



ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Conference Call Meeting
11:00 am, Wednesday, April 8, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rayvon Williams, President
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer
Andy Swanson, Vice President
Ashley Whitmore, Board Director
Cody Roggatz, Board Director
David Decoteau, Board Director
Carol Ford, Board Director
Gary Gosliga, Board Director
Justin Castagna, Board Director
John Pfeifer, Board Director
Benny Stuth, Board Director
Richard Smith, Board Director
Jeff Crechriou, Board Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brendan O'Reilly, Past President
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director
Gary Engel, Board Director
Chuck McCormick, Board Director
Charlie Broadbent, Board Director

Guests:

Gill Wright, CalPilots
Mark Bautista, Member
Melissa McCaffrey, AOPA

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by President Rayvon Williams.

Confirmation of Quartum

A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Agenda

There were no additional items to add to agenda. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes

John Pfeifer advised of one correction to the previous minutes on page 2, Legislative Reports, Item b, SB 744 should have been SB 1044. The minutes with correction was approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is noted on the "Agenda Key Summary Points." No additional report was provided.

Reports

See attached "Agenda Key Summary Points." Prior to the agenda, each of the key committee chairs send a brief statement, report, or general comments on committee activity to the Secretary/Treasurer. This becomes part of the "agenda packet" that each Board Member receives to prepare for the meeting.

- a. 2020 Conference Update
With the Covid-19 orders and uncertainty of activities, a decision on the conference needs to be made as deadline of funds commitments related to the contract are currently at 25 percent and will increase to 50 percent in May if cancelled. It was suggested that Benny contact the hotel and discuss options and request an additional month. The conference committee was asked to make the final decision and advise the Board.
- b. Legislative Update
No additional information provided.
- c. Emerging Technologies Committee
The committee has a call scheduled to review the survey results. At a recent NBAA conference, Gill found it clear that more information is needed on Urban Air Mobility as he talked with others at the conference, in particular Boeing Aerospace and Uber Elevate.
- d. Leadership Development Committee
No additional information.

Unfinished Business

- a. None.

New Business

- a. Consider Purchase of Paid Online Survey Service
Ashley provided additional information on the services and recommended ACA proceed with SoGoSurvey. It was agreed that Ashley would be the lead on this service and Gary Gosliga will assist.

Gary Gosliga made a motion to proceed with the purchase of SoGoSurvey at \$300 per year. The motion was seconded by Cody Roggatz and unanimously approved.
- b. COVID-19 Discussion/Airport Impacts
Discussion proceeded on how best to support members during the COVID-19 virus. Prior to the meeting, Rayvon worked with Andy Swanson, Gary Gosliga, Justin Castagna, Chuck McCormick, and Phil Derner to come up with some thoughts. It was decided to add information on the ACA website on the COVID-19 and information related. This provides one place to post all of the information that is coming out to assist members.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:02 pm.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen
Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Agenda Key Summary Points

VI Treasurer's Report:

ACA General Account	\$ 23,583	
Aviation Day Account	<u>14,784</u>	
Total ACA Funds		<u>\$ 38,367</u>

VII Reports

a. 2020 Conference Update

The conference team further discussed the ACA conference. The theme has been set to "The

Airport Managers Toolbox." It was acknowledged that all sessions that are devised will be done with and build upon the use of the tool box. We have agreed on the general topics that will be presented as sessions at the conference and noted that some will continue to need further development. The general update sessions are in place. Speakers are already confirmed for two of the sessions outside of the general update. We are still searching for a keynote speaker, but one individual has already been identified. We discussed the possibility of adding a few awards to the conference. The roundtable discussions will be brought back as two sessions which will be moderated by Martin Pehl. We are devising additional activities that are geared more towards social interaction for outside the actual sessions which is being headed by Molly Waller. A full report of the individual sessions will be given at the board meeting.

b. Legislative Update

See report at the end of this summary

c. Emerging Technologies Committee

No updates; March meeting cancelled; rescheduled for May

d. Leadership Development Committee

No updates; some of the forms created might be of interest to others, so a depository of some kind might be a way to provide those to others.

VIII Unfinished Business

a. None

IX New Business

a. Consider Purchase of Paid Online Survey Service

ACA Survey Host Options (see links at end of summary for more information):

1. Survey Monkey - Their TEAM ADVANTAGE plan is \$25/per month/per user, with a minimum of 3 users. That is \$75/per month/\$900 per year.
2. SoGoSurvey – Their PLUS plan is \$25/per month/\$300 per year (links to both below).

Board Consideration: SoGoSurvey lower cost and does everything Survey Monkey does. That being said, most people are more familiar with Survey Monkey so the Board may prefer that option.

b. COVID-19 Discussion/Airport Impacts

X Announcements

The next ACA Board meeting is scheduled for 11 am, Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

Links to online survey tools:

Survey Money:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/pricing/?program=7013A000000mweBQAQ&utm_bu=CR&utm_campaign=71700000059189106&utm_adgroup=58700005410205670&utm_content=43700049188971266&utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=adwords&utm_term=p49188971266&utm_kxconfid=s4bvpi0ju&gclid=CjwKC_Ajw95D0BRBFEiwAcO1KDliuBb1IMrzZFjoc-wWmghTsd5aCs4VrdPJ2gGJEujTjWJIUHwKitRoCaa8QAvD_BwE

So Go Survey:

<https://www.sogosurvey.com/complete-feature-list/>

Legislative Update - April 8, 2020

California Legislation: The Legislature convened on January 6, 2020, for the second year of the 2019-2020 session. However, the Legislature is in recess until April 13 (now most likely Apr.30th) due to the COVID-19 crisis.

