



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY
OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATORS

NEWSLETTER

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President's Preamble

Ladies and Gentlemen

Ho, ho, ho! It's that season again. I think the general feeling is that this year has been a danged sight better than the previous two! The main highlight for ISASI (and us!) of course, was the Brisbane seminar, with the ability to meet fellow members face to face rather than screen-to-screen. Let's look forward to the next ANZSASI in a similar light – details and the Call for Papers later in this missive.

Frankly, there isn't a whole lot to report this time – I was rather hoping for some news from members, but none was forthcoming. Everyone is too modest, it seems. Or too busy – there's a bit of it about! I haven't developed an immunity to it yet either.

Vice-President's Views

No report from Mike, although you will have seen his comprehensive email prior to the last webinar. Mike and I caught up at the RAeS symposium on 4 December, held in the impressive surroundings of the NZ Parliament.

Sec/Treas Section

No report from Wayne this time; he has had a busy time of late.

Membership

Firstly an update to the Life Member criteria mentioned in the October supplementary newsletter: the change takes place on 1 January 2023, not 2024 as previously advised. The change applies to birth dates on or after that date; the good news is that any member who turns 70 before or on 31 December is still eligible for life membership at any time after that date. The important thing is the birth date, not the date of application.

Dues for 2023 are due now! These are paid directly to ISASI, via the website <https://isasi.wildapricot.org/> - see the instructions in the previous two newsletters if you haven't already logged in. For those yet to, please do log in and make sure that your contact details are correct – and please notify Wayne if any changes have been made.

Currently, the ISASI membership website is showing NZSASI as comprising 45 individual members and three corporates.

A recent note to Council members from Barb Dunn reports that, since the Brisbane seminar, there have been 55 new individual members and five renewals from corporates that had previously dropped out. (I have seen several more new applications since that message on the 14th.)





Some of you may know, or work with, former members who were casualties of the COVID-induced aviation business downturn – it might be worth seeing if we can get some (or all) of these back on board. The reinstatement form is still on the main ISASI website, at [Reinstatement in Membership - ISASI](#) and the fee is US\$80, which pays the current year's dues (or the next year's if paid after October). Disregard any reference to 'late fees' as these have been abolished.

If anyone has forgotten their membership number for the form, either Wayne or I can find it from past records.

Our immediate past president, Paul Breuille, has taken up a post with Air New Zealand, as a Safety Specialist (it took a while for the news to filter out – 6 months). Congratulations Paul! I hope the work-from-home aspect works out well.

Last but not least is a welcome back to Steve Walker, back with CAA as a safety investigator. Steve is going through the membership reinstatement process (last heard was waiting for his work credit card to be issued, so he could pay the 2023 dues).

President's Postscript

Looking ahead

Early in 2023, the 'Executeers' will have to identify the venue for the 2024 ANZSASI seminar (that's Fri 7 to Sun 9 Jun 24) so we can have it booked in time to announce at the Gold Coast ANZSASI seminar. There's every chance that the costs will be well up on previous figures, so obtaining sponsorship will be critical to keeping the registration fees to a reasonable level.

Somewhere about May, we'll be calling for nominations for the next Executive, with the positions to be ratified at the biennial general meeting. The BGM and the NZ-hosted ANZSASI seminars have got out of phase again, so we'll have to have a BGM separately – an earlier suggestion was for a combined in-person and virtual event (as in 2021) on the weekend (Friday evening?) after the ANZSASI seminar.

Mike's December webinar was great, presented by Malcolm Brenner, who also did the after-dinner presentation at the Brisbane seminar. Here he is in the relaxed mode after that presentation.



At one point during the webinar, I counted only 20 attendees – very few of whom were NZSASI members, and more to the point, a near-total absence of our 'core' members. Hey, guys, this year we've had 11 webinars, which add up to the equivalent of an ANZSASI seminar – all for free, and with no travel involved. Surely it can't be that hard to set aside the time to participate for an hour of each





month. Book it out as training – which it is, of course. Busy? So what? Think of the logger, who stops several times in a shift to sharpen his chainsaw – sharpening your knowledge and experience is equally important.

There is a cap of 100 participants for each webinar, so even with ASASI and the HCAP Australian Region involved, the turnouts have been pretty poor. OK, rant over.

Further ahead, we have the ISASI seminar in Nashville to contemplate – no point in repeating the details here, as they are well advertised on the ISASI website.

Speaking of websites, our own page is on the ASASI website, www.asasi.org. Newsletters are stored there (still waiting for the last two to appear). The site is managed by Dennis Hill in his 'spare' time (he's a busy man) on a voluntary basis. Here's Dennis, also in the relaxed mode, posing with Sue Rice, the leading light in the Asia-Pacific Cabin Safety Working Group:



That pretty much wraps it up for 2022 (well, apart from the unwrapping on the 25th) so Seasons Greetings, Happy Holidays, stay safe and look forward to a better year in.2023.

Kind regards
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2023 ANZSASI SEMINAR "Improving Safety"

NOVOTEL Surfers Paradise 2-4 June 2023

Call For Papers

The annual ANZSASI seminar was postponed because of the Covid restrictions and travel difficulties. We are now pleased to announce the seminar will be held in 2023 when travel within Australia, and between Australia and New Zealand should be unrestricted.

The 2023 ANZSASI Australasian Seminar will be held in Surfers Paradise at the Novotel Hotel, 3105 Surfers Paradise Blvd, from Friday to Sunday June 2-4 (2023).

The Novotel is ideally suited being centrally located, and adjacent to public transport. The Seminar will follow our usual format with a welcome reception on the Friday evening, two full days of presentations on Saturday and Sunday and a dinner on the Saturday night. For partners, the Novotel is in the central shopping area, with easy access to all the Gold Coast attractions.

The success of our annual ANZSASI Seminar is always measured by the quality of the papers and associated presentations. The theme of the seminar is "*Improving Safety*", and papers will be considered that address all aspects of transport safety, safety training and education, human factors, and technical developments.

We would like to invite offers of papers and welcome submissions from those who would like to submit a paper and make a presentation at the Seminar.

Please submit an abstract and short bio by 1 February 2023, to the following email: asasiexecutive@gmail.com

