

Who are we and what do we do?

We are the UK's Influential Voice of Business and General Aviation
'Supporting Businesses in Business and General Aviation'

- BBGA represents the interests of member companies at a regional level when we need to progress issues with bodies like airports, local communities, or divisions of government agencies.
- At a National level BBGA has recognised positions in several working groups within the CAA and DfT providing direct access to CAA CEO and the aviation minister.
- The BBGA has access to all the government offices and is the first point of contact for consultations on our sector.
- At a European level, the association has access to EASA and the Commission through the vehicle which is ECOGAS (European Council of General Aviation Support). This allows us to work with the top five-member state associations. Together we have 700 members to refer to when making our inputs to the European regulator.
- We have access to the international forum of IBAC (International Business Aviation Council). We are a founder of this group which allows all the international associations across the globe to work together to help provide strategic direction for our sector. The IBAC secretariat operates from the same offices as ICAO and are able, therefore, to lobby directly for long term changes on our behalf, to help shape our sector in the long term.

- BBGA is working hard to improve the perception of our sector and has strong links with the EBAA who are developing a significant marketing programme to help that process. We have full and unrestricted access to the material generated to help market our sector.
- BBGA has a strong, positive and active relationship with several other associations. Since 2016 we have an agreement in place so that anyone joining the BBGA now also gets membership of EBAA for a single fee. Businesses in the UK are now only able to access EBAA through BBGA membership. This agreement provides members with many benefits from both associations including events and workgroups which are designed to address industry problems.
- BBGA has an alliance with BHA, AOPA and ARPAS, so that we can talk to government and focus on the issues of the day that will help our community. The focus historically was more regulation focused and in practice much of the help we need is to remove roadblocks, remove unnecessary red tape and facilitate growth in the UK to help industry and the UK economy simultaneously.
- The government is still keen to see the UK become the best GA community in the world. Industry is also keen to see UK aviation to be a leading player in the global market. Therefore, working as an alliance it allows us to focus our voice and become a first point of contact for all consultations associated with our community. Far better to have one voice acting together than it is to have several voices making separate demands.
- BBGA board members are active on several All-Party political groups, which offers us the opportunity to lobby in both houses of Parliament.

The benefits of being a member include:

- Access to a network of 180+ UK members.
- Dynamic workgroups in Operations, Airworthiness, FBOs, Sustainability and Membership, which between them can represent any issue to the appropriate place, be that regulator or government.
- Events throughout the year for both networking and to hear the latest
- Issues of interest.
- Through our membership you have access to exhibit at EBACE the Premier European event in the calendar.
- Because of our extensive industry links, we can provide guidance and assist with contacts in cases where individual support is required.

BBGA is a “not for profit” organisation existing solely for the benefit of its members. BBGA may access where individual businesses cannot go to protect and advance the requirements of its members.

Our success depends on our credibility and reputation. Being able to demonstrate the broadest possible membership adds significantly to credibility with regulators and Government.

For more information or to receive an application form to join BBGA, please contact rachael@bbga.aero