

Airline Dispatchers Federation
2013 Summer Business meeting
July 27, 2013
San Francisco, CA

1. Call to order.

- ADF Secretary Patrick Boyle called the meeting to order at 1300 Local. The floor was turned over to ADF President Joseph Miceli.

2. Roll call.

- Roll call of attendees and new participants went around the room.

3. Meeting Minutes from previous Board Meeting (ATL April 13, 2013)

- The meeting minutes from the Spring Business Meeting was sent around the room for one final time before acceptance into the record.

4. Officers Reports

a. Opening Remarks/Nomination of ADF Board (President/Treasurer per bylaws)

- Joe advised the group that nominations for ADF President and Treasure are still open until the beginning of the Fall Business Meeting in Las Vegas.
- Nominations must be in person at an ADF Business Meeting, In writing, via email, or on the ADF Website.
- Current nominations are as follows:
 - ADF President
 - Joseph Miceli
 - ADF Treasure
 - Mike Timpe

b. Presidents Reports (NACSC-NextGen, Video)

- NACSC/NextGen
 - Meeting dates were March 26, April 03, May 28, and June 26.
 - The group was formed by the RTCA.
 - Current big ticket items:
 - Bill Ayers from Alaska Airlines is the new chairman.
 - Currently he would like a more defined time line set up.
 - Government sequestration has pushed back progress by at least five months.
 - The group has been funded through the 2013 fiscal year.
 - Currently waiting on Congressional review for 2014 funding.
 - NextGen funding is still in place.
 - A NOTAM group is being formed on how they will affect NextGen
 - There is a current discussion on what is a better product between ADS-B and ADS-C.
 - There is a strong push to move towards ADS-C
 - Several handouts/notes from the meetings were passed around the room.

- Video Project
 - The final deposit for the project has been paid.
 - A Narrator has been selected.
 - Joe is looking for a group of volunteers from several airlines to state on the video that they are an “Aircraft Dispatcher”.
 - Those who participate will need to sign a waiver.
 - Filming will be completed in early August.
 - Jim Jansen advised to contact Virgin America for participation.
 - Voice and sound editing will be done in September.
 - Catherine Jackson will work with the sponsorship.
 - Jim Jansen advised to contact Jim Gardner for FAA Funding.
 - Video will be shown at the 2013 Symposium.
 - Distribution will be set up for 2014 release.
- Friends in Aviation Weather Products (FPAW)
 - Attended the planning meeting in Washington DC.
 - ADF has been asked again to participate in the conference at the NBAA Symposium in Las Vegas.
 - Notes/Presentations from the meeting were passed along the room.
 - Jim Jansen suggested that we begin the ADF Presentation with a brief history on how the ADF was started.
- ACAC
 - Weekly telecoms.
 - Need help with telecoms.
- Workload study
 - Looking for a chance to start up a workload study.
 - Jim Jansen advised that any study needs to be at an airline. An Industry study does not work out that well due to carrier specifics.
 - Current suggestion is to look to unions/operational workgroups at your airline.
 - There is a possibility for a joint comparison once studies at individual airlines are completed.
- IFALDA/EUFALDA AGM/Business meeting
 - Attended the AGM in Istanbul Turkey with Matt Berg.
 - Returned the proposal submitted by Dave Porter at the Spring Business Meeting.
 - Joe passed the ADF’s response to the group.
 - Was unable to attend the business meeting due to the decision by IFALDA to hold a closed meeting.
- NASA AMES
 - ADF will be attending the Bi-Yearly symposium about ASRS.
 - Deborah Kowalewski will be the ADF representative.
- ARAC Alternate
 - Delayed due to computer issues.
 - Current thought is to appoint a member from DAL to assist Michelle.

- c. Executive Vice Presidents Report
 - JPDO
 - On hold
 - The group does continue to email each other back and forth.
 - NBAA
 - John was contacted by the NBAA about sponsoring a dispatch scholarship.
 - Several vendors have voiced support
 - ICAO has approached the ADF for possible membership.
 - The executive board will discuss the topic.
 - American Airlines is hiring dispatchers.
 - Job posting is on the website.
- d. 2013 Symposium
 - Business meeting will be on October 8th.
 - Symposium will be on October 9 and 10.
 - Welcome part is being hosted by Southwest.
 - NTSB and NATCA will be sending a representative.
 - Joe gave the group a list of speakers scheduled for the symposium.
 - Due to government funding issues there will be a light presence of members from the FAA.
 - Jim Jansend advised during the discussion that ATOS is changing to SAS as a possible topic of discussion.
 - He also advised to talk with Allegant Airlines for possible sponsorship.
 - Theme:
 - “Enhancing Safety through Aircraft Dispatchers”
- e. ADF’s Meeting Involvement (New/Old)
 - NOTAM advisory panel
 - ICAO
- f. Treasurer, ADF Financials
 - No budget issues to report.
 - Kevin Thompson asked for a copy of the ADF Finances.
 - The ADF will provide financial upon request.
 - Received payment from several sponsors.
 - We needed to replace one laptop.
 - Paid out deposit fees for:
 - ADF Video
 - Symposium
 - Renewed URL for the next three years.

