



# ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

11:00 am, Wednesday, April 18, 2018

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

### Guests:

None

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:04 am by President Scotty Malta. Introductions were made. Several members were unable to make the meeting in Sacramento and called in.

### Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

### Approval of Agenda

*A motion to approve the agenda as modified was made by John Pfeifer and seconded by Carol Ford. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed.

*A motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2018, was made by Sherry Miller and seconded by John Pfeifer. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### Treasurer's Report

The ACA regular account has a balance of \$22,089; Aviation Day account has a balance of \$10,521. The total account balance is \$32,610.

### Reports

#### *2018 Conference Update*

Cory was unable to attend the meeting today. He did not have any new updates at this time. Gary Gosliga indicated that they are working on topics for the conference and plan to have a committee meeting soon.

#### *Legislative Update*

The legislative report follows at the end and made a part of these minutes.

Sherry Miller had one additional item related to a new bill, AB 3119. This bill would force the reunification of SAN and the Port of San Diego. California Aviation Council has been asked to oppose it by the San Diego International Airport and are preparing a letter of opposition. Sherry Miller requested that ACA also oppose the legislation. John Pfeifer indicated that it is still premature and needs to see the analysis of the bill. John will discuss the item with Jim Lites and CAC to gain more information.

#### *California Aerospace & Aviation Days*

The general consensus was to plan to do the event again next year. There is a wrap up conference call on the event after this meeting to discuss ways to improve the event for 2019.

Carol reported that she, Melissa McCaffrey, and Stacy Howard went to Hawaii for their first State Aviation Day event. It went very well and they now have their first caucus, following the steps of both Arizona and California.

### Unfinished Business

#### *Board of Director Resignations/Replacement Discussions*

There was no discussion on this item at this meeting. This items will continue to the next meeting.

*Discuss Bylaws Changes and Related Officer Terms/Vice President Position*

At the previous board meeting, the Board agreed to move the officer terms to 2 years. There were no objections. An amendment was sent to the membership at least seven (7) days prior to today's meeting as required by the Bylaws.

*A motion to approve the Bylaws Amendment as presented, was made by Sherry Miller and seconded by Gary Gosliga. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

*Caltrans Matching Grants and Project Start Time; Caltrans Funding*

Scotty Malta will do a write paper for John Pfeifer on this topic. No other discussion at this meeting.

*Discuss Creation of Aviation License Plate*

John Pfeifer reviewed the rules and regulations on license plates. A few basic significant requirements include: the organization (ACA) would be responsible for the design and qualifications of the plate; ACA would be responsible for advertising, collection of application, and fees that amount to \$375,000; special legislation to approve; and there must always be at a minimum 7,500 applications on file or the program goes away. John reviewed language that indicated no new applications are being accepted. John will confirm a few questions he had. Because of the complexity and magnitude of the program, it does not appear to be a program that ACA would want to commit to on its own; however, it will be discussed at a later date in the event a need and an opportunity approaches.

Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting

Scotty was asked by Mark McClardy to give an update on ACA and its activities at the FAA conference in June. Carol commented that she was also asked to give an update on Calpilots activities. She and Scotty will work together on making sure that everything gets covered and consistent.

There was no further business to discuss. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 pm.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen  
Secretary

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

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

*Updates in italics.*

California Legislation: The Legislature reconvened on January 3.

- **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.*
- **AB 483 (Bocanegra): Airports: pollution:** *The bill officially died on January 31. Last report.*
- **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.*

## 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.*

## 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.*
- 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.*

John L. Pfeifer  
4/17/2018