

Airline Dispatchers Federation
2011 Fall Business Meeting
October 4, 2011
Harrah's Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
1300-1700

1. Call to Order

ADF Secretary Patrick Boyle called the meeting to order at 1315 PST.

2. Roll Call

Introductions went around the table, members were introduced, and the group welcomed new faces.

3. Meeting Minutes from the previous Board Meeting (Chicago July 16, 2011)

The meeting minutes were passed around the table for all to review.

4. Officer Reports

a. Presidents Opening Remarks and Nomination of Board Members (per bylaws)

Opening Remarks -

ADF President Joe Miceli welcomed all to the meeting and advised the group that the symposium will have a good set of speakers.

Nomination of Board Members -

Joe advised the group that nominations for President and Executive Treasurer were now closed.

A short bio of Presedintal nominee John Motaque was passed to those in attendance to read. (prior to delegate voting during secretary's report)

b. Presidents Report (SNRPM, NACSC, ANAC, and Video Project)

SNRPM –

The ADF's response to the SNRPM was stern yet appropriate response to the FAA. The ADF respectfully disagreed to the proposal. Several areas within the SNRPM were commended for the change in the regulations. To date, there were 356 comments sent in by various industry groups, unions, and individuals.

NACSC –

The most recent meeting of the NACSC was on September 8, 2011. Within the meeting the biggest issue was the current FAA budget. Another issue that has arisen was the lack of compatibility between SESAR and NextGen. Currently there is not much getting done within the group. One of the talking points was the use of Datacom for communication. (ADS-B in/out)

ANAC –

The ADF was asked to speak with dispatchers and other operational professionals in Brazil about the prospective of dispatching in the FAR Part 121 environment. The ANAC would like further dialogue with the ADF.

Video Project –

With the response to the SNRPM completed the video project is back on task. Currently the project is back on track to be finished by October 2012 Symposium. Work will begin in November and when completed, the video will be copy written.

Upcoming meetings –

October 12 NBAA/FPAW (panel member)

October 24 NACSC, November NACSC, December NACSC

c. Executive Vice Presidents Report

JPDO Aircraft Working Group –

Dispatch is now in the aviation roadmap 1.7. Both the terms Dispatch and SOCC have been added. The ADF has been asked to help with comments. Currently the group is working in five (5) year blocks. The group is giving feedback of instruments in the aircraft.

d. 2011 Symposium Discussion/Updated Speakers List

2011 Symposium –

Many of the FAA speakers who were invited to speak have canceled due to the FAA Budget issues. Future Symposiums will be separated from both the ATCA conference and the NBAA conference. We have found that many possible speakers and vendors have conflicts with their schedules of being too close to our symposium.

2012 Symposium –

The 2012 Symposium has been set up for October 10-12 in Orlando, Florida at the Sheraton Safari. The room rate has been agreed to of \$99.00 per night, \$129.00 including round trip MCO airport transportation. Advertising will start in late December, early January 2012.

e. ADF's Meeting Involvement Discussion (New/Old)

There are no old meetings/workgroups.

Current ADF meeting involvements:

NACSC

ARAC

ATPAC

NBAA/FPAW

ATCA

NextGen

JPDO – AWG/TBO

Flight Objects Workgroup

EUFALDA

IFALDA

f. Treasurer, ADF Finances

All requests for ADF's finances must be sent to the Treasurer in writing. ADF's finances are aligned within ADF's operation budget. No other issues.

g. Secretary Reports, ORD Meeting Minutes Approval

Meetings –

Flight Objects Workgroup (FOWG)

Currently there is nothing new due to budget issues and shutdown of the FAA.

Summer 2011 Meeting Minutes

Norm Joseph advised that in his report that the ARC needs to be changed to 125/135 ARC.

Motion to accept the Minutes with the Changes:

John Schwoyer

Seconded by:

Frank Pascale

The floor carried the motion without abstentions.

Elections for President and Treasure

Results:

President

9 votes for Joseph Miceli

0 votes for John Motague

Executive Treasurer

Due to no other nominations for Executive Treasurer Mike Timpe was elected unopposed.

Secretary Patrick Boyle was assigned to count the votes

VP of Aviation Rule Making Norm Joseph was assigned to verify the count.

h. Directors Reports: none

i. Vice Presidents Reports

Norm Joseph – VP of Aviation Rule Making

ARAC –

Currently there are no dispatch issues.