- g. Secretary Reports, ATL Meeting Minutes Approval
 - Flight Objects Workgroup (FOWG)
 - Quiet
 - Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee (ATPAC)
 - Quiet
 - Spring Business Meeting Minutes Approval
 - Patrick asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the spring business meeting.
 - Motion to accept by Michelle Betcher
 - Second to the motion by Deborah Kowalewski
 - The floor carried the motion.

- h. VP/Directors Reports
 - Phil Brooks (via Joe Miceli)
 - No new news on Jumpseat issues
 - He will respond to a recent issue that came up with DAL when he returns from vacation.

 - Michelle Betcher
 - There are eight working subgroups within ARAC.
 - The biggest project is about airman question/testing standards.
 - The FAA prioritization has changed to show Safety then Economics
 - Michelle passed information around regarding the priority changes.
 - The FAA is moving from SMS to SAS.
 - ARAC is expecting to see budget issues starting in October.

 - Deborah Kowalewski
 - Membership is strong
 - UAL is still in contract negotiations.
 - The new UAL dispatch class has transitioned from the classroom to the dispatch floor.

 - Andrew Bagley
 - Thanked the group for letting hi attend.
 - He can assist with the ACSC Telecoms
 - Matt Berg will assist in transitioning the duties of the ADF Newsletter to Andrew.

 - Paul New
 - No issues to report.

 - Paul Viola
 - 357 paid members
 - Working on getting some involvement from his group.
 - Asked about the weather links on the ADF Website.
 - Joe will work on updating the links.
 - The group discussed on what weather products should be shown.
 - If there are any ideas, please advise a board member.

- Kevin Thompson
 - DAL is hiring.
 - 12 Dispatchers now
 - 12 more by the end of the year.
 - DAL is expecting to need 100 new dispatchers within the next five years.

- Gene Kim
 - Gene apologized for not being able to attend the RTCA symposium.
 - Southwest is ready to begin international operations.
 - Airtran dispatchers are now in Dallas.
 - NASA Ames had a recent technical group looking into the AOC of the future.
 - The meeting was started off about single pilot ops.
 - The meeting weighed heavily on the dispatch arena.
 - Will send the presentation to the board members.
 - Working on getting more involved with tis group.
 - There is talk adding a Controller-Dispatcher Datalink Communications (CDDLK).

- Catherine Jackson
 - NOTAM Committee
 - Working on getting help for the ADF
 - Working on getting more support from the Southwest dispatcher group.
 - Paid symposium sponsorship:
 - LH Systems
 - ASAP
 - Commitments from:
 - WSI
 - Navtech
 - Avtech
 - Inquiries from:
 - Jeppessen
 - FAA Sequestration issues are still lingering.
 - 10 new Southwest dispatchers are on the floor.
 - 10 more coming soon
 - Currently 240 paid members.

- Jim Jansen
 - Thanked the group from letting him attend.
 - Thanked all who continue to keep the ADF running.
 - Six airlines are in the certificate process.
 - First ASI class started in 2001
 - Now there are 47 ASI's
 - Nine have moved to FAA headquarters.
 - Is there a possibility of reciprocal website agreements with ALPA and NATCA?

- Brandon Caple
 - No issues

- i. 2014 Business Meeting Dates, Locations
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 - Winter – January 25th (DFW)
 - Spring – April 12th (DEN)
 - Summer – July 26th (SEA)
 - Fall/Symposium – September 30 – Oct 2 (ORD)

- j. Other Business
 - Security Liaison
 - The ADF will set up a security liaison.
 - Jim Jansen suggested the person try to see if they will be able to attend the FBI conference for airport personnel.

 - Lou Paris will be unable to continue his position with the ADF

 - Jetblue is interested in joining the ADF.

 - ADF will attend the ICAO 38th assembly.

 - NTSB has issued a video on cold weather operations
 - The ADF will try and get a copy.

5. Motion to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Brandon Caple
- Seconded to the motion by Deborah Kowalewski

In Attendance:

*Joseph Miceli – ADF President / United
*John Schwoyer – ADF EVP / American
*Mike Timpe – ADF Treasure / Horizon
*Patrick Boyle – ADF Secretary / United
Brandon Caple – ADF VP IT / United
Jim Jansen – Former ADF President / American-retired
Paul New – PAFCA INTL President / Delta
Andrew Bagley – Key Lime Air
Paul Viola – Delta
Deborah Kowalewski – ADF VP Membership / United
Michelle Betcher – ADF ARAC Rep / Delta
Kevin Thompson – PAFCA DAL President / Delta
Catherine Jackson – ADF VP Corporate Alliances / Southwest
Gene Kim – ADF VP Industry Affairs / Southwest