

Airline Dispatchers Federation

2011 Spring Business Meeting

March 23, 2011

Dallas, Texas

1. Opening Remarks

- ADF Executive Secretary Patrick Boyle called the meeting to order at 1300 Central.
- ADF President Joe Miceli thanked all who were in attendance
- Joe gave a special thank you to John Plowman of TWU Local 542 for the use of the meeting space.

2. Officer Reports

a. Presidents Opening Remarks/Nominations

- ADF President Joe Miceli thanked all who were in attendance
- Joe gave a special thank you to John Plowman of TWU Local 542 for the use of the meeting space.
- Joe reminded the group that nominations are still being accepted for ADF President, and Executive Treasure. The nominations will be open until the opening of the fall business meeting in Las Vegas. Nominations may be emailed or phoned into the ADF President.
 - Currently Joe Miceli has been nominated for President and Mike Timpe has been nominated for Executive Treasure.
- Joe stated that the last few months have been rather busy for the ADF.
- The revised ADF video project is now back on track and will be finished by year's end.
- The SNRPM regarding training will be issued to the public on May 12, 2011.
 - The ADF will look closely at the SNRPM and respond accordingly.

b. Presidents Report

- ADF President Joe Miceli began his report by discussing on what has happened in the NextGen Advisory Committee (NACSC) over the last few months.
 - Joe attended meetings on March 15th and will attend on April 26th.
 - The March meeting was reporting of what has transpired within the workgroups.

- The April meeting will have discussions around fuel, FAA/ICAO harmonization, Datalink in/out, and ADS-B in/out.
- Joe attended the Transport Workers Union Annual Presidents Meeting in Las Vegas.
 - Joe gave the council an update on what is transpiring within the ADF in the hopes of gaining additional membership from the TWU.
 - Some of the question the TWU Presidents Council had for Joe were:
 - Why should they have their membership be part of the ADF?
 - They also asked for documentation on what has transpired within the ADF.
- Women in Aviation Scholarship
 - Joe has chosen the winner of the ADF scholarship for the Women in Aviation.
 - Catherine Jackson was to present the scholarship to the recipient at the annual Women in Aviation meeting in Reno, Nevada.
- NATCA communicating for safety conference
 - Joe, Catherine, and Patrick attended the NATCA conference in Las Vegas.
 - Over 850 Air Traffic Controllers showed up for the conference.
 - Joe was able to talk with NTSB Board Member Christopher Hart about a keynote speaker for the ADF Symposium in the fall.
 - Joe was also able to speak with NATCA President Paul Rinaldi. who plans to attend the ADF symposium.
- Friends and Partners in Aviation Weather (FPAW)
 - Joe attended the pre-meeting. Some of the items that came out of the meeting were culture change issues, FAA to speak more, and the vision of the future of FPAW.
 - The pre-meeting is to help set up the annual meeting that happens at the NBAA conference.
- Kids in Flight
 - Former ADF President Giles O'Keefe forwarded information about the program.
 - The ADF was involved with this group in the past.
- Video Project
 - The video project will vamp up production on May 1st.
 - Joe is working with Creative Labs to finish the project.
 - Two additional video shoots will need to be completed.
 - The ADF will need to make a down payment to Creative Labs before production continues.

- Brian Gwinn from PAFCA-DAL asked on what the video project was about.
- Joe explained that the project is to replace the old ADF “Night Landing JFK” ADF video.
- Upcoming meetings
 - IFALDA AGM May 9th – 11th.
 - RTCA Symposium on June 16th and 17th.
 - FPAW on July 14th
 - FAA ASI group presentation (OKC) sometime in July.

c. Executive Vice-Presidents Report

- John attended meetings at the JPDO Aviation workgroup.
 - The group is still waiting on the RTCA workgroup.
 - The near term report is delayed due to the regroup within the RTCA.
 - The AWG group has received back their report from FAA legal.
 - Upcoming meeting will be on May 14th. John advised that he will be on a telcon rather than traveling to Washington D.C.

d. 2011 ADF Safety Symposium

- Speakers pretty much set up.
- The hotel is set up and ready for booking
- As soon as the website update is complete the symposium will be available for registration.
- Invited speakers for the symposium include:
 - o Members of the ATA
 - o FAA CDM Group
 - o ALPA Vice-Chair
 - o NATCA President
 - o FAA ICAO Liaison
 - o EUFALDA
 - o Mark Belieze
 - o Patrick Hempen
 - o Bob Lamond – NBAA
 - o Port Authority NY/NJ
 - o Leo Hollis – FAA
 - o Gordy Rother– ASI

e. Treasure’s Report

- Due to illness Executive Treasure Mike Timpe was unable to attend the meeting. He passed along his report to Joe Miceli to read to the group.

