

Airline Dispatchers Federation
2013 Spring Business Meeting
April 13, 2013
Atlanta, Georgia

- 1) Call To Order
 - ADF Secretary Patrick Boyle called the meeting to order at 1315 local.
- 2) Roll Call
 - Introduction of new members went around the room.
- 3) Meeting Minutes from previous Board Meeting (PHX January 26,2013)
 - A final draft of the Winter Business Meeting was passed around the room for final verification.
- 4) Officers Reports
 - a Opening Remarks/Nomination of ADF Board Members (President/Treasure per bylaws)
 - ADF President Joseph Miceli was unable to attend for personal reasons.
 - Joe's report was read by ADF Executive Vice President John Schwoyer.
 - Nominations of Board Members
 - Joseph Miceli was nominated for President.
 - Mike Timpe was nominated for Executive Treasure.
 - All nominations must be in person or writing.
 - Nominations close at the beginning of the Fall Business Meeting.
 - b Presidents Report
 - Joe was sorry that he was unable to attend
 - ASRS Meeting – February 01
 - NASA AMES/ADF/ALPA/NATCA were in attendance
 - Information from the meeting was passed round the room for review.
 - The key is to stop safety gaps.
 - The average time to desensitize information from ASAP/DSAP/FSPA is running two months.
 - There is a goal of reducing this time.
 - If you are filing a NASA ASRS report you need to keep the returned hard copy for three years.
 - Deborah Kowalewski will represent the ADF at the next meeting in Washington, D.C.
 - NACSC
 - RTCA/NACSC are working on city pairs for their next study.
 - There are issues coming up with the pending government sequestration.
 - 2013 budget is in place.
 - 2014 budget has not been finalized.
 - RTCA Symposium
 - Gene Kim will attend the RTCA Symposium this year.
 - Documentation for the upcoming meeting was passed around the room.

- NATCA Communicating for Safety Conference
 - Only Joe was able to attend due to scheduling conflicts
 - Over 1000 members in attendance.
 - The board donated the unpaid registration funds to the silent auction
 - The ADF won several items from the auction.
 - We will use these as handouts/prizes at our Fall Symposium.
 - There are now using a new tag line of:
 “Tune off, tune in”
 - NATCA has committed to speak at our symposium.
 - ATC is working towards more weather products available to the controllers.
 - They are working on a *“sit down with a dispatcher”* program.
 - ACAC
 - Weekly telcons regarding NOTAMS.
 - ARAC
 - The ADF will post alternate applications on the website shortly.
 - Video project
 - Narrator has be selected
 - Video funding is in place.
 - Final editing is in work.
 - The ADF lawyer is working on copy write information.
 - FPAW
 - ADF will attend the planning meeting.
 - ADF will attend there yearly meeting at the NBAA.
 - The ADF will be able to bring three members to the general meeting.
 - SNRPM
 - No news at this time due to government budget issues.
 - Dave Porter advised the group to contact Jim Jansen if any information is needed.
 - EUFALDA/IFALD joint AGM
 - Joe will attend with Matt Berg
- c Executive Vice President’s Report
- NACSC
 - Was in attendance on February 27s Telcon for the NACSC
 - The group reviewed and discussed procedures for datacomm.
 - There was good feedback from the TRACONS and Centers.
 - Also discussed UAV’s and how they are handled between ATC and its Controller.

- JPDO
 - Currently on Stand down.
 - There is concern with upcoming government budget issues.

- d 2013 Symposium update
 - A list of the current speakers committed for the symposium was passed around the room.
 - There will be a premier of the new ADF video
 - Business meeting in on October 8th
 - Symposium is October 9-10
 - Room rates will available +/- three days.

- e Meeting involvements (new/old)
 - There has been no change in meeting involvements for the ADF.

- f Treasurers report
 - ADF finances are on budget.
 - Requests for financials need to be sent in writing to the ADF President and Treasurer.

- g Secretary's report
 - No new issues with the FOWG and ATPAC
 - Asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes.
 - Dave porter asked for one change in the IFALDA section to change the wording of "new documents" to "existing documents"
 - John Plowman made a motion to accept the amended minutes
 - John Schwoyer seconded the motion.
 - The floor carried the motion with one abstention.

- h Directors Reports
 - Matt Berg – VP International Relations / IFALDA Liaison
 - Summer business meeting has been set up
 - All board members will be booked in advance

 - The Fall Business meeting/Symposium has been booked
 - Dates are October 8-10 at the Harrah's
 - Regular room rate is \$60/night
 - Petite suite rate is \$200/night
 - Executive suite rate is \$450/night
 - Matt asked that if other meeting space is needed to let him know ASAP.
 - Newsletter
 - Articles are still needed.
 - Dave Porter asked the group about the "Linked In" group.
 - Brandon Caple advised that it is a closed group.

 - EUFALDA/IFALDA AGM
 - Matt will be in attendance.

- John Plowman – President TWU Local 542
 - American Dispatchers are back into their renovated office.
- Kevin Thompson – President PAFCA DAL
 - PAFCA elections are in May.
- Paul Viola – Delegate PAFCA DAL
 - 357 current members from Delta.
- Dave Porter
 - Dave Porter passed around several proposals to assist IFALDA.
 - Matt Berg proposed that the executive board needs time to review Dave's proposal before the EUFALDA/IFALDA AGM.
 - The board agreed that it will need to look over the proposals and come to a resolution after the business meeting.
 - DADE Examination is in the process of being reworked
 - Recruiting of new DADE's will be different than the present way.
 - DADE's can currently charge for testing and issue a dispatchers certificate.
 - The FAA is currently trying to remove DADE's for being on school employee rosters
 - There has been lots of pushback from the schools.
 - FAA wants to have the DADE's separated from the schools
 - IFALDA
 - EUFALDA is working on Operational Control for dispatchers.
- Brandon Caple – VP Information Technology
 - No current issues
- Catherine Jackson – VP Corporate/Industry Alliances
 - Need a theme for the 2013 Symposium
 - Patrick suggested that we should email the board with ideas for the theme.
 - FAA sequestration
 - Some ATC sectors will go uncovered
 - Expect delays to ensue
 - Southwest's new SOC is currently being built.
 - Planning on an early 2014 move in.
 - Airtran's dispatchers are moving to Dallas in June.
 - Southwest will be hiring assistant and chief dispatchers.
 - The first international dispatch desk opens on April 14th.
- Debbie Kowalewski – VP Membership
 - Membership is strong.
 - UAL has a new class starting on May 6th.

- Michelle Betcher – VP Governmental affairs
 - Norm Joseph is the current ARAC alternate for now.
 - ARAC
 - Working on airman testing standards
 - Working on pilots for now
 - There is an expectation that ATP/Dispatch will be looked at down the road.

2) Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Matt Berg
- Seconded by Catherine Jackson

In attendance

Matt Berg / United Airlines

Michelle Betcher / Delta Airlines

Deborah Kowalewski / United Airlines

Catherine Jackson / Southwest

Brandon Caple / United Airlines

Dave Porter / Retired FAA and IFALDA

Paul Viola / Delta Airlines

Kevin Thompson / Delta Airlines

John Plowman / TWU Local 542

*Patrick Boyle / United Airlines

*John Schwoyer / American Airlines

*denotes executive board member

a quorum was not met