

Airline Dispatchers Federation
2014 Winter Business Meeting
January 25, 2014
Dallas, Texas
TWU Local 542 Headquarters

1. Call To Order
 - ADF Secretary Patrick Boyle called the meeting to order at 1315 local.
2. Roll Call
 - Roll call and introductions of new attendees went around the room.
3. Meeting Minutes from Previous Board Meeting (October 8th, 2013 LAS)
 - Meeting minutes from the previous board meeting were passed around the room before final approval.
4. Officers Reports
 - a. Opening Remarks/Nominations of ADF Board (ADF EVP/Secretary per bylaws)
 - ADF President Joseph Miceli welcomed who were able to attend the meeting.

Nominations of Executive Board Members
 - Joe announced the opening of nominations for Executive Vice President and Secretary.
 - Joe Nominated John Schwoyer for Executive Vice President.
 - Andrew Bagley seconded the motion.
 - John accepted the nomination.
 - Joe Nominated Patrick Boyle for Secretary.
 - Paul Viola seconded the motion.
 - Patrick accepted the nomination.
 - Nominations are open from now until the opening of the Fall 2014 business meeting.
 - Nominations may be made in person at the remaining board meeting or in writing to the ADF President.
 - b. Presidents Reports (SNRPM, NACSC, NOTAM Project, Video Project)

SNRPM
 - The final report has been issued.
 - The report has been published on the FAA website.
 - There were many responses to the report.
NACSC
 - There have been both meeting and telcons by the committee.
 - Joe attended meetings in person in November.
 - Joe attended via telcon in December and January.
 - Joe passed along presentations from the meetings to the group.

- The ADF continues to work on keeping dispatch part of the NextGen's development.

NOTAM Project

- The ADF has been involved with the project for over a year.
 - The group is working on NOTAM prioritization.
 - They are also working on shortening and using better wording of the NOTAMS that have been issued.
 - The group is beginning to start back up since the government shutdown.
 - Brian Brown or SWA volunteered to attend the meetings.

Video Project

- There are four final video shoots that are left to be completed.
 - ATL in March
 - DFW in April
 - SEA in April
 - DFW in May
 - ORD March – May
- For those who will be in the video, they will need to sign a waiver.

Info Share – SEA

- Mike Timpe may possibly attend Info Share for the ADF in SEA.

NATCA Communicating for Safety

- The ADF has been asked to speak this year.
 - Please email Joe Miceli and John Schwoyer any questions you would like to be asked.
 - The ADF will send six participants to NATCA's event this year.

EUFALDA AGM

- May 11-13 in BRU
- The ADF will send Matt Berg and Joe may attend the business meeting only. (Due to DCA NextGen meeting on 5/14/2014.

Friends and Partners in Aviation Weather (FPAW)

- The ADF presented at NBAA events in October of 2013. Due to government shutdown, (which just ended) attendance was lower than usual.
- Pre planning meeting for NBAA MCO October 2014 will happen in April sometime.

NBAA

- The leadership of the NBAA would like to work closer with the ADF.
- They also would like us to change our name from "Airline Dispatchers Federation" to "Aircraft Dispatchers Federation" which ADF respectfully declined. (Need to stay true to our ADF core message)

ICAO

- While attending industry meetings for ADF, both Joe and John have been asked by several International Representatives, “Where’s the Aircraft Dispatch presence been internationally?”
- Unfortunately no IFALDA board members are here in attendance to answer these questions.
- ADF is now investigating a bigger a role with ICAO.
- Having no representation for Aircraft Dispatchers at these meetings is a BIG concern... especially with progress now being accomplished in NextGen’s Global Harmonization meetings. ***(Since ADF has taken the lead on Task Force 5 and been involved since NextGen’s inception, it would be logical for ADF to now join ICAO and attend meetings including Global Harmonization)***
- ADF Executive Board needs to look at all possibilities now including cost, time, and commitment issues.
 - ADF Executive Board has already begun to discuss these issues, together.

Misc.

- ADF will meet with Hawaiian Airlines and Ops Personnel. (HNL)
 - Also Aloha Air Cargo, and