- Finances are available written request.
- Currently the ADF finances are in line with yearly budget
- Upcoming expenses:
 - Website programming
 - Video project
 - Legal expenses with the ADF Logo trademarks.
 - Legal expenses for advertising schools on the website.

f. Secretary's Report/LAX Meeting Minutes approval

- ADF Secretary Patrick Boyle asked the group for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the winter business meeting
 - o Motion by John Schwoyer
 - o Second by Brian Gwinn
 - o The floor carried the motion.
- Patrick also gave a brief update on the Flight Objects Work Group.
- Currently sever ideas are in the testing phase with the hopes that a demonstration of the Flight Object will be in the near term.
- The Data Dictionary of the items in the Flight Object has been updated.
- Several other international organizations are researching the usefulness of the flight object. Current reports from the research are promising and more collaboration is expected with the Japanese, Australian's, and Canadians. There is a move to also align the Flight Object with work done by EASA.

g. VP/Director Reports

i. Brandon Caple – VP of Technology

- Brandon was unable to attend it to the meeting but he did file a report with the President of the ADF.
- Currently all things are quiet on the technology side.
- Website is needing of an upgrade for advertisement of schools
- Some new features planned will help with the accounting of membership
- In addition there, is possible room for a blog access.
- Current ADF Membership is around 1300-1350

ii. Phil Brooks – Jumpseat Coordinator

- Phil was unable to attend the meeting but did file a report with the President of the ADF
- There have been some reports of issues with dispatchers trying to jumpseat on American Airlines.

- John Plowman asked that Phil contact him to clear this up and report specifics.
- There is a possibility that jumpseaters may have to check bags if space is unavailable on the aircraft overhead bins.
- Working with AirTran to clear up any jumpseat issues for all dispatchers.

iii. Debbie Kowalewski – VP of Membership

- Debbie was unable to attend the meeting but did file a report with the President of the ADF.
- Currently all caught up with E-mails and new membership packets.
- Currently soliciting for school advertisements.
- Currently nine schools are interested.

iv. Matt Berg – VP of International Relations/IFALDA Liaison

- Matt was unable to attend but did report to the ADF President that he will be attending the IFALDA AGM on May 9-11 in YUL.

v. Norm Joseph – VP of Aviation Rule Making

- Norm was unable to attend but did file a report with the President of the ADF.
- Norm Attended the ARAC meeting on March 30th.
- Looking to shrink ARAC to 25-30 members
- New definition of ARC is due in June or July 2011.

vi. Catherine Jackson – VP of Corporate/Industry Alliances

- Attended the NATCA communicating for Safety Symposium
- Attended Women in Aviation Conference
- Working on getting Southwest dispatchers back into the ADF
- Will start working on vendors for the symposium in May/June.
- Working with Brandon on advertising for schools on the website.

h. Other Reports

i. Steve Mineck – SWIMM group

- NextGen programmers are unaware of dispatchers. Working on getting the documentation about NextGen from a programmer's viewpoint.

ii. Brian Gwinn – PAFCA DAL

- Looking for new membership packets for the new dispatchers at Delta Airlines.

iii. John Plowman – TWU Local 542 President

- John gave an update on the contract dispatch issue at Continental Airlines.
 - There was no help from the CAL CMO
 - AFS 200 in DC was no help
 - Randy Babbitt was involved.
 - The CMO re-issued the ruling that CAL cannot continue to use CMI dispatchers.
 - The CMI dispatchers are now moving to IAH to be part of the CAL dispatch office.

3. Closing Remarks

- a. ADF President Joe Miceli stated that the SNRPM will be coming out and that the ADF will send in its official comments.
- b. Motion to adjourn by John Schwoyer
- c. Seconded by Catherine Jackson

In attendance

*Joe Miceli – ADF President/United Airlines

*John Schwoyer – ADF Executive Vice-President / American Airlines

*Patrick Boyle – ADF Executive Secretary / Continental Airlines

Catherine Jackson – ADF VP/Southwest Airlines

Brian Gwinn – PAFCA/DAL

John plowman – President TWU Local 542

*Denotes a Quorum was met.