Weather minima issues for standardization globally

- There has been some success

The FAA has asked the ARAC to design a Rule Making prioritization design module.

- A report is due by December.
- A model is due by the first of the year.

Restructuring of ARAC –

There are 26 member organizations

- The ADF is part.
- The group hopes to have the restructure done by the Spring of 2012.
- The ADF will represent all dispatchers.

Other

The vice chair of ARAC indicated that the FAA will put more money into NextGen and Inspectors. The downside to this is that the money for this is coming from the Facilities Group.

Debbie Kowalewski – VP of Membership

UAL is still in negotiations

The dispatchers will move to the Willis Tower in May 2012.

Matt Berg – VP of International Affairs and IFALDA Liaison

Matt gave a quick overview of this year's symposium.

He is still looking for articles for the newsletter. The next deadline is set for December 5, 2011.

The 2012 Symposium has been set up for Orlando on October 10-12. Registration will be open in the first quarter of 2012.

Gene Kim – VP of Industry Relations

Currently working on the FL/WN Merger. Working on a new flight planning system. Also working on labor integration. WN will be taking deliveries of the Boeing 737-800. With the merger WN will also taking on the Boeing 717. International service is coming to WN due to the merger. Working on getting the entire dispatch group at WN to become members of the ADF.

Brandon Caple – VP of Information Technology

Currently the ADF Website is getting 460 – 800 hits a week. The current roster is between 1200 and 1500 members.

j. Directors Reports

Paul Viola – Delegate PAFCA DAL

PAFCA will have 351 members starting in January 2012.

k. 2012 Symposium Discussion, 2012 Meeting Dates

Will discuss dates of Business Meetings at January 28th Winter BM.

l. Other Business

Michael Keller – Aviation Dispatch Institute

About to open an Aircraft Dispatcher school in Memphis. All student of the school will be enrolled as members of the ADF for two (2) years.

Frank Pascale – TWU Local 542

AA will be hiring 15 dispatchers.

AA is still in negotiations.

The fuel policy has been working out.

ExpressJet has moved to Atlanta as part of the merger with ASA.

Brad Rasmussen – IFALDA

Brad deferred his comments to Rick Ketchersid.

Rick Ketchersid – President of IFALDA

IFALDA had a good symposium in Montreal. IFALDA remains active with ICAO and IATA.

IFALDA is part of the Volcanic Ash Workgroup. IFALDA is also part of the Dangerous Goods Workgroup. Allen Rossmore is still Co-Chair of the IOSA Dispatch Audit Taskforce. Allen helps author the manual for the IOSA Dispatch Audit Taskforce. IFALDA has been using Skype for their quarterly meetings. Currently IFALDA is accepting nominations for the following positions:

President

VP – West

VP Finance

Currently IFALDA's membership in Europe is down. IFALDA will be attending the EUFALDA AGM. The IFALDA website has been stale for a while, a new look is on its way.

Diana Monsure –

Nothing to report

Brian Gwinn

The training of the Air France dispatchers is going well. DAL is working on a Risk Assessment Management process. Currently DAL is the leader in the process.

Jerry Elder

Currently doing consulting work.

Vendors were looking for attendees contact information. The ADF will only give names and affiliation of the attendees. No other information will be given. Gene Kim offered a solution to have the attendees opt in our out to their contact information when registering for future symposiums. All agreed that was a good idea.

5. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by:

Matt Berg

Seconded by:

Debbie Kowalewski

In attendance:

Joseph Miceli* – ADF President/United Airlines

John Schwoyer* – ADF Executive VP/American Airlines

Mike Timpe* – ADF Executive Treasurer/Horizon Air

Patrick Boyle* - ADF Executive Secretary/Continental Airlines

Norm Joseph – VP of Aviation Rule Making/Delta Airlines

Debbie Kowalewski – VP of Membership/United Airlines

Matt Berg – VP of International Relations and IFALDA Liaison/Continental Airlines

Gene Kim – VP of Industry Relations/AirTran-Southwest

Brandon Caple – VP of Information Technology/Continental Airlines

Paul Viola – Delegate PAFCA DAL

Michael Keller – Aviation Dispatch institute

Diana Monsur – United Airlines

Frank Pascale – TWU Local 542/American Airlines

Rick Ketchersid – IFALDA/Southwest

Brad Rasmussen – IFALDA/World Airways

Brian Gwinn – Delta Airlines

Jerry Elder – Delta Airlines (Retired)

*Denotes a quorum was met.