The newsletter is a modest production by comparison with the recently-received ASASI newsletter; theirs contains a lot of material on general subjects, whereas the aim of this one is to report on (mainly) NZSASI matters. The ASASI missive can be viewed on the ISASI website, as can the ESASI news – all well worth a read.

Speaking of ASASI, they have created a new website, and in the process of setting it up, have offered NZSASI a section. View it on <https://asasi.org/nzsasi/> – If anyone has a suggestion for content to add to our page, please let's have it and we'll get it up there.

VP's Views

Good day friends. The best of the season to you.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the questions of when they wanted the monthly webinar series. The votes are in and the most votes received was for the 2nd Wednesday of the month (at 10am). So please mark your calendars that these will be the dates of our webinars in 2022:

- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August 10
- September 14
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14





Those of you with iPads will know it's easy to create a repeating event in your iPad calendar that repeats on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Then you don't have to bother entering 12 different events. Google Calendar has a similar option, but you must choose the correct date and time for the first event. Then the option becomes available to make that event repeat every month, on the 2nd Wednesday.

So far, we have the following speakers:

- January 12: Bill Yearwood, recently retired from the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (their equivalent of NZ's TAIC). He will be discussing floatplane and helicopter accidents, as well as how his career progressed as an accident investigator.
- February 9: Jason Legge, Senior Manager of Group Resilience (formerly Corp. Security) at Air New Zealand. Jason is a former Australian Federal Police Officer and will be discussing his role in investigating the MH17 tragedy.
- March 9: No one yet. I'm working on a few suggestions but if you have any suggestions, *I would really like to hear them.*
- April 13 or May 11: Robert Sumwalt, who doesn't really need an introduction but anyway... recently retired Chair of the USA's NTSB and now a professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida.

There is no need for any NZSASI member to register, but if you would like to bring a guest, the guest will need to register please. That's not to send them any emails but just to make sure we don't exceed our cap of 100 persons on the Zoom call. Guests are most welcome. One of the reasons for the webinar series was to allow members to bring colleagues they think might be interested in joining the NZSASI/ISASI. Getting to watch the webinar will hopefully show them the value of becoming a member.

Thanks for your time and best wishes for a safe a festive holiday season.

Mike

Sec/Treas Section

Season's greetings all!

There's not too much to report from the admin side of the house, other than we finally have access to the Society's bank accounts again. The changeover between Committees was slightly problematic for various reasons and it was almost like the BNZ had never been in that situation before. Since the BGM in July, it has taken many hours on the phone (the majority of it on hold...) dozens of emails and dealing with three separate departments – all of whom assured me the problem was solved. Suffice to say, I haven't been impressed with the level of customer service received!

To that end, at the last Executive Committee meeting we discussed changing banks to one that would better serve the needs of NZSASI. The Society Constitution currently specifies that we are required to use the BNZ. Any change will require a change to the Constitution, so look out for a vote on that in the future.

It's been great to see a few new members come on board recently. Hopefully this a promising sign that the industry is starting to gear up again.

Also, a reminder: if you have anything you would like to include in these Newsletters, just send it through to one of us and we'll see what we can do.





I hope you all have a great festive season, without any call-outs!

Cheers,

Wayne

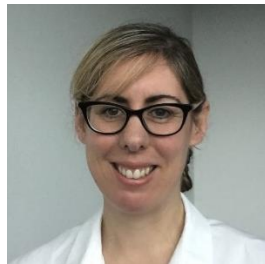
Membership

Firstly, a warm welcome to our two newest members, Harald Hendel and David Oliver. Harald is the newly-appointed Chief Investigator of Accidents at TAIC, having previously been employed by Airbus in various high-level roles; and David has been with the Investigation and Response Team at the CAA since 2019, having previously been a CAA flight operations inspector (helicopter) and a pilot of some note before that. He's been everywhere!

We also welcome back Tahlia Fisher, previously an associate member before joining Air New Zealand; Tahlia was then covered by ANZ's corporate membership (note – ANZ has since ceased its corporate membership) and during her time there, accrued the necessary experience for full membership of ISASI. Tahlia (aka Dr Fisher), now employed by TAIC as their human factors specialist, has reinstated and upgraded her membership in one move.



Here's Harald



And Tahlia



And Dave

While looking at our Sec/Treas Wayne's brief bio for the September issue, I was astonished to see that he was still an associate member, despite long since having qualified for full membership. We soon fixed that, however!

Mike, Wayne and I held an Executive meeting on 22 November, and one of the outcomes was that we resolved that NZSASI would sponsor any membership upgrades from now on. It's one way, albeit modest, that we can give something back to the membership, now that the practice of subsidising annual dues has ceased, with members' dues being paid direct to ISASI rather than through NZSASI.

Also in the September issue, I mentioned that I had volunteered for ISASI's membership committee; interesting using the new Wild Apricot system (check it out at <https://isasi.wildapricot.org/>), which makes the process a lot easier than previously. Note that upgrade and life membership forms are still on the original ISASI website www.isasi.org.

For those members getting near the current life membership threshold (currently age 70, with at least the preceding 5 years paid membership) be ready to get your application in, as the criteria will change on 1 January 2024 to age 74 and 10 years continuous membership – plus a fee (a big one!).

Something else that has cropped up with new or upgraded memberships is the receipt of email from Curt Lewis – his Flight Safety and Aviation Maintenance & Technology Exchange bulletins are very informative, but in between these is a lot of advertising-type email. These can fill up your mailbox quickly in your absence, so just 'Unsubscribe' if that becomes an issue.





The Last Bit

Let's hope there's some relief in 2022 from the overwhelming excitement of the year just gone! It's still very much up in the air though, so to speak. I had to laugh at a Christmas card I just now received from my cousin who lives in a northern suburb of Sydney. He would normally enclose a chatty newsletter with all the family happenings over the past year – this time round, it was headed 'Highlights of 2021', and down in the middle of the page was the caption, 'THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY BLANK'. Pretty much sums it up!

Despite all the gloom and doom around, I hope that everyone has a happy Christmas and a great New Year celebration, with ample opportunity to wind down and relax.

All the best.

Kind regards
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