

COPA Update

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My Role with COPA

- On COPA's Board of Directors representing Southern Ontario along with Doug Ronan and Kevin Elwood
- On the board since 2018
- Chair of the Board Nominations Committee
- Former Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee
- Member of the CEO Search Committee

Strategic Plan Timeline

- In 2018, the board made the decision to engage OTUS to develop a new Strategic Plan for COPA
- OTUS, led by Peter Allen, spent 6 months speaking with COPA staff, the board and Flight Captains about how they see COPA and what they want from COPA going forward
- In February 2019, OTUS completed the Strategic Plan
- The board approved the Strategic Plan in March 2019

Strategic Priorities

- Become the Recognized, Undisputed, Unified Voice of General Aviation in Canada, based on the broadest possible definition of GA
- Dramatically Improve Regional Membership Activities
- Embrace the Exploding RPAS (Drone) Market as it's leader in Canada
- Market General Aviation in Canada
- Eliminate Combative Board/Management Relations Legacy

Implementation

- Since the Strategic Plan was approved by the board, it is the responsibility of the President and CEO to execute the plan
- Bernard Gervais submitted his resignation to the board (effective July 10th), putting a pause on implementation of the new Strategic Plan
- Once the new President and CEO has been hired, the board expects them to execute the priorities outlined in the Strategic Plan

Where does ADS-B fit into this?

- As the voice of GA in Canada, COPA and NAV CANADA have been in discussions about the implementation of ADS-B for GA in Canada
- NAV CANADA currently does not have any timeline for requiring ADS-B for GA in Canada
- Previously they had said no earlier than 2023, but we expect that it will be longer than that

Where does ADS-B fit into this?

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, COPA and NAV CANADA have paused discussions on ADS-B implementation
- Talks will resume when the worst of the pandemic is in the past

COPA's Objectives

- Affordability
- Get NAV CANADA to provide datalink weather to GA without charge
- Traffic Information Service – Broadcast (TIS-B)
- Improved Search and Rescue Protocols using ADS-B to replace 406 MHz ELTs
- Exemptions for aerobatics and aircraft without electrical systems

Discussion

- COPA Virtual Town Hall on ADS-B
- uAvionix 1090ES LED beacon
- COPA Flight 26 testing