



ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

BOARD & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

BEACH RETREAT AND RESORT TAHOE, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA
11 am, Thursday, September 14, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brendan O'Reilly, President
Sherry Miller, Past President
Sandy Gutierrez-Carver, Vice President
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer
Martin Pehl, Board Director
Gary Gosliga, Board Director
Chuck McCormick, Board Director
Kevin Wojtkiewicz Board Director
Rayvon Williams, Board Director
Carol Ford, Board Director
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director
Scott Malta, Board Director
Steve Birdsall, Board Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEMBERS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Conference Attendees

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am by President Brendan O'Reilly. The Board introduced themselves to the membership.

Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Scott Malta to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Steve Birdsall and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Conference attendance was reported at 148, about the same number as the previous year. Those additional members renewing memberships to date was 24 for a total membership of 172. Revenue for the conference is estimated at \$33,892.

Reports/Action Items

Conference Committee Report

Cory thanked the sponsors to recognize their financial support in keeping the conference rates low and the assistance provided by fellow Board Member Chuck McCormick in sponsor recruitment. Suggested topics for the 2018 conference will be provided at a later date. Cory also advised the membership about web programs that are being considered to provide to the membership.

Aviation Day 2018

Brendan advised the attendees that the next Aviation Day was scheduled for March 12-14, 2018. The original date being considered at the end of March was during a time when the legislature was not in session. Brendan encouraged members to get involved and participate in the activities. He reviewed some of the activities that have resulted from Aviation Day to the new presentation this previous year as Aerospace and Aviation Day. ACA will partner with Aerospace Aviation Association in 2018 and expect more participation with the aviation industry businesses.

Legislative Update

John Pfeifer discussed a number of legislative items. The legislative report follows at the end of these minutes.

New Business

- A. Approve General Member Emeritus for the following retired ACA Members: Mark Bautista, Steve Birdsall, and Leander Hauri.

A motion was made by Scott Malta to approve the General Emeritus designation for retired ACA Members Mark Bautista, Steve Birdsall, and Leander Hauri. It was seconded by Carol Ford. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Presentation of Mike Shutt Award

Gary Gosliga explained the purpose of the Mike Shutt Award and the previous winners. Martin Pehl presented the award to Leander Hauri, recently retired as Airport Manager from Livermore Municipal Airport. Leander was instrumental in starting ACA and served as president during the early years of the organization.

Announcements/Suggestions

Scott Malta discussed the new ACA shirts that the Board has been wearing during the conference. He has put together a program with Lands End and provided them the ACA logo. Members will be able to purchase the shirt of their choice and have it delivered to them. More information will be provided once a "store" setup has been put together to make the purchases.

There was no further business or announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 am.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Legislative Update

California Legislation: The Legislature recesses on September 15 and will reconvene on January 3, 2018

- **AB 218 (Bonta): Local agencies: airports: customer facility charges:** The bill makes specific changes to current law authorizing airports to impose customer facility charges. Supported by the California Airports Council, among others. Passed in the Assembly on March 30 and currently is on the Senate floor consent calendar. Passed on August 31 and was enrolled on September 7.
- **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.
- **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.
- **AB 1069 (Low): Local government: taxicab transportation services:** The bill would authorize a city or county to establish a maximum rate structure that would prohibit a taxicab transportation service from charging a rate to a passenger that is greater than a rate established by the city or county. Passed the Assembly on May 30, passed in the Senate, and is currently on the Assembly floor for concurrence in amendments.
- **AB 1286 (Friedman): Airports: alternative customer facility charges:** The bill extends the date by which an airport must initiate the process for obtaining the authority to require or increase an alternative customer facility charge for authorized purposes from January 1, 2018, to January 1, 2025. Supported by San Francisco International Airport. Passed in the Assembly on April 30, passed in the Senate on August 31, and is currently on the Assembly floor for concurrence in amendments.
- **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.

- **SB 498 (Skinner): Vehicle fleets: zero-emission vehicles:** The bill requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to make recommendations to the Legislature, no later than January 1, 2019, on how to increase ZEV use in the state in the most cost-efficient manner that results in the greatest air quality and emissions reduction benefits. Requires that the Department of General Services to ensure that ZEVs comprise at least 50% of the state's light-duty vehicle fleet purchase by the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Passed the Senate on May 31, passed the Assembly Committee on Transportation on June 27, and is currently in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **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.

FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy-California

- There has been no apparent status change since the April 18, 2017, Legislative Committee report to the SWAAAE Board. 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. Stay tuned as the FAA compliance deadline of December 2017 nears.
- It was reported that Representative Napolitano (California) planned to introduce an amendment to FAA reauthorization. The amendment would have clarified the FAA policy to apply only to excise taxes on aviation fuel, not general sales taxes. The amendment was introduced by Representative Lowenthal during the markup session in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for HR 2997 on June 27 but was withdrawn when the Committee Chair expressed opposition to the amendment.

State Airports Funding

- The CalTrans Division of Aeronautics reports that the 2017-18 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 will be no consensus by the end of the federal fiscal year, September 30, and another short term extension is expected.