Helicopter Association International to Form Working Group to Address Gaps in Air Safety

March 16, 2018 – Alexandria, Virginia - Helicopter Association International (HAI) is working with industry and other interested parties to learn from the tragic results of recent helicopter accidents. We strongly believe it is in the best interests of the industry and the general public to prevent similar accidents from occurring in the future.

To meet this objective, HAI will form a working group comprised of interested, relevant participants. Once the participants are identified, the working group will meet in the Washington, D.C., area to examine the applicability and appropriateness of existing regulations as they relate to certain mission profiles.

“Our goal is, and always will be, zero accidents in the helicopter industry,” says Matt Zuccaro, president and CEO of HAI. “We expect this working group to identify safety, regulatory, and best practice gaps affecting elements of our industry and then find effective solutions that are quickly achievable. We owe it to our members and the public to work together to remove impediments to operational safety.”

HAI will be contacting representatives from member operators to participate, but any interested party may request to join the group. For more information, interested parties should contact Dr. Steve Sparks, HAI’s director of safety, at safety.assistant@rotor.org by March 30.

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HAI is the professional trade association for the civil helicopter industry. HAI’s 1,500+ organizational members and 1,800 individual members safely operate more than 4,500 helicopters approximately 2.3 million flight hours each year in 73 nations. HAI is dedicated to the promotion of the helicopter as a safe, effective method of commerce and to the advancement of the international helicopter community.