



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY  
OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATORS

(SUPPLEMENTARY)  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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Ladies and Gentlemen

This was originally the January supplementary newsletter, but a few issues got in the way – mainly getting the Exec in the same (virtual) space at the same time. The meeting scheduled for 16 January was postponed due to the P-3's last hurrah – a SAR mission in Kiribati waters, a resounding success, and a great note for the old girls to go out on.

The reason for this ‘non-quarterly’ issue is that there are a few administrative matters for members to consider, so here they are –

### Constitution and By-laws

The proposed amendments have been a long time coming, but here they are for your approval (or not). New or changed text is in red; to see the changes in full, compare the amended version to the original (which itself was amended in 2021). It is still modelled on the ISASI Constitution of course, but takes account of local conditions. As we are neither an incorporated society nor a registered charity, we have no statutory reporting requirements or a need to adhere to certain phrasing and format. (The registered charity idea was one I looked at back in 2021, but quickly abandoned in light of the bureaucratic requirements and the lack of direct benefit to NZSASI.)

Changes include minor editorials, an update on membership processes including recognition of electronic payments, and altering the clause tying us to the BNZ (both Wayne and I have remarked on the level of customer service in previous missives).

Please use the voting option in the distribution email; the Constitution as it stands requires a 60-day consultation period but if a majority vote is received at an earlier stage, there would appear to be no point in keeping it open for the full time.

You'll note that the 60 days has been reduced to 30 in the proposed amendments – this recognises the expedience and convenience of email communication. I stole that idea from an ICAO proposal along the same lines (for State letter distribution).

Any queries, remarks or suggestions can be sent to me in the first instance.

### Executive meeting

Mike, Wayne and I had an executive meeting on Thursday 9 February, with the following outcomes:

ANZSASI 2024:

- City: Auckland.
- Identifying venue: Wayne will be checking some options in the near future.
- Sponsorship: a list of likely contributors has been compiled; AB volunteered to follow up.

- Organising committee: with Mike and Wayne both in Auckland, we're in good hands. Any offers of assistance will no doubt be gratefully received.

Some dates to note:

- 11 April approx. – exact date will be confirmed in the distribution email for this newsletter – closing date for voting on the Constitution.
- 24 April: nominations for 2023 Exec open – nomination forms distributed,
- 12 May: nominations close – Mike will include a final reminder in his webinar intro.
- 13 May: if (and that's a big 'if') more than one nomination for a position is received, a postal ballot (electronic) will open; closing date 27 May. Peter Stevenson-Wright (PSW) has agreed to receive the nominations and handle any ballot admin if required.
- 1 June: the Great Trans-Tasman Golf Challenge return match – if we can assemble a team.
- 2-4 June: ANZSASI, Surfers Paradise of course!
- 9 June: NZSASI biennial general meeting, details TBA.
- 22-24 Aug: ISASI, Nashville.
- 7-9 June 24: our own ANZSASI (finally!), preceded by the golf challenge, subject to interest.

## Finances

With no income since 2019 (seminar fees and sponsorship mainly) NZSASI's bank balance has been steadily decreasing. Currently \$27,566 – at 2021 BGM, net worth was \$31,053.67; at 2019 BGM, \$45,040; and on 31 March 2017, \$50,424.26.

The last major expense was the venue hire for the 2021 BGM – the thick end of \$3k, so we will be looking at ways of minimising cost for this year's BGM, (may need to be wholly virtual, in the worst case).

Once a venue for ANZSASI 24 is confirmed, we will need to pay a hefty deposit, followed by at least two progress payments. Previously, our funds to hand would have been sufficient to run a seminar at a total loss, but with rising costs across the board, this is no longer the case.

As an extreme economy measure, we have reluctantly decided to suspend the provision for subsidising members (and Exec) who travel at their own expense to ASASI-hosted or ISASI seminars. Note that this applies to this year only.

## ANZSASI 2023

The results of the Call for Papers as at the deadline date of 31 January were pretty well non-existent. ASASI have extended the deadline to 28 February, so if we have any contenders in our team, please get your bids in as soon as possible.

We have a few golfers showing interest at this stage, but only one confirmation. The go/no-go decision for the Grand Trans-Tasman Challenge will be made on 31 March at the very latest.

We have yet to see the registration and hotel details; these will be forwarded as soon as available.

Some doubt as to the viability of the seminar has been expressed, but it's still early days. For our Christchurch seminar in 2013, we were still scratching for presenters right up to the last week. The weekend was a great success (especially the social side), even though we had only enough presentations to take us through to mid-afternoon on the Sunday.

## Membership

Welcome to Glen Eastlake, recently accepted as a full member of ISASI. Glen is currently employed by Air New Zealand as a safety specialist, having previously been Safety Manager for Milford Sound Flights, based in Queenstown; as well as a B737 Captain with Virgin Australia.

Wayne, our redoubtable Secretary/Treasurer is moving from the front office of our long-serving P-3K aircraft to a new office (as RNZAF Flight Safety Officer – Aircrew, still based at Whenuapai). Wayne hits the Start button on Monday (13th). All the best, Wayne!

And the aforementioned PSW has been persuaded to renew his membership, and is going through the process at the moment. Welcome back in advance, Pete!

Kind regards

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