



ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

11:00 am, Wednesday, February 21, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Malta, President
Rayvon Williams, Board Director
Brendan O'Reilly, Past President
Carol Ford, Board Director
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer
John Pfeifer, Board Director
Gary Gosliga, Board Director
Sherry Miller, Board Director
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director
Chuck McCormick, Board Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandy Gutierrez-Carver, Board Director

Guests:

Mark Bautista, ACA Member
Andy Swanson, ACA Member

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:01 am by President Scott Malta. Introductions were made. A few members were unable to make the meeting in Sacramento and called in.

Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Pfeifer and seconded by Chuck McCormick. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018, was made by Gary Gosliga and seconded by Rayvon Williams. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

The ACA regular account has a balance of \$24,109; Aviation Day account has a balance of \$18,237. The total account balance is \$42,346.

Reports

2018 Conference Update

Cory provided an update. The conference committee was confirmed at the last meeting. Chuck McCormick also volunteered for the committee to join Scott Malta, Gary Gosliga, John Pfeifer, and Mary Hansen.

Gary Gosliga agreed to chair the Michael Schutt Award as he did previously.

Cory also reported that he wants to do a "Web-X" hosted by ACA again this year. The plan is to do it after Aviation Day and before the conference. A format has not yet been put together, but it was suggested to also use it as a marketing piece for ACA membership and conference attendance by making the program available to more than just the ACA membership.

Legislative Update

The legislative report follows these minutes. AB483 (Airport Pollution) officially died on January 31, 2018.

California Aviation Day

The Board was reminded that there would be a California Aviation Day conference call at 1 pm on this date. A brief discussion was held. Mary Hansen went over the sponsors and exhibitors that have confirmed. More information is still needed for the ASA groups participating. A conference call on Thursday, February 22, 2018, is scheduled with one of the main agenda items related to Aerospace & Aviation Days.

Unfinished Business

The Board has received three resignations from Board members due to either a change in employment or a time commitment to the Board as reported at the previous meeting. Scotty Malta has recommended Andy Swanson, Palo Alto Airport, to complete the District 6 term vacating by Martin Pehl. The term ends in September 2018.

Discussions related to District 1 and 3 will continue the next meeting. Sherry Miller and Cory Hazlewood have a few members to contact for consideration.

ACA is also needing to vote on a Vice President. No one was willing to step up and volunteer. Gary Gosliga and Rayvon Williams were suggested. Both has reservations. More discussion to follow.

It was suggested that ACA consider going back to 2-year terms for officers as it had done several years ago. John Pfeifer will take a look at the bylaws to see what we might consider as it may be a better strategy to get qualified and willing participants.

New Business

None.

Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting

Scotty Malta has two agenda items for next meeting to consider. One related to creating an aviation license plate for California. This has been briefly discussed in the past without getting into a lot of detail. The second item relates to the fuel and excise taxes and how to get them into the Caltrans funds. Gary Gosliga also recommended adding an item related to succession planning for the organization.

Mary Hansen reported the the "store" is now open with Lands End clothing products. Once the site is confirmed to be ready and open, an email will be send to members with instructions on how to use. This will allow members to choose clothing products in the size and design they want with the ACA logo added.

There was no further business to discuss. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 am.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen
Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Legislative Update - February 21, 2018

Updates in italics.

California Legislation: The Legislature reconvened on January 3.