- **AB 245 (Muratsuchi): California Aerospace and Aviation Commission:** This bill is a reintroduction of AB 427 reported in 2018. The bill would create a California Aerospace and Aviation Commission to foster the development of activities in the state related to aerospace and 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. AB 245 was introduced on January 22, 2019. Initially, the bill was supported by SWAAAE, ACA, AOPA, CalPilots, and several aerospace companies. Extensive amendments over the course of the bill have given rise to concerns by aviation stakeholders and those concerns are under discussion at this time. The bill passed the Assembly on May 23rd, 2019. It is now in the Senate and was referred to the Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, where it passed on June 17, and ended the session awaiting hearing in the Committee on Governmental Organization. The bill remains in committee and became a two year bill. It may be heard not later than July 12, 2020.
- **AB 1190 (Irwin): Unmanned aircraft: state and local regulation: limitations.** The bill would prohibit a state or local agency from adopting any law or regulation that bans the operation of an unmanned aircraft system, as well as other provisions as specified. The bill passed the Assembly on May 23rd, 2019, and ended the session awaiting hearing in the Senate Rules Committee. The bill remains in committee and became a two year bill. It may be heard not later than July 12, 2020.
- **SB 648 (Chang): Unmanned aircraft systems: accident notification:** The bill would require the operator of an unmanned aircraft system involved in an accident resulting in injury to an individual or damage to property to immediately land the aircraft, as specified, and provide certain information to the injured individual or the owner or person in charge of the damaged property. The bill passed the Senate on May 9 and is now in the Assembly, where it passed in the Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection on June 26, 2019, and ended the session awaiting hearing in the Committee on Transportation. The bill remains in committee and became a two year bill. It may be heard not later than July 12, 2020.
- **SB 988 (McGuire): Aviation fuel:** This bill is a first step legislatively to bring the state into compliance with the FAA aviation fuel tax revenue policy. It would require the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (the department) to collect and disseminate information and calculate the amount of revenue collected from the sale, storage, use, or consumption of aviation fuel in the state. The bill was introduced on February 12 and was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance on March 18. The hearing was postponed indefinitely due to the Legislature's COVID-19 recess. ACA, SWAAAE, and CalPilots have sent letters of support. Discussion with the author and staff is needed to determine why only jet fuel and not avgas is included in the bill.

- **SB 1044: (Allen): Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals:** This bill was introduced on February 18. The bill would prohibit a manufacturer of class B firefighting foam from manufacturing, or knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale, or distributing for use class B firefighting foam to which PFAS chemicals have been intentionally added, and would provide for civil penalties for doing so. The bill contains an exemption for firefighting foam, containing PFAS chemicals, that are required by federal law, specifically including section 139.317 of CFR 14. The bill was referred to multiple Senate Committees: Environmental Quality, Governmental Organization, and Judiciary. Hearings pending return of the Legislature. Recommend no position on the bill.

FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy

- 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.” In a letter dated May 17, 2019, from the FAA to the Director of the California Department of Finance, the FAA stated that the State’s plan for compliance was nonresponsive and requested immediate action by the State. It was reported at the Association of California Airports conference September 11-13, 2019, that the FAA continues to consider the State nonresponsive. The Association of California Airports and the California Airports Council have collaborated on a joint letter, along with the California Pilots Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, to the Associate Administrator of Airports of the Federal Aviation Administration, urging action on the State’s noncompliance. That letter was sent on January 14, 2020.
- FAA funding for airports per current bill is \$10 Billion. \$1-2 Billion spread across the country to help w/ revenue loss. \$8-9 Billion to cover Sponsor’s share of AIP Grants for 2020 projects. That share can then be used by Sponsors off set revenue loss as well.

State Airports Funding:

- The CalTrans Division of Aeronautics reports that the 2019-20 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 Division recently announced that it is limiting AIP matching grants this fiscal year due to lack of funds.
- The current loan program fund balance is approximately \$29 million. It is reported that the Department of Finance is considering transferring \$2.5 million per year for four years from the loan fund to the Aeronautics account.

California Aerospace and Aviation Days

- The 8th annual California Aerospace and Aviation Days was held February 24-26 at the Capitol.

Tax Initiative

- The California Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative has qualified to be on the ballot in November 2020 as a constitutional amendment. The initiative, if passed, would require commercial and industrial properties, except those zoned as commercial agriculture, to be taxed based on their market value, rather than their purchase price, and allocate revenue from the change to local governments and school districts. This may have as yet undisclosed impacts on privately owned public use airports.

Carol Ford courtesy of John L. Pfeifer
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