



ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

11:00 am, Wednesday, July 18, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chuck McCormick, Board Director
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director
Sandy Gutierrez-Carver, Board Director

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:25 am by President Scotty Malta. Introductions were made. Several members were unable to make the meeting in Sacramento and called in. The meeting start was delayed due to conference call connections that needed to be resolved.

Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Pfeifer and seconded by Brendan O'Reilly. The motion passed by unanimous consent

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2018, was made by Brendan O'Reilly and seconded by Rayvon Williams. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

The ACA regular account has a balance of \$33,637; Aviation Day account has a balance of \$10,720. The total account balance is \$44,357.

Reports

2018 Conference Update

Cory was not able to attend the meeting today so Gary went over the the updated conference agenda and changes made to date. John Pfeifer has confirmed Assemblyman Jim Patterson as the Keynote Speaker. Gary also reported that he had not received any nominations for the Michael Shutt award. He recommended that he contact the previous individuals that submitted nominations that were not selected to see if they wanted to participate again. He also asked to have a reminder email sent out to the membership to encourage their nominations.

Legislative Update

There has not been any new legislation as the Legislature is on recess until August 6, 2018. An update on several bills follows as part of these minutes.

California Aerospace & Aviation Days

Scotty Malta discussed the potential dates available for the next event with the Aerospace States Association during a recent conference call. It was agreed that our first choice of April 1, 2, and 3 was the best dates. Mary Hansen indicated that the permit for an outdoor event on the West Steps of the Capitol for April 3, 2019, has been tentatively approved. Final approval will be provided once the event checklist documents have been received by the state which is the standard process. These items are needed approximately six weeks prior to the event.

Unfinished Business

Board of Director Resignations/Replacement Discussions

The Board again reviewed a list of the board positions vacant and those district directors up for reelection in September. As Past President, Brendan O'Reilly will start working on a slate of nominations to be considered.

New Business

None.

Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting

There was no further business to discuss. Unless a meeting is needed, the next Board meeting will be in conjunction with the ACA conference in September. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen
Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Legislative Update - July 18, 2018

Updates in italics.

California Legislation: The Legislature *is in recess until August 6.*

- **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. The Author's staff conducted a stakeholder meeting on March 5 to discuss possible amendments. John Pfeifer participated representing ACA and SWAAAE. The bill passed in the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development by a unanimous vote on May 7 and now is awaiting hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary. *Minor amendments on June 20 removed the bill from Senate Judiciary Committee oversight. It is now in the Senate Committee on Appropriations, where it will be heard on August 6.*
- **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.
- **AB 3119 (Gonzalez Fletcher): San Diego Unified Port District Consolidation:** The bill would consolidate the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority into the San Diego Unified Port District and specify that the port district is successor to all the functions and authority of the airport authority. Introduced February 16 and currently in the Assembly Committee on Local Government. The bill was significantly amended on April 18 and now creates a committee to study traffic in the vicinity of the airport.

FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy

- 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.
- *At the request of ACA, CalPilots, and SWAAAE, a meeting was held in Assembly Member Patterson’s office on June 26. In attendance were: Assembly Member Patterson; Nick Sinclair, Legislative Aid to Assembly Member Patterson; Senator Jean Fuller; Rachelle Caouette, Regulatory Advisor to Senator Fuller; Matthew Montgomery, Legislative Director for Senator Roth; Carol Ford, representing Calpilots and ACA; John Pfeifer, representing ACA and SWAAAE. While the issues on the table were CA aeronautics funding, FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy status, Division of Aeronautics Chief vacancy, and the ACA conference, most of the discussion centered on the Fuel Tax Revenue Policy status. There was a lengthy discussion of strategy to get the state into compliance. My feeling is that the Aviation Caucus will take this issue on when the new administration is in place. We will continue working with staff.*

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.

Federal Issues:

- Federal Funding of FAA Programs: More of what we have become used to, another short term extension.
- FAA Reauthorization: Same as above. However, there is some hope that a long term agreement may be reached now that the House has dropped air traffic privatization from the provisions of HR 2997. It was reported on April 11 that the Senate Committee on Transportation-HUD Appropriations Chair indicated that the PFC increase is still an open issue. Airport organizations should to continue to press for the increase. The House has passed a three year FAA reauthorization without the air traffic privatization provisions. Awaiting Senate action.
- FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy: FAA reports that 49 of the 50 states are either now in compliance or have approved plans for coming into compliance. No surprise to anyone that California remains the only holdout. *No change.*