

ADF Board/Business Meeting April 21 Houston

Joe welcomed group to meeting as he called secession to order
He also passed around meeting minutes for final review.

Officer Reports

President report:

Logo: Executive BOD decided to keep old and new logo until 2015

Open Positions: EVP & Secretary positions open and applicants being excepted up until start of business October Business meeting

NextGen: Discussed lack of Back-up Plan (advised ADF on record with FAA about concern in the lack of an adequate plan)

FAA History: ADF helped FAA write history of Dispatcher

Video: expected finish Aug/Sept for Symposium; & looking premier Sponsor

NATCA: Dispatch was mentioned in conference for safety in Atlanta and what happens in a Dispatch operation. The differences of Radar displays (gain, resolution and even colors) also discussion on how to read various types of Radar. Discussions also touched on solar radiation and its effects on routing and communications.

Speakers for symposium: at all events go to always on hunt for speakers and this year has been no different, so far we Key Note NTBS (top official), NATCA (top official), FedEx Global Operations, NASA, Steve Dickson VP Flight from Delta on update with his projects for NACSC / NextGen / and Update on Delta Ops, SESAR, RTCA, ATA (now A4A), AOPA, UPS and their advancements, Ingil Puck, Chris Kimmons COA Dispatcher & WX expert, 89 Airwing Andrews AFB

Meeting Involvement: ADF board constantly discusses the various level of involvement. The more ADF goes to the more we are invited to, since we are active in our participation. We contribute and offer positive insight and suggestions but it has a cost and the board balances the meetings total worth and if it should spend the capitol to continue to attend or reduce cost by flying in/out same day.

Business Cards: logo passed around group for one more review and all members advised that new cards will be issued one logo set and printer found. Since unions are a large part of our group it was decided to use a union print shop. Plowman offered to help locate a shop for ADF.

VP Finance:

ADF Finances: ADF is doing well we have prepaid some of the Symposium and with current dues expected another strong year. Able to attend normal meetings and continue to participate in various groups continue to remain visual in community. Normal bills, expect to purchase new banner and equipment as needed. Membership strong. Finances available on request.

VP Technology:

Site updated to show sign in for symposium also matches flyer, as well as site continually updated on programming side to remain operationally compatible. These updates will allow hotel to be booked on line so book early deal is no penalty for cancellation.

Job Postings are updated regularly, COA / UAL hiring within next few months and others as they are reported

Exec. VP:

Attended NACSC: meeting in DC. Group NACSA discussed the RTCA recommendations for Improved regional Airspace and also updated group on the status on NAS wide performance and new tracking tool: Web-NPS this integrates and evaluates eleven performance areas.

Updated JPDO status: nine working groups are on stand-by, ADF provides assistance on SOC related matters to aircraft, safety, and ATC working groups. There is a SOC sub-group composed of various airline management & trainers discussing technical requirements but I only review their material when asked.

VP Jumpseat:

UAL jumpseat question about outside (UAL/COA) worker in cockpit, and yes member of class but no cockpit access so must still have seat in back to ride. FedEx jumpseat open now to outside workers enrolled in CASS, full info is on Website, but also no cockpit access just additional rider seats in back.

VP Industry Relations:

Diversion Forum, as expected this was a road show. Not a meeting and was limited in scope. Was expecting more but very limited in information and no significant discussion / question and answer session. Same problems of Lack of standardization between airports and lack of coordination between towers and ATC facilities

SWA Jeppesen Project, Flight planning system with Jepp on hold since they have failed to provide a workable product. SWA will consider it again once there is a working system to review.

SWA OCC manager change, Jeff Martin left SWA and went to JetBlue so delay on some of the projects that previously approved and supported.

SWA and Airtran dispatch integration, SWA dispatchers gain four years to what Airtran has CBA soon to follow.

SWA International Ops Spec, is ready and being reviewed for approval and that is expected June 15 and expect SWA international shortly afterwards.

New OCC, breaking ground and expected finish 2014 of new two story category 5 ready support structure.

ADF members, high on priority list but one of projects that was put on hold with new OCC manager and waiting completion of seniority intergration.

VP Rules:

ARAC, Summary report, Discussed ARAC bylaws and draft in effect changing to an executive committee and various working groups.

VP International / News

Need articles for news letter, deadline June 1st

Next meeting EWR July 21, Hotel Info will be posted on webpage

Secretary

Meeting minutes passed around and reviewed

Matt made motion to accept meeting minutes Gene seconded, group passed ATPAC no new news.

Flight Objects Grp, working on harmonization within NextGen 2012 project
Women in aviation scholarship for 2013

Attendees Updates:

John Plowman President TWU

Integration of UAL / COA dispatch expected by June 15, 2012 and company is under gun to get completed so they accelerated agreement.

ASA / Express Jet going to Mediation

American – Aggregated union agreement to courts waiting to hear

Eagle – Waiting on some decision on scope / seat number

Executive will be out of SJU by June 2013

Alaska / Horizon no new news.

Paul Viola Delta PAFCA officer

351 members

DAL offered early retirement, 39 weeks pay for those 50 plus in age plus 15 years of service, so far 3 took deal. Beginning interviews – they update

Brandon once they start hiring process to update website.

Lou Paris, Pinnacle Airways

Filed for bankruptcy. Have 16 CRJ 900 that giving back and 4 Q 400 aircraft returning to manufacturer. Operate a minimum fleet

Operations may relocate back to MSP

Rick Ketchersid, SWA / IFALDA

IFALDA's web page is updated

Accomplishments

Meetings

Cancelation of AGM

Relocation of BOD/Business meeting to Atlanta (May 7-8)

Open elections for several positions

Pancer, World Airways / IFALDA

World airways has pay freeze and lost 50 % of aircraft with military contract

Motion to Adjourn by Pat second by Matt group passed