



Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Group (RPASG) DRAFT

Purpose

The group will:

- encourage, promote and protect the general development (domestic and international) of the RPASG and its members;
- draw members of the sector together to help in the development of airspace policy and civil aviation rule development, to the advantage of the sector;
- provide critical mass and represent the sector in discussions with the Civil Aviation Authority;
- improve the public perception of the industry and coordinate industry discussion/response on privacy issues;
- connect members of the sector to other sectors;
- provide information and advice relevant to members;
- develop educational programmes
- develop and implement an agreed work plan, which may include raising necessary funds from members; and work constructively with other divisions and groups within Aviation New Zealand

Background

The RPAS industry is developing rapidly and has the ability to change the face of aviation as we know it. Research and development is progressing in most markets in vehicles, systems and applications. There are considerable opportunities for the New Zealand industry to capitalise on and benefit from these trends. The industry is also testing known aviation boundaries. The regulatory and operational provisions developed for the sector should preserve safe skies in New Zealand and support the sector's growth. A united industry approach to development in New Zealand will help secure a constructive and productive relationship with the Civil Aviation Authority and other participants in the aviation community, as well as build profile and help generate good international business.

Membership

The RPASG comprises: all companies, organisations (civil and military) and individuals interested in the development RPAS aviation research providers; and other members as may be considered appropriate from time to time

(Potential members include individuals with an interested in RPAS engineering companies, tertiary training institutions, Service IQ, DSTA, Ministry of Defence and Callaghan Innovation.)

(Financial members of the Group will elect a Chairman, a deputy-Chairman and an executive committee of not more than six other members. The chairman and ½ the executive committee will initially be appointed for 2 years, while the deputy chairman and the other ½ of the executive committee will initially be appointed for one year. Two years terms will prevail thereafter, from the next AGM.)

(The Chairman of the Group will also be appointed to the Aviation Council. Should the chair not be able to participate in any Aviation Council meetings, representation by an alternate is acceptable.)

Only financial members of the Aviation Industry Association and members of the RPASG will be able to vote.

Initial Areas of activity

The executive committee will develop an annual work plan which may address any of the following matters, or additional matters as it may decide:

- Sharing commercial intelligence
- The development of international opportunities for the export of technology
- The development of a regulatory regime that ensures safe skies and encourages the growth of the sector
- The development of operational procedures for RPASs which improves the environment for their use

Benefits

- Opportunity to influence and shape the development of a growth orientated RPAS aviation policy
- Ability to network and develop collaborations with other growth orientated aviation industry companies
- Savings through business and individual member purchasing discounts via GSB Supplycorp, telecommunications , MET Service, Foreign Exchange and EFTPOS New Zealand as well as comprehensive insurance cover
- Access to a range of specialist advisory services in areas including civil aviation matters, preparation of rule petitions and exemption applications, employment, law, dispute resolution, business development and problem solving (small additional charges may apply)
- Invitations to participate in events (conferences, seminars, workshops, trade fairs and international activities).
- Ability to build domestic and international profile in selected markets through participation in branding, website, market development and promotional programmes
- Access to domestic and international research which can be undertaken exclusively on behalf of members
- The only aviation industry weekly enewsletter

Membership Rates

Annual Fee

Size	GST Exclusive \$	GST Inclusive \$
1 to 3 employees	629.53	723.95
4 to 10 employees	1376.86	1583.39
11 to 20 employees	1911.99	2198.77
21 + employees	2447.11	2814.17

Individual membership is available at \$133.20 including GST

The first membership fee runs to 31 March 2015 and will be at 133% of the above annual rate.

