

# NorCal Business Aviation Newsletter: December 2012

Happy Holidays Everyone,

I want to thank everyone for participating at the successful November meeting with our local government officials. It was a different format for us, but one that allowed our government friends to participate. Many thanks to the speakers and to our own Bob Hala, Chairman of the NCBAA Advocacy Committee for assembling this respected group of government officials. Given the response we've received, we will look to do this again at some point in 2013.

## January 2013

**Our next meeting is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and will be held at Michaels in Mountain View.** Our first meeting of 2013 is a really good one. Our sponsor is TWC Aviation and our speaker is Jim Cannon, IS-BAO Program Director. Mr. Cannon will talk to us about "The IS-BAO Process" during the meeting. Mr. Cannon will also preside over a two-hour breakout session after the meeting to discuss more in-depth the implementation requirements and how to take your department to the next level of IS-BAO certification.

I'd like to thank our sponsor, TWC Aviation for being a good friend to the NCBAA. TWC provides aircraft management, brokerage, jet charter and jet card services to clients worldwide. They manage a fleet of more than 50 aircraft throughout the U.S. and abroad with offices in San Jose, Los Angeles and New York. Thank you TWC for sponsoring our January meeting!

Our speaker, Mr. Cannon has been a pilot for more than 41 years and has risen through the ranks of corporate aviation to become a well-respected, talented leader. Jim was the Director of Flight Operations for The Home Depot and was elected to the NBAA Board of Directors where he served for five years. As an advocate for professional development, Jim has authored more than 60 articles in business aviation publications as well as having been a featured speaker at NBAA and Flight Safety Foundation seminars. Jim is currently the IS-BAO Program Director. He will talk to us about "The IS-BAO Process". For those that don't know, IS-BAO stands for **I**nternational **S**tandards for **B**usiness **A**ircraft **O**perations. IS-BAO is a program that gives a flight department internationally recognized standards that are based on the principles of a Safety Management System (SMS) and industry best practices. For those departments like mine, which operate outside the U.S. regularly, IS-BAO certification is already a valuable measurement of your department's health.

I want to encourage all flight department members and those who work with flight departments to come to this meeting and listen to what Mr. Cannon has to say about IS-BAO. This topic so important to us that we will provide additional time after the formal meeting to further the discussion on implementing IS-BAO into your organization and subsequently growing it to achieve a higher standard of compliance. Here is how the time will be allocated: During our formal meeting, Mr. Cannon will speak about the needs for and benefits of the IS-BAO standard and how a Safety Management System applies to all members of an organization.

After the formal meeting is completed, we will start the first hour of the breakout session for those interested in learning how to implement IS-BAO into your organization, discussion topics will be more focused; IBAC website resources, the role of an auditor, who is involved and Q&A.

The second hour of the breakout session will focus in on departments that are currently IS-BAO certified and how to take them to the next level. This will be a more descriptive discussion on the programs, processes and protocols necessary for IS-BAO compliance. Of course, there will be significant Q&A as well. What a great way to start 2013!

## **February 2013**

I think it would be good to let you know what we have in store for February too. The meeting will take place at Michaels on February 12<sup>th</sup> with USAIG as our sponsor and they will bring with them three expert speakers who will talk to us about the very real problem of Runway Excursions. The focus of the meeting will be "Runway Excursion Prevention". USAIG and the NBAA have worked together to develop a Runway Excursion safety forum that will require us to extend our meeting with a breakout session to complete the presentation. This valuable presentation has been accredited by the NBAA for a continuing education credit towards Certified Aviation Manager (CAM) certification.

## **NCBAA Advocacy**

If you are looking to make a charitable donation this holiday season, I would like to encourage everyone to consider making one to the Family Giving Tree. The NCBAA has teamed up with Family Giving Tree to provide an opportunity for us to help local children through our monetary support. Please take a look at their website and if interested, donate to help a child in need.

<http://vgt.familygivingtree.org/norcalbusinessassociation/>

## **Closing**

Again, happy holidays everyone and thanks to all who have devoted their time and talents to make the NCBAA what it is today. Thank you so much for being a part of the NCBAA and I really look forward to what we have planned in 2013. I'll see you at the next meeting!

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