



# **ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS**

## Board Meeting Minutes

Sacramento Executive Airport  
Thursday, March 11, 2004

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### Board Members Present:

Mark Bautista, President  
Tom Weil, Vice President (Eastern  
Sierra/High Dessert Airport Mgrs)  
Mary Hansen, Secretary  
John Pfeifer, AOPA CA Regional Rep  
(Corporate/Non-Profit)  
Steve Bultman, PE (Corporate)  
Gary Antone (Northern CA Airport Mgrs)

### Board Members Absent:

John Swizer, CAE, Treasurer  
Mario Cifuentez, II, Past President  
Floyd Best (San Diego Area Airport Mgrs)  
Rod Probst, CAE (Los Angeles Area Apt Mgrs)  
John Sabatello (Inland Empire Airport Mgrs)  
Paul Faurot (Corporate)  
Ken Robbins (Bay Area Airport Mgrs)

### Others Present:

Jay White  
Carol Ford  
David Heal  
Jerry Martin

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Bautista at approximately 10:10 am.

### Old Business

#### **Spring Conference Update**

An updated agenda was reviewed. Ellen Williams, a management consultant, has asked to be part of the panel discussion on Day 1 and will discuss "public involvement." She is involved in the Concord closure issue.

TACA has requested to be part of the panel discussion on Day 2.

During the week of the conference is Legislative Action Days (May 12-13) which may encourage others to attend. The Director of Finance's "progressive goal budgeting" would be a great addition. If a time will not work out for the conference,, maybe a handout on the subject can be made available to the membership.

The League of California Cities has a social scheduled for the night of the 12<sup>th</sup> that provides an opportunity to meet legislators and network with the group. It was asked that more details be obtained on this event as it could give those attending the conference another opportunity to network.

The' developer of McClellan Park, Larry Kelly, was suggested as the luncheon guest speaker.

During the ACA social on the 13<sup>th</sup>, it was suggested that the awards be presented to those ACA members that have not yet been recognized.

*A motion was made by Gary Antone and seconded by Tom Weil that the following individuals would be recognized by ACA at the Spring Conference evening event on May 13: The retiring San Bernadino Airport Manager -- a resolution; John Minkler, Harry Krug, and Leander Hauri -- plaques. The motion was unanimously carried.*

### **By Law Changes**

Discussed a two-year term for president. It was suggested that the by laws be reviewed for other changes that can then be presented at the Spring Conference for consideration. Gary Antone was asked to review the by laws as he did a great job with the membership brochure review.

### **Block Grant Program Update**

The discussion was put on hold as the Division is not ready to address. It was suggested that an update can be provided to the membership in the general session.

### **New Business**

#### **Strategic Plan**

The comment period ended on March 1 and no further remarks were received. The plan will be presented at the Spring Conference for adoption.

#### **Consideration in Joining a Political Action Committee**

Everyone agreed that the MOU works and ACA should go forward.

*A motion was made by Tom Weil to sign the agreement and seconded by John Pfeifer. The motion was unanimously carried.*

Jay White indicated that they would go forward with the legal name change of the PAC to reflect the new partnership. The next step will be for the trustees to review the operations manual and procedures. He suggested that the trustees be made up of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of both organizations. For California Pilots Association, those individuals are Colleen Turner, Jay White, and Walt Wells. Because everyone is so spread out, email has been acceptable for actions.

There is money in the treasury now and Jay was not sure how that would be used. The funds raised by the groups can be earmarked for a particular purpose.

#### **Division of Aeronautics Update**

The state has published the 2003 System Elements & Requirements. It contains information about what an airport should have and how to evaluate it. It includes the pavement management study.

#### **FAA Update**

The next update will be at the Spring Conference.

## Think Tank

A discussion was held concerning the consideration of ACA participation in the proposed California Aviation Institute Think Tank. The purpose would be to research issues, do reports, and make recommendations. Jay White indicated that it would give the PAC some purpose and work hand-in-hand with the PAC. The result could be legislation and information to support it would be provided by the think tank. The formation cost is about \$100.

Example topics to study could be “funding for airports” or “general aviation security.”

The members of the think tank are not the same individuals involved with ACA and PAC. Members make up their own agenda. Topics are typically something that concerns everyone and requires research. They are not government sponsored.

John Pfeifer indicated it is like the TACA, but would have less constraints.

The decision to join was tabled until the Spring Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm..

Submitted by:

Mary A. Hansen  
Secretary

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

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