



ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

11:00 am, Wednesday, August 19, 2015
Conference Call Meeting

Board Members Present:

Ron Elliott, President
Mark Bautista, Past President
Chuck McCormick, Board Director
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer
John Pfeifer, Board Director
Sherry Miller, Board Director
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director
Martin Pehl, Vice-President
Brendan O'Reilly, Board Director
Terry Stover, Board Director

Board Members Absent:

Tom Weil, Board Director
Steve Birdsall, Board Director

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:00 am by President Ron Elliott. Introductions were made.

Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2015, was made by Martin Pehl and seconded by Cory Hazlewood. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a checking account balance for ACA in the amount of \$18,021.09 and \$6,035.75 for California Aviation Day or a total fund balance of \$24,056.84. There is still pending another \$1,000 revenue anticipated for a late sponsor for Aviation Day. The sponsor has been contacted for an update on the funds.

Reports/Action Items

2015 Conference

Cory Hazlewood went over a draft agenda for the conference and made a few speaker adjustments based on the Board reviews. The agenda is now full.

Legislative Committee Update

John Pfeifer provided a legislative update that is at the end of this report. There are several bills still pending with not much change in status from the last report.

California Aviation Day

No report.

Old Business

Bylaws Review and Discussion

The Bylaws had been previously sent out to the Board and to the membership for review and comment. The Board went over some questions related to officers and elections and made an adjustment to the Board Districts. Districts 9 and 6 were reversed, so that District 9 would be the unfilled San Diego position. District 6 was changed to San Francisco Bay Area Region. This would allow the current Vice President to move up to President this election year to be consistent with the newly adopted Bylaws. It may be necessary to review this section again, but the Board agreed to approve the Bylaws. It was suggested that a better description related to Qualifications of a Board Member be implemented. Sherry will work on some language for that to be considered at the October Board meeting.

A motion to rescind the current Bylaws was made by Mark Bautista and seconded by John Pfeifer. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

A motion to approve the new Bylaws was made by Martin Pehl and seconded by Mark Bautista. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Nominating Committee

Mark will work with John Pfeifer to come up with a ballot for the elections this year. With the new Bylaws adopted, Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9, will be up for re-election, along with the nonprofit corporate and associate Board positions. A conference call meeting will be scheduled once that is ready for the Board to review and approve as the ballot needs to be sent to the members two weeks prior to the election or no later than September 3, 2015.

Legislative Advocate

It was discussed with the Board about the need for a legislative advocate to represent ACA. Advocation, Inc., has been a great partner with California Aviation Day and is interested in filling this spot for ACA. This would require an agreement between ACA and Advocation. In order to proceed with this, a funding source would be needed. A dues increase would be the best way to fund this activity as the dues have not changed since the organization started. However, it was suggested that this be discussed with the membership before the Board makes an official action. Any dues increase would not become effective until July 1, 2016.

For this fiscal year, Mary Hansen indicated that the ACA funds could support an agreement in the amount of \$6,000 to cover the period October 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016. A new agreement could then be implemented for the fiscal year that would be funded through the membership dues. ACA fund balance has been resting at about \$11,000 after all annual activities are completed. The initial funds dedicated to a legislative advocate for this fiscal year would be a one time allocation.

The Board agreed that any final decision could be made at the October Board meeting with the new Board seated and a proposed dues increase could be approved at the same time.

New Business

Establish Committee Position of Historian

John Pfeifer suggested that many of the original ACA members are getting up in age and it would be a good time to capture ACA History in a more formal way.

A motion to establish a Historian Committee was made by Mark Bautista and seconded by John Pfeifer. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The President appointed John Pfeifer to head up this committee.

Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting

The next ACA regular meeting is scheduled for September 17, in conjunction with the ACA conference. The Board also established October 21, 2015, as the following Board meeting in Sacramento so that the room can be reserved. The new Board will then establish the meeting scheduled for the following year.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 pm.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen
Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____

ACA Board of Directors August 19, 2015 - Legislative Report

Current bills of interest:

SB 747 (McGuire): Airports: financial assistance: In its May 6 form, the bill would require that, effective December 8, 2017, the revenues from the state sales and use taxes, at the rate of 4.1875%, be transferred to the Aeronautics Account for allocation in specified percentages to airports and aviation related purposes:

- 12% to GA airports (annual credit grants)
- 41% to commercial service airports (specific percentage to each hub type)
- 27% to nonhub commercial airports for service development
- 1% for grants for aviation education programs
- 15% for other state aviation programs
- Not more than 5% for Division of Aeronautics administrative costs

The bill passed unanimously in the Transportation and Housing Committee and the Governance and Finance Committee. It was heard in the Appropriations Committee on May 18 and was placed on the Appropriations Suspense File. The bill was not taken up on May 28 and will not be taken up again until the start of the second half of the 2015-2016 legislative session in January 2016.

SB 506 (Fuller): Economic Development: military and aerospace: This bill would:

- Establish a process for the designation of a local retention authority to serve as the lead local government entity responsible for efforts to retain local military installations
- Create the Military and Aerospace Program under the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz)
- Establish the Space Enterprise Development Program within Go-Biz

The bill passed unanimously in the Veterans Affairs Committee. It was heard in the Appropriations Committee on May 11 and was placed on the Appropriations Suspense File. The bill was not taken up on May 28 and will not be taken up again until the start of the second half of the 2015-2016 legislative session in January 2016.

SB 167 (Gaines): Forest fires: interference: unmanned aircraft: Existing law prohibits interfering with the lawful efforts of a firefighter to extinguish a fire, as well as other provisions relating to firefighting. This bill would make it a misdemeanor to violate any of those provisions through the use operation of an unmanned aircraft. Introduced as an amendment to a prior bill on July 14. Assigned to Senate Committee on Rules.

SB 271 (Gaines): Unmanned aircraft systems: This bill prohibits the unauthorized use of a drone on a school grounds during school hours or to capture images of the school grounds during school hours. The bill passed unanimously in the Senate on May 7 and is now awaiting Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee and the Education Committee.

AB 56 (Quirk): Unmanned aircraft systems: This bill regulates the use on unmanned aircraft systems by public agencies.

- Requires reasonable notice to be provided by a public agency and a law enforcement agency prior to using UAS or contracting for the use of UAS
- Specifies conditions for the use of UAS by a law enforcement agency, without consent from the property owner or without obtaining a warrant, over private property
- Regulates the use of images, footage, or data obtained by a public agency through the use of UAS

The bill passed the Assembly on May 26 (61-12). The bill passed the Senate Committee on Public Safety on July 7 and the Senate Committee on Judiciary on July 14. It was placed on the Senate Committee on Appropriations Suspense File on August 17.

SCR 33 (Fuller): Aviation Awareness Month: This bill recognizes the vital role general aviation plays in the economy, health, safety, and protection of the nation and designates the month of April as Aviation Awareness Month in California. The resolution was chaptered on May 18.

FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy: The California Board of Equalization currently estimates that approximately \$140 million in aviation fuel tax revenue is being diverted annually to the general fund. Representatives of CAC, ACA, and AOPA arranged meetings, which were held on July 15, between FAA officials and senior California Administrations and legislators to discuss the FAA policy and procedures for compliance.

FAA Reauthorization: Reauthorization legislation expected to be introduced in July has been delayed and now is not expected to be introduced until late September. It is reported that the Committee Chair intends to include a provision which would privatize the Air Traffic Control System and fund it through user fees. FAA funding expires September 30 and it is expected that a continuing resolution will be passed.