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Association Update

Dear AFRA Members,

Well we are certainly in a different situation then we were 3 months ago when I sent out the first association newsletter of the year. Our goals have not changed although they may seem a bit ambitious. Prior to the global slowdown the Board of Directors placed a focus on fiscal planning, and we have implemented a balanced budget. This was done during the first quarter. I do not think I would be speaking out of turn to say that we will be revisiting the budget at the next board meeting.



In times like these, times that we haven't seen in almost two decades, I tend to cling to the image of regrowth. While the outlook looks so grim from this side of the experience, we have to keep faith in hope, that the industry will rebuild and be as strong as ever. Yes the COVID-19 situation seems daunting, but aviation has faced perils before and we have rebuilt and inspired other industries. There will be opportunities for AFRA members to disassembly aircraft and challenges for the recycling community to recycle in an environmentally safe manner.

Industry News

[MRO News Briefs: March 8-14, 2020](#)

"C&L Aviation Service has received Transport Canada Aviation approval for maintenance services on commercial aircraft registered in Canada."

- MRO

[Scrapping Planes with AELS](#)

"Aircraft End-Of-Life solutions (AELS) knows everything there is to know about dismantling planes."

- Recycling International

[NASA Is Building Its Supersonic X-Plane Out of Old Warbirds](#)

"America's newest x-plane, a jet designed to fly quietly at supersonic speeds, will feature some familiar parts once it takes to the skies."

- Popular Mechanics

AFRA Committees

Please email AFRA staff to get involved in AFRA's committees:

*[BMP Development](#)

*[Communications](#)

*[Government Affairs](#)

*[R&D](#)

Upcoming Industry Events

[Save The Date!](#)

[MRO Americas](#)

[September 1-3, 2020](#)

Dallas, Texas

[ISTAT EMEA](#)

[October 4-6, 2020](#)

Istanbul, Turkey

[MRO Europe](#)

[October 27-29, 2020](#)

Fira Barcelona Gran Via, Spain



In addition, the association is currently looking at implementing the KPI's that were developed over the past year by the R&D committee into the AFRA BMPs. This will be a monumental task, but one that can have a lasting impact on the future of aircraft recycling. By putting in place appropriate metrics, companies will be able to measure their environmental impact and seek ways to continue improving.

As an association, though, right now we are here for our members. If there is an area where you need help, please reach out. AFRA will see if there are areas where we can lend assistance to help ease some of the burden that the aviation industry is currently experiencing.

*Brent Webb
AFRA President*

Association News

Membership Discount

Beginning in 2020, we are happy to announce new discounts for membership! Any current member of AFRA who refers a new paying member to AFRA will receive a 20% discount to their next year of membership. For membership information or questions please reach out to [AFRA staff](#).

Committee Updates

Government Affairs Committee

In light of the coronavirus outbreaks around the world, the AFRA Government Affairs Committee has worked to provide legislative and regulatory updates for all of our members around the world. Please see below for Government Affairs updates for those regions most heavily impacted:

AFRA Advertising Opportunity

AFRA is offering the chance to advertise your organization's products, news, and projects on the AFRA website and in these newsletters! Advertisement includes your company's information on a page of the AFRA website and the opportunity to showcase your organization in one of the monthly newsletters. Please contact [AFRA staff](#) for pricing and additional details.

Brexit Update

AFRA Staff is monitoring the impact Brexit may have on the industry and will provide updates for members as the discussions continue. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the [Government Affairs Updates](#) page on the AFRA website.

AFRA Members Only Website Resources

Don't forget to visit the [AFRA Website](#) to view the [Members Only](#) section, where you can find additional resources and updates offered only to members! Please [contact staff](#) with any questions regarding access or content.

Growing Our Social Media Footprint

Please let us know about your company's Facebook, LinkedIn and/or Twitter profile. Follow AFRA and share our news that you think might be interesting for your followers - we will of course do the same with your messages!



- [Europe](#)
- [The United States](#)
- [China](#)

Moreover, a new monitoring tool, i.e. [the AFRA Issue Tracker](#) has been developed by the AFRA secretariat to facilitate follow up on the different policy issues the AFRA secretariat is monitoring. If you wish to receive the AFRA issue tracker and take part in the government affairs committee, please contact [AFRA staff](#).

For a more detailed report on the committee's activities and recent policy & regulatory updates, please click [here](#).

AFRA BMP Development Committee

The BMP version 4.0, which took effect on April 18, 2019, was shared with accredited members and can be found on AFRA's [website](#). To get involved with this Committee, please [contact staff](#).

AFRA Communications Committee

The committee would like to thank everyone's hard work in helping set up the AFRA - ASA Annual 2020 Conference thus far. If you are interested in getting involved or if you have a speaker recommendation, please [contact staff](#).

AFRA R&D Committee

The R&D committee is open to any AFRA member and all are welcome to participate in the next committee call on April 8. R&D Committee calls take place monthly, on the second Wednesday of every month. The committee is currently involved in implementing the KPIs from the 2019 project into the AFRA BMP Guide. To get involved with the R&D Committee, please email [AFRA staff](#).

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