

DPEAG Minutes

8 Oct 2013 1:00 pm at KDVT Restaurant

Attendees:

DPE	Terry Brandt, Dave Vangsnes, Phil Rimmel, Brunie Bradley, Larry Taylor, Glenn Henderson, June Bonesteel, Phil Abrams, Rich Lee
FAA	
Guests	Ryan Brown, Scott Tinnesand

FSDO DPE list: The FSDO site is

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo//sdl/local_more/media/Dpe.pdf .

Standing Topics:

Issues and problems:

While it should be the usual case that we conduct the retest for a test when there is disapproval, there may be times when it may not be possible. Therefore, when completing a notice of disapproval (NOD), we should be as complete and clear as possible so that we, (the applicant, the retraining instructor, and the retesting examiner (if someone else) has the picture of what minimum is needed at the retest for a complete test. Remember if it is not clear the retesting examiner may need to do a complete test and the retraining instructor will have the same problem. As we know we should include the AOA and task causing the disapproval along with a description. We also note that a section in the NOD should indicate “upon retest” a list of the AOA and tasks not yet tested or completed.

Related here is a report that the IACRA NOD page may time out before all desired information can be entered. Some use a notepad or word function to draft the desired input and then do a cut and paste into the NOD. We are asking IACRA about the length of the form completion period (timeout period) and will report when we find that.

FAA Publication Changes (PTS, Handbooks, Orders, etc)

Airman Certification Standards may be out next summer (maybe)

Bulletins:

Airspace:

Coordination with ATC: The group would like to put together a draft document to work with ATC to find best ways to enable practice or actual approaches for flight tests. This would include opposite direction approaches to an airport with an active runway different than the approach path.

Copperstate Flyin will not have a tower this year (24-26 Oct) the expectation is the airspace will be as busy or busier than normal. You may be alert for this in your training and testing operations

The Stanfield stack operations continue to demand attention. While most training operations comply with the protocols expressed in the AFTW procedures be alert for both transient and others who do not join as you might expect.

Best Practices:

How explicit should the scenario be? Scenarios could be so complex that it almost appears the applicant is led to a “gotcha” rather than as a tool to allow the applicant to display a range of decision making and response. Remember too that there can be some cross cultural elements that may communicate well to you and I but not to another country applicant.

Continuing:

The Scenario Based Practical Test (**working paper is posted on the www.AZDPEAG.org website**) or see **Sep 2011 Minutes**. The intent behind scenario based testing is to include aeronautical decision making and judgment in the test process and to keep a test focus at the correlation level. Part of a process to further develop this could be the DPE working together to improve their plans of action and a wider discussion at a mid year meeting with greater attendance. We seek your input on improvements, additions and corrections.

Committee Reports

Administration: The group moving toward an LLC as the best plan (with a future possibly a nonprofit charitable organization)

Mentoring:

Communication: Website: www.azdpeag.org Fred Longe is continuing to put together a discussion forum on the website.

Professionalism: For DPE whose authorization may expire soon. Dave will contact FSDO or Region to ask the question of how to proceed.

Alliances: AFTW (Next 13 Nov 2013 9:30 @ FSDO), ASAG (annual Awards Banquet 2 Nov), FAAST (at Copperstate 25 & 26 Oct), PAUWG

Programs: The standardization meeting for all examiners who will be conducting initial CFI Flight tests is still set for 12 Nov. 1230 to approx 1500 at the FSDO. If current circumstances still exist, this meeting will be modified, cancelled or moved to the 10 Dec date.

Membership:

Comments from DPE:

June Bonsteel conducts preparation and review classes for various levels of applicants and can conduct them at your site by arrangement.

There was a discussion of how to use the monthly meetings to better serve the DPE. One idea was to focus alternate meetings on scenarios and sharing for example having one focused on PVT practical tests and sharing ideas and resolving issues.

There are some rumors of parachute operations coming to Pleasant Valley Airport (P48)

Comments from FSDO Representatives: None

Comments from Guests: Transpac appreciates examiner willingness to allow instructors to observe practical tests. It is seen as a positive step in the development of better instructors.

Next Meetings: 12 Nov (I-CFI standards 1230-1500 at FSDO), 10 Dec @ Quantum at CHD, 14 Jan @ FSDO