

Canadian Federation of AME Associations (CFAMEA) Newsletter – October 2012

The Canadian Federation of AME Associations (CFAMEA) held their Annual General Meeting 21st and 22nd October 2012, in Toronto, where members from the regional associations gathered on the first day to review their progress for 2012, set objectives and priorities for 2013, and select a new leadership team.

Hearty congratulations to Ole Nielsen nominated as the next President of CFAMEA, replacing Ben McCarty who decided to step down following his many years of devoted service. Ole will be supported by CFAMEA Vice President, Rod Fisher from the Western AME Association.

The second day was devoted to discussions with Transport Canada. Jeff Phipps, Chief Operational Airworthiness, provided an update on the new organizational structure now in-place at Transport Canada, along with an update on the CARAC process, regulatory exemptions pertaining to aircraft maintenance and a recovery plan to eliminate the backlog in the Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPAs) to the Canadian Aviation Regulations. Martin Eley, Director General Civil Aviation, spoke about the implementation of Safety Management Systems. Additional discussions were held on the subject of Fatigue Risk Management (FRM) offering CFAMEA the opportunity to express their candid views that proposed regulations on FRM would be unmanageable.

And as we transition to a new leadership we want to express our thanks and gratitude to Ben McCarty for the energy and time he has devoted to raise the visibility of AMEs both with regulators and within the aircraft maintenance industry. And for evolving CFAMEA to what is it today – the bona fide organization representing AMEs in Canada.

CFAMEA is comprised of representatives from each of the regional associations, namely, 1) AME Association of Ontario, 2) Pacific AME Association, 3) Western AME Association, 4) Central AME Association and 5) Atlantic AME Association.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Canadian Federation of AME Associations