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IBAC Holds IS-BAO Standards Board Meeting – Adds Two New Board Members, Reports No Changes to Standard in 2024

17 November 2023 – Montreal -- The International Business Aviation Council's (IBAC) safety standard programme, the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operation (IS-BAO), held its annual standards board meeting last month in Las Vegas. In addition to electing two new board members, the IS-BAO Board concluded there will be no changes to the safety standard in 2024, and all adjudicated changes will be consolidated for release in the next IS-BAO edition in 2025.

New IS-BAO Board members are Shannon Hotchkin, Fleet Maintenance Director at EJM, and Franz Hornung, IS-BAO Auditor and Captain at BMW Group. This year's reelected IS-BAO board members include Dan Boedigheimer, Jad Donaldson, and Mike Ott from NBAA, Randy Horsley from CBAA, and Stan Medved, IS-BAO Standards Board Chairman, EBAA. Other IS-BAO board members include Jens Hennig, GAMA, James Viola, HAI, Doug Carr, NBAA, Joanne Wong, AsBAA, Keith Washington, NBAA, Pat Dunn, NBAA, Kent Wong, AsBAA, Chris Tran, ABAA, and Tariq Alsaeed from MEBA.

Andrew Karas, IS-BAO Programme Director, said, "We appreciate all these industry professionals that voluntarily make up the IS-BAO board that work toward continuous improvement for business aviation safety. IS-BAO is an industry standard for business aviation and by business aviation, and this group certainly represents its international scope and professionalism."

Karas added, "A special thank you to Juergen Wiese, who has served on the IS-BAO board for the past 15 years. He chose to pass the opportunity on to another EBAA representative, Franz Hornung, this year. We also welcome Shannon Hotchkin to the board and look forward to working with her and Franz in the coming years."

About International Business Aviation Council (IBAC)

IBAC represents the interests of business aviation worldwide. IBAC is a non-profit, international trade association with official observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization, the UN Specialized Agency for aviation matters, in Montreal, Canada. IBAC promotes and manages the industry-leading standards for best safety practices through its International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO™); International Standard for Business Aviation Handling (IS-BAH™); Safety Management Tool Kit; SMS eLearning training; and Crew Card. Recently introduced in partnership with CTX, the IBAC Carbon Credit Exchange provides the business aviation community with a reliable resource for real-time offsetting to reduce its carbon footprint. More details at www.ibac.org

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