
**AEROSPACE & DEFENCE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA
UAS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING #C2010-02**

DATE: 23 APRIL, 2010

TIME: 14h30

LOCATION: ADIANS Boardroom, TD Centre, Suite 300, 1791 Barrington Street, Hfx.

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Alan Parslow (Chair)	CEO	DEEP VISION
David Knight	Aviation Systems SME	ATLANTIS SYSTEMS EDUPLUS
Richard Billiard	Manager, Business Development	MDA
Murray MacGray	Associate	CFN CONSULTANTS
Neil MacArthur	V.P. Business Development	CARTENAV SOLUTIONS
Cordon Wilkie	Faculty	NSCC
Gordon Gale	Trade Commissioner	DFAIT
Troy Sawler	Trade Development Executive	NSBI

STAFF:

Catherine MacDonald Managing Director ADIANS

REGRETS:

Derek Kinsman (Composites Atlantic), Carl Kumpic (IMP), James Craig (Nautel) and Hal Davies (PerformPlus)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 14h35. The Recording Secretary reviewed the list of Regrets.

MOTION: It was moved by Alan Parslow and seconded by Murray MacGray that the Committee accept the Minutes of 19 February as corrected (changing the name to reflect UAS rather than UAV). CARRIED

2. Welcome and Update

The Chair advised that the ADIANS Executive Committee approved the UAS Budget expense submission for the Committee URL item. The UAS website was established - <http://atlanticuas.ca> to act as a reference site for this cluster as an open promotional and communication tool. Alan encouraged the members to forward information to his attention for uploading. There will also be a link to the companies' sites. The names of potential Committee members such as Saab, Kongsberg and other were discussed for future recruitment.

3. Opportunities

NSCC ROV Team - Gordon Wilkie provided an update on the Regional Remote Operating Vehicle (ROV) competition held at the Akerley Campus at the end of March 2010. Six high school teams competed with the gold medal being awarded to Dalbrae Academy. They will represent Nova Scotia (for the fourth time) at the MATE

(Marine Advanced Technology Education Centre). ROV Competition in Hawaii at the end of June.

The NSCC ROV Team has been re-established and they are seeking sponsorship in the range of \$10,000. The students are involved with audible remote sensing and electronic sensors focusing on leading edge and development design. ACTION: Committee members were encouraged to engage and /or circulate the information relating to sponsorship opportunities.

Parc Aberporth – Murray provided an overview relating to the UK MoD Watchkeeper program based there. There is an opportunity for Canadian firms to enhance and elevate their presence and discussions are underway to have a common presence – “Hot Desk” where 5-6 entities have their names listed on the door. The total cost per annum would range from \$1-\$2,000 and other expenses would be split amongst the subscribers. Given Parc Aberporth is the largest UAV facility in the UK /Europe the Committee may wish to deliberate about establishing a token virtual presence and possibly a longer-term arrangement .While this may have potential additional data would be required.

ACTION: Murray will undertake to provide a backgrounder to the Committee with pertinent metrics and information to enable members to review and make their own determination. .

4. Upcoming Events –

UAS 2010 – RAF Waddington – The Chair will be travelling over to participate in an International Operators Group (IOG) Gathering and the Air Show from 29 June to 4 July. Show details can be received by contacting Alan.

Farnborough International Air Show (FIA) 2010 –The Atlantic Alliance of Aerospace and Defence Associations (Atlantic Alliance) supported by ACOA is exhibiting within the Canadian Pavilion. Delegate recruitment is underway. FIA fosters international contacts and relationship building in addition to providing valuable market intelligence and potential business development opportunities.

DEFSEC Atlantic – Gordon Gale provide an overview on the Show scheduled for September 8-10th, 2010 at the Cunard Centre. 18 UK Companies will be participating along with representatives from UK Trade and Investment, Scottish Development, SE Development Agency, SW Development Agency and International Business Wales. There is also a reporter from Jane’s Defence Weekly attending who will meet with Nova Scotia/Atlantic Canadian companies to learn about the competencies, capabilities, products and services within the Region.

5. Unmanned Systems Canada-

ADIANS was contacted by USC to consider a reciprocal membership arrangement (see correspondence)

MOTION: It was moved by Richard Billard and seconded by Murray MacGray that the UAS Committee recommends that USC be considered as a Cross Promotional Member in ADIANS subject to internal deliberations and Board approval. CARRIED.

Abstention – Gordon Gale as an ADIANS ExOfficio.

6. C-Elrob 2011

The Chair provided an overview on the Call for Partners.

7. Other Business

(i) As the position of Canadian Military Officer is currently vacant under the UAS Steering Committee Charter structure several names were advanced for Consideration. Richard Billard referenced Lex Stuart.

ACTION: David will undertake to make outreach to the Military.

(ii) Richard Billard referenced that the members should check the MERX site as DND recently released a list soliciting Industry input on technologies/services including mine countermeasures and autonomous underwater solutions.

8. Adjournment

Without further business the meeting was adjourned at 15h32. The date, time and place of the next meeting will be at the Call of the Chair.

Approved,

Submitted,

Alan Parslow, Chair

Catherine MacDonald, Recording Secretary