



# ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

11:00 am, Wednesday, June 21, 2017

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brendan O'Reilly, President  
Rayvon Williams, Board Director  
Chuck McCormick, Board Director  
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer  
Carol Ford, Board Director  
Kevin Wojtkiewicz, Board Director  
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director  
Sherry Miller, Past President  
Gary Gosliga, Board Director

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandy Gutierrez-Carver, Vice President  
Scott Malta, Board Member  
Martin Pehl, Board Director  
Steve Birdsall, Board Director

### GUESTS:

John Pfeifer, Legislative Chair  
Mark Bautista, Member

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:05 am by President Brendan O'Reilly. Introductions were made. Several members were unable to travel to Sacramento and called in.

### Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

### Approval of Agenda

*A motion to approve the agenda was made by Sherry Miller and seconded by Kevin Wojtkiewicz. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

*A motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2017, was made by Kevin Wojtkiewicz and seconded by Chuck McCormick. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### Treasurer's Report

The ACA regular account has a balance of \$24,172.01; Aviation Day account has a balance of \$11,423.47. The total account balance is \$35,595.48.

### Reports

#### *2017 Conference Update*

The conference committee continues to work on a draft agenda and asked the Board for any topics they would like to have. The next conference committee meeting was set for July 6. Mary Hansen indicated she was getting requests for agendas so that conference attendance can be approved.

Carol Ford is checking into an afternoon boat ride on Friday. More information will be provided.

Early registrations have started to come in. After July 1, a conference email will be forwarded to the membership to formally open up online registration. About 20 people have currently registered.

#### *Legislative Update*

The legislative report follows these minutes. There was not much change since the last report. It was suggested by Board members that an email be sent to the membership once the minutes and the legislative report has been posted to the website.

#### *California Aerospace & Aviation Days*

Brendan O'Reilly has been working with both Chuck Cole from Advocation and Ross Garelick Bell from the Aerospace group. March 26,29, 2017, has been approved as the 2018 Aerospace and Aviation Days event. Brendan will contact the local hotels to arrange for a group block. It was suggested that he make contact with the Hyatt that is directly across from the capitol. If that does not work out, he will check out the Residence Inn that has been used in the past.

New Business

*Nominating Committee & 2017 Elections*

The Nominating Committee is chaired by the immediate Past President. Sherry Miller will work on potential Board Members. Brendan O'Reilly and Rayvon Williams have agreed to work with Sherry on the committee. The following board positions are up for election:

- District 1 (open – currently held by Sherry Miller who has moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> District area)
- District 3 (currently Kevin Wojtkiewicz)
- District 5 (open – currently held by Mary Hansen, who will retire Sept. 1)
- District 7 (currently Brendan O'Reilly)
- District 9 (currently Sandy Gutierrez-Carver)
- Corporate NonProfit (currently Carol Ford)
- Associate (currently Steve Birdsall)

Mary Hansen has indicated she will continue to coordinate the ACA events. She has suggested making the Secretary/Treasurer a nonvoting, advisory position to the Board. John Pfeifer will research the Bylaws on any action that may be necessary. The Board will further consider at the next meeting.

Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting

There was no further business to discuss. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 am.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen  
Secretary

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

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

Legislative Update - ACA Board of Directors  
June 21, 2017

Legislation

- **AB 483 (Bocanegra): Airports: pollution:** This 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 airports, as defined in the bill, and would require DTSC and ARB to submit a report to the Legislature no later than July 1, 2019. The bill defines airport as “a general aviation noncommercial airport built prior to 1960 that is located in an urban area and is in or adjacent to a zone determined to be above the 81<sup>st</sup> percentile in the most recent version of the California Communities Health Screening Tool, completed pursuant to Section 39711.” It would also require the subject airports to acquire air quality monitoring equipment as determined by ARB. As currently written, it appears that the bill attempts to address issues at one particular airport (Whiteman), but will have significant unintended consequences. There appear to be at least 20, and perhaps as many as 40, general aviation airports that would be subject to the requirements of the bill. Most of these airports are in the central valley or Los Angeles basin. The bill would impose an unfunded state mandate. The bill was amended on March 28 and heard in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 3, where it passed 7-1. SWAAAE, ACA, AOPA, CalPilots, NBAA, and the San Carlos Pilots Association all were sending letters of opposition but, due to the short time between the amendments and hearing, the opposition was not reflected in the bill committee analysis. The bill was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Substances, where it was scheduled be heard on April 25. John Pfeifer and Carol Ford met with the author’s staff on March 29 to express ACA opposition to the bill and discuss alternatives for a local solution to the issues. After the opposition letters were received, several conference calls between the author’s staff, Brendan O’Reilly, Chuck Cole, and John Pfeifer were held and the author agreed to pull the bill from the April 25 hearing in order for Los Angeles County to have time to begin a local solution. The bill becomes a two year bill.
- **AB 427 (Muratsuchi): California Aerospace Commission:** This bill would create the California Aerospace Commission (Commission). The role of the Commission would be 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 passed the Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media on April 5 (6-0). It is now in the Assembly Transportation Committee. A hearing on the bill scheduled for April 24 was canceled at the request of the author and the bill becomes a two year bill.

FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy

- There has been no apparent status change since the June 15, 2016, Legislative Committee report to the ACA Board. It is anticipated that this issue will become “hot” in the early Summer, as the deadline for compliance is December 2017.
- It was reported that California Airports Council staff is working on scheduling a stakeholders meeting, including FAA and CA Department of Finance representatives, during the week of California Aviation Day, however no meetings occurred.

- No change as of June 20, 2017, on the state status.
- It is reported that Representative Napolitano (California) is reintroducing an amendment to H.R. 4441 to clarify the FAA policy to apply only to excise taxes on aviation fuels, not general sales taxes which apply to aviation fuel. The amendment is supported by the League of California Cities, the California Self Help Counties, the California Department of Finance, The National Conference of State Legislatures, and the National Governors Association. We have not seen any FAA position on the amendment.

#### State Airports Funding

- The CalTrans Division of Aeronautics reports that 2017 airports funding is anticipated to be similar to recent years. They expect full funding of the general aviation airport annual credits, partial funding of AIP matching grant requests, and no funds for Acquisition and Development grants.
- The current loan program fund balance is reported to be approximately \$30 million. However, those funds can be transferred to the grant program only with Department of Finance approval, which has not been granted.
- No change as of June 20, 2017

#### ATC Privatization

- The White House budget outline released on March 16 included the provision to shift the air traffic control function from the FAA to an independent, non-governmental organization.
- The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2017, the House bill introduced on June 21, includes provisions to privatize air traffic control services. It is similar to last year's bill. The Senate bill expected to be introduced in the near future reportedly does not include the privatization provisions.

#### FAA Funding

- The potential April 28 government shutdown was averted by a last minute continuing resolution which funds the FAA through September 30.

#### Droning Along

On May 19, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit declared that the FAA's UAS (drone) registration requirements violates a provision of the 2012 Special Rule for Model Aircraft. That provision prevents the FAA from regulating a model aircraft that is used for recreational purposes, as long as it is flown safely. While the FAA is reportedly evaluating the decision, it continues