



# ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

## BOARD & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

INN BY THE LAKE, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA  
11 am, Thursday, September 13, 2012

---

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Bautista, President  
Ron Elliott, Vice President  
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer  
Martin Pehl, Board Director  
Chuck McCormick, Board Director  
Tom Weil, Board Member  
Steve Birdsall, Board Director  
Cory Hazlewood, Board Member  
John Pfeifer, Corporate

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Greg Marshall, Board Director  
Rod Probst, Board Director  
Peter Drinkwater, Board Director  
James Jenkins, Past President

### MEMBERS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Conference Attendees

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by President Mark Bautista. Members introduced themselves. Mark announced the appointment of Sherry Miller, South Lake Tahoe Manager, to replace Director Greg Marshall and continue his term. Greg had submitted his letter of resignation due to his retirement.

### Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

### Approval of Agenda

*A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Steve Birdsall and seconded by Ron Elliott. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.*

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes were posted on the website for review prior to the meeting.

*A motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2012, was made by Steve Birdsall and seconded by Ron Elliott. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.*

### Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the conference attendance was at 129. Those additional members renewing memberships to date was 32 for a total membership of 161. Revenue for the conference is expected to exceed the budget projection of \$16,000 due to the support of new sponsors in the amount of \$7,050. Conference revenue is expected to be approximately \$18,900.

The current bank balance to date was reported at \$27,592.73. Conference expenses pending are approximately \$6,000.

### Reports/Action Items

#### *Legislative Update*

John Pfeifer went over a number of legislative bills and their status. The report is attached as a separate item and made a part of these minutes.

#### *Conference Committee Report*

Cory was honored for doing a great job in taking over managing the conference agenda from John Pfeifer. There were no additional comments other than a number of suggestions for the next conference was made. The Board will review the suggestions and determine a draft line up for the next conference. The new dates will be posted on the website.

Mark named each of the sponsors to recognize their financial support in keeping the conference rates low.

### New Business

#### *Tag Line Contest*

The announcement of the tag line contest winner was made....Tag line: "Connecting, People, Planes, and Public Policy" submitted by Joe Wilson, Plumas County. Joe was not present. The new tag line will be researched to determine if any legal issues are identified before the new tag line is officially put to use for the association.

#### *Mike Shutt Award*

The winner of the first Mike Shutt Award was announced by Cory Hazlewood. John Pfeifer was awarded the honor.

Announcements/Suggestions

There was no further business or announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:54 am.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Legislation Report 9/1/12

### **AB 511 (Yamada): Aeronautics: meteorological towers**

The bill requires meteorological towers, used in siting wind farms, between 50 and 200 feet in height to be marked and lighted as specified in the bill. The bill passed in the Assembly 78-0 on May 19. It was heard in the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing on July 5, where it failed on a 2-7 vote.

Reconsideration was granted and it will be taken up again in January 2012. The bill was amended on June 4, 2012, to apply to meteorological towers on or near prime farmland. It passed in the Senate July 6 (36-0) and was sent to the Assembly for concurrence. The bill passed in the Senate on August 9 and was sent to enrollment. It was approved by the Governor and chaptered by the Secretary of State on August 27.

### **AB 662 (Hueso): San Diego County Regional Airport Authority**

This bill would exempt from the requirement to include the area surrounding a military airport in the Authority's compatible land use plan for the City of Coronado. The bill is assigned to the Assembly Committee on Local Government. The bill did not pass out of the house of origin by the June 3 deadline and becomes a two year bill. The bill has been amended to make it generally applicable to any airport land use compatibility plan update. It would require that an airport land use compatibility plan adopted by a county airport land use commission be consistent with the safety and noise standards in an AICUZ if the AICUZ was adopted on or after January 1, 2012, pursuant to a public process that resulted in the adoption of an environmental impact statement pursuant to the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The bill passed the Assembly Committee on Local Government on January 12 (6-2) and was ordered to third reading. On January 17, the bill was ordered to the inactive file at the request of the author. The bill died on the inactive file on February 2.

### **AB 2540 (Gatto): Sales and use taxes: services: income taxes: exclusion: Veterans' Home of California**

As originally written, this bill would have imposed sales tax on a wide variety of services. Of concern to aviation interests were the application of sales tax to the following: "Private aircraft pilot or private jet services;" "The provision of personal, private lessons on any topic, excluding tutoring services for K-12 or college academic courses;" "Access to storage facilities, not including storage facilities used for the storage of food or self-service storage facilities, through the imposition of a charge of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) a month or more." Amendments of April 16 eliminated the tax on private lessons provision. Amendments of April 25 removed all taxing provisions and limited the bill to the funding of California Veterans' Homes from the general fund. The bill was re-referred to the Assembly Rules Committee on May 14 and there has been no further action as of July 9.

### **SB 1005/AB 1465 (Committees on Budget): Transportation**

These identical budget trailer bills were amended on June 13 to include a wide variety of FY 2012-2013 budget items. As written, the amendments appeared to eliminate the State's airport grant programs and transfer the aviation gasoline excise tax from the aeronautics account to the general fund through 2015. The bills were opposed by aviation interests. AB 1465 passed the Assembly on June 15, was concurred in by the Senate and enrolled on June 18. The language in the enrolled bill clarified that the bill did not impact the aeronautics account as currently managed and applied only to excise taxes imposed in the 2010 gasoline tax transfer from sales tax to excise tax. SB 1005 was held in committee pending the Governor's action on AB 1465, which he signed on June 27.

### **SB 1006/AB 1466 (Committees on Budget): Transportation**

With regard to the aeronautics account, these companion budget trailer bills contained language identical to SB 1005/AB 1465.

**Budget Proposals to Eliminate State Mandates:** In February the Governor directed the Department of Finance to draft legislation to eliminate state funded mandates. Approximately 50 state funded mandates were included in the list proposed for elimination. In early March aviation interests learned that the Public Utilities Code sections requiring the formation of Airport Land Use Commissions, but not operation of the commissions, were included in the list. Since learning to the proposal, a number of organizations, including

the Association of California Airports, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the California Airports Council, actively opposed the proposal. The ALUC elimination proposal was included in a bundle of five mandates marked for elimination that was heard by the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee #2 on April 11. The entire package was rejected unanimously. The package was re-referred to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee #4, where it was not taken up.

During meetings with Department of Finance staff, it was learned that the PUC code provisions regarding ALUCs have been suspended for the past five years because of claims by counties for payment of startup costs totaling \$1.6 million. Four FY 2012-2013 budget trailer bills, AB 1463, AB 1464, SB 71, and SB 957 proposed to continue this suspension. AB 1464 passed and was chaptered on June 27.

JLP  
9/1/12