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Dear CAHS Members:

*Re: Changes Made to By-law 8*

The Government of Canada updated its corporations law in 2011, and consequently, the old Canada Corporations Act (CCA) has been replaced by the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (CNCA). Under the CNCA, federal corporations have to inform Industry Canada of their desire to “continue” existing as a corporation by October 2014. Another consequence of the CNCA is the need to pass new by-laws unless the corporation wishes to fall under default by-law regulations set out in the CNCA. Since many of the defaults reverse certain practices that the Canadian Aviation Historical Society (CAHS) has in our current By-law No 7, the CAHS Executive and Board of Directors has worked diligently to create By-law No 8 – a revision of By-law No 7 that not only reflects the new rules as set out in the CNCA, but also keeps as much of the previous by-laws’ practices as possible. For example, proxy voting, attending meetings by teleconference, and having Chapter representation on the Board of Directors have been preserved.

Legal counsel has reviewed the draft put together by the CAHS Executive and Board of Directors to ensure that By-law No 8 complies with the CNCA. We are pleased to be able to say that most of the new By-law No 8 remains the same as By-law No 7. The major change has been a re-arrangement of the order of material: the section on members and annual meetings has been moved to an earlier part of the By-law. Sections 4 to 7 have been rewritten by legal counsel to reflect the Act and current standards. Other sections have received minor changes, and duplication has been deleted when a section’s contents were more appropriately incorporated into other section. Section 11 on chapters has not been touched. The Board of Directors has approved these by-law revisions and recommends that the CAHS membership accepts the new By-law 8 as presented.

In order to “continue” as a corporation and submit our revised By-law No 8 to Industry Canada by October 2014, the CAHS membership must pass the by-law revisions. It was announced on the Notice of AGM, sent in the convention registration package in April 2014, that accepting By-law No 8 would be on the Agenda for the AGM being held on 5 June 2014 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Please find attached a copy of the revised By-law No 8 and a document that outlines the changes that were made in comparison to By-law No 7. We ask that the membership review the new By-law, forward any questions to President Gary Williams, and approve By-law No 8 either by attending the AGM on 5 June or by sending in your proxy vote (if you have not already done so), which can be found in the convention registration package sent in April.

Blue Skies,

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