



Airports, Handling and Ground Operations Committee (AHGOC)

Mission Statement

The role of the EBAA Airports, Handling and Ground Operations Committee (AHGOC) is to support sustainable growth of the Business Aviation industry and interests of association members by promoting fair, equitable and secure access to Airports; assuring safety, standards of best practices at Airports and in Handling Companies; environmentally friendly operations to the benefit of local communities; and fair competition to the benefit of all stakeholders best to meet the needs of aircraft operators, their passengers and crews.

To raise the profile of business aviation and facilitate the sharing of best practices the EBAA AHGOC will, with the support of the secretariat, organize meetings, events and seminars dedicated to these purposes.

Terms of reference AHGOC

- The AHGOC will comprise EBAA Member Companies having expressed an interest in its work and willing to commit effort to ensuring delivery of its objectives. **Membership** numbers will normally not exceed 15 participants and exceptionally no more than 20.
- There will be **two specialist working groups**: One for Airports and one for Ground Operations. Membership will be advised once nominations have been received.
- The committee will designate and elect a **Chairman** for confirmation by the EBAA Board of Governors.
- The Chairman will enjoy automatic membership of AMAC.
- **Meetings** of the AHGOC will be held on an as required basis. Responsibility for scheduling meetings rests with the Chairman of the committee. It is expected that 2 meetings per year will be required, with the remainder of the work conducted through means of electronic communications.
- Committee Members are expected to meet the **expenses** of holding their meetings, although travel and subsistence support will be provided if required.
- **Reporting** requirements: Working in conjunction with AMAC, the committee will work as tasked by the EBAA Board of Governors and regularly report progress as so directed jointly through the AMAC Chairman and the EBAA Secretariat as appropriate.
- The Committee is a main line EBAA activity and will receive all necessary support from the EBAA Secretariat, with the appointed EBAA Liaison Officer acting as Focal Point.

Scope and Objectives

General

- Appropriate liaison with other stakeholders including ACI and EUACA, to facilitate the delivery of committee goals
- Liaising with the EBAA SJU consortium to ensure alignment between the requirements of airports and airspace users and the technical capabilities and requirements being developed for the Single European Sky.
- Develop in conjunction with the EBAA Secretariat a communication plan covering all activities, goals and achievements of the AHGOC.



Airports Working Group

Having regard to the Environmental impact and public safety, the Airports Working Group will work under the direction of the AHGOC to secure a fair and equitable access for Bus Av to regional airports, taking account of:

- number of movements and opening hours (curfew),
- national and local legislation and
- Member state policies.
- Apron parking capacity
- Road access
- Grandfather rights
 - Slots allocated to BusAv based on historical usage
- Airspace access including ATM traffic management instructions
- Technology
- Helicopter Access

And Ensuring:

- Fair and reasonable taxes proportionate to the services provided
- Business Aviation is not unfairly displaced by low cost carriers
- Bus Av is fully involved in local consultations on airport development capacity
- Fair and reasonable charges representing the balance of airport handling agent and users best interests through competition appropriate to the size of the airport
- Unrestrictive airspace access and appropriate ATM Traffic Manager
- The introduction of slot regulation only when necessary to optimize airport capacity
- An alignment of slots and flight plans
- Adequate but reasonable insurance requirements
- Security requirements appropriate to the BusAv sector
- Noise charges are imposed only when appropriate and at a level fairly determined by the local environmental impact
- Compilation of a database of airport best practices as a template for European application

Ground Operations Working Group

Working under the Direction of the AHGOC, the Ground Operations Working group will ensure:

- Handling agent concessions granted by airports are appropriate to the level of activity and of duration commensurate with the financial commitments required of the handling service.
- Minimum standards are set for the services provided in accordance with an industry code of best practices for a service level agreement with the airport
 - Development of the IS-BAO as a recognized European standard for handling services including registration and approval to agreed performance levels allowing fair competition between handling services to ensure affordable prices for operators
- Necessary supplies of fuel are available promptly and at competitive prices
- Security requirements appropriate to the BusAv sector
- Access rights are reserved to BusAv according to historical usage regardless of new entrant airline carriers
- Appropriate road access to the Handling Service is made available by the airport together with parking facilities in line with business activity
- An adequate but reasonable insurance requirements



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Events

- The AHGOC will organise events to raise the profile of BusAv and facilitate the exchange of best practices between airports, handling services and international service providers. As from 2010 the event will take the form of a dedicated seminar within EBACE with the intention of growing this into an independent event in future years.
- Sponsorship: While the events will be managed as integral part of internally funded EBAA activity the committee will try to seek appropriate sponsorship for associated administrative services (e.g.: Breakfast, coffees, lunch,...)

EBAA Liaison Officer

Romain Martin

Members

Michel de Ronne (Aéroport de Paris)
Brian Humphries (EBAA President and CEO)
Guy Broddin (AMAC Chairman)
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