



**Twenty-Eighth Regional Aviation Safety Group — Pan America Executive Steering Committee Meeting  
(RASG-PA ESC/28)**

Lima, Peru, 4-5 May 2017

**Agenda Item 2: Designation of the new ESC Representatives and RASG-PA Co-Chairs and Vice Co-Chairs**

**DESIGNATION OF NEW RASG-PA ESC STATE AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	
This paper presents considerations for the designation of the RASG-PA Co-Chairs and Vice Co-Chairs of RASG-PA Member States and International Organizations/Industry Representatives, in accordance with the RASG-PA Procedural Handbook, 4th Edition.	
<b>Action:</b>	See Section 3
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety</li> </ul>
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RASG-PA Procedural Handbook, 4th Edition</li> </ul>

**1 Introduction**

1.1 The RASG-PA membership includes all States and Territories in the ICAO North American and Caribbean (NAM/CAR) Regions, and all States of the South America (SAM) Region.

1.2 Membership also includes airline operators, international organizations, maintenance and repair organizations, regional aviation organizations, aircraft manufacturers, airport and air navigation providers, and any other allied organization/representatives.

1.3 The Membership, as well as observers and other interested parties, serve as partners of the RASG-PA, and their joint commitment is fundamental for having success in improving the aviation safety.

## **2 Discussion**

2.1 The RASG-PA Procedural Handbook, 4th Ed. was approved on 28 April 2017, using the RASG-PA “fast track” mechanism. This Edition contains the composition of the RASG-PA members to the Executive Steering Committee (RASG-PA ESC), as follows:

- a) Representatives from four different States from the CAR/NAM Regions;
- b) Representatives from four different States from the SAM Region; and
- c) Representatives from eight different international organizations and Industry.

2.2 With a change to the RASG-PA State Co-chair, as well as the departure of the Industry Co-chair, and guided by the procedures contained in the RASG-PA Procedures Manual, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed., the designation of new RASG-PA State and Industry/International Organizations Representatives to the RASG-PA and the RASG-PA ESC was initiated by the respective ICAO Regional Offices and Industry/International Organization membership in accordance with their internal selection procedures.

2.3 The Meeting should note that due to the extraordinary circumstances of losing both Co-chairs in the same year, the Secretariat suggests that the procedure contained in the RASG-PA Procedures Manual paragraph 6.4 be waived:

*“6.4 When possible, and in order to preserve institutional memory, the election of the two Co-Chairpersons should not occur in the same calendar year”*

### **2.4 Designation of Industry Co-chairs**

2.4.1 The RASG-PA members representing International Organizations/Industry shall propose their respective representatives to serve as representatives of the RASG-PA and shall serve on the RASG-PA ESC for the term described in the RASG-PA Procedural Handbook.

2.4.2 The members representing International Organizations/Industry have further nominated the member from the International Air Transport Association to serve as Industry Co-Chair of the RASG-PA and the RASG-PA ESC. The members of Industry have reserved the right to nominate a Co-chair of their choosing.

### **2.5 Designation of States’ Representatives**

2.5.1 According to paragraph 7.4 of the RASG-PA Procedural Handbook 4th Ed. the ESC member States shall be elected for a renewable three year term in accordance with the procedures of the respective ICAO Regional Office (NACC and SAM).

2.5.2 The ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices, as noted in 2.5.1 above, held discussions with their member States, and have agreed to proposed/nominated the following eight (8) ICAO Member States to serve as Representatives to the RASG-PA and serve on the RASG-PA ESC:

- 1) Canada
- 2) United States
- 3) Republic of Guatemala

- 4) Trinidad and Tobago
- 5) Argentina
- 6) Brazil
- 7) Chile
- 8) Colombia

2.5.3 The NACC States, in accordance with their internal procedure, selected the Republic of Guatemala as candidate to serve as State Vice-Co-Chair of the RASG-PA and the RASG-PA ESC.

2.5.4 SAM States have also agreed on their candidate to serve as State Co-Chair, however, some concerns were raised about proceeding with such an important election using RASG-PA fast track mechanism.

2.5.5 All nominated representatives for Co-chair persons shall be affirmed by the RASG-PA membership (RASG-PA Procedural Handbook 4th Ed. item 6.2).

### **3. Action by the Meeting**

3.1 The Meeting is invited:

- a) to note the information contained in this paper;
- b) recognize and formalize the State and Industry Co-Chairs and State Vice-Co-Chairperson, as duly designated by their country and industry representation of the RASG-PA, to serve a three-year term on the RASG-PA ESC;
- c) to waive the requirement to avoid electing the State and Industry Co-chairs in the same year,
- d) note that the Secretariat intends to send a formal letter to all RASG-PA members notifying them of these proceedings, and
- e) to discuss possible alternatives for nominating the new State and Industry Co-Chairs, either by fast track mechanism, during the RASG-PA Plenary, held every three years, or taking the opportunity of a high profile safety meeting where most of the CAR/NAM/SAM States could be present.