- **AB 427 (Muratsuchi): California Aerospace Commission:** The bill would create a California Aerospace Commission to foster the development of activities in the state related to aerospace, including aviation, commercial and governmental space travel, unmanned aerial vehicles, aerospace education and job training, infrastructure and research launches, manufacturing, academic research, applied research, economic diversification, business development, tourism, and education. The bill was scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee on April 24 but was canceled at the request of the author. The bill did not meet the house crossover date of June 2 and became a two-year bill. Since the Legislature reconvened on January 3, the bill has been significantly amended. The bill now creates a California Aerospace and Aviation Commission within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. It proposes the creation of a 17 member commission to help guide the state's economic and workforce development activities. While there will be state costs in the startup and administration of the commission, the bill specifies that the commission will be supported by non-state funds. The bill has bipartisan support and passed the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and Economy without opposition. It will be heard in the Committee on Appropriations on January 18. The stated purpose of the commission is economic development, and the commission makeup includes a broad range of aerospace and industry interests. However, there are no purely aviation interests specified, notably no representation of airports. *The bill passed in the Assembly on January 29 on a vote of 75-0. It is now in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting policy committee assignment. ACA sent a letter of support on February 8. The letter also requested consideration of an amendment to add airport representation. The author's staff is planning to conduct a stakeholder meeting in early March to discuss potential amendments. SWAAAE and CalPilots have also sent support letters.*
- **AB 483 (Bocanegra): Airports: pollution:** The bill would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to conduct specified tests of soil and air quality at certain general aviation airports defined in the bill. It would require the subject airports to acquire air quality monitoring equipment as determined by the ARB. The bill is intended to address issues at one particular airport (Whiteman) but would apply to several other airports. The bill was amended on March 28 and heard in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 3, where it passed 7-1. Subsequently, SWAAAE, ACA, AOPA, CalPilots, NBAA, and the San Carlos Pilots Association submitted letters of opposition. The bill was scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety on April 25. After conversations with representatives of the opposing organizations, the author agreed to hold the bill in committee in order to give time to achieve a local resolution of the issue. The bill did not meet the house crossover date of June 2 and became a two-year bill. With the resignation of Assembly Member Bocanegra in the Fall, it is unlikely that this bill will be taken up again. *The bill officially died on January 31.*

- **SB 21 (Hill): Law enforcement agencies: surveillance: polices:** The bill requires local law enforcement agencies to have a policy, approved by the local governing body, in place before using surveillance technology, as defined in the bill. The definition includes “drones.” Passed in the Senate on May 31, passed in the Assembly Committee Public Safety on June 27, and currently is in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Bill may be taken up again after January 3, 2018. *The bill remains in committee.*
- **SB 686 (Wilk): Public contracts: claim resolution:** The bill would make changes to current law regarding the claim resolution process. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, where it was not taken up. Two-year bill. *The bill died on January 31 when it failed to make the house of origin cross over deadline.*

FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy-California

- There has been no apparent status change since the April 18, 2017. The Department of Finance continues its position that the state is in compliance and the FAA continues to wait for the Department to provide additional information. The compliance deadline of December 17, 2017, has come and gone with no apparent movement by the state or the FAA. The status of the state compliance plan is listed on the FAA website as “Qualified,” which is defined by the FAA as “The FAA requires further clarification or adjustment to satisfy the policy requirements.” *No change.*

State Airports Funding *No change.*

- The CalTrans Division of Aeronautics reports that the 2018-19 FY airports funding is anticipated to be similar to recent years, at about \$6 million. They expect full funding of the general aviation airport annual credits, partial funding of AIP matching grant requests, and no funds for the Acquisition and Development Program.
- The current loan program fund balance is approximately \$29 million. They have requested a transfer from the loan fund to the Acquisition and Development fund, but that request was denied by the Department of Finance.

FAA Reauthorization

- Two separate bills: HR 2997 and S 1405.
- As of September 8, there were no bill summaries posted on the Congressional legislative web site; each bill over 300 pages.
- As of September 8, neither bill had passed its house of origin.
- Term: HR 2997: 6 year program; S 1405 4 year program.
- AIP funding: HR 2997: increased to \$4 billion by 2023; S 1405: increased to \$3.75 by 2021.
- PFC: no increase in cap in either bill as of July 12.
- ATC privatization: HR 2997 creates a federally chartered, not-for-profit corporation and removes ATC from the FAA and allows the corporation to establish various user fees; S 1405 keeps current system and funding mechanism.
- Various AIP amendments in each bill.
- There was be no consensus by the end of the federal fiscal year and the FAA continues to operate under a short term extension. *Currently under short term extension until the end of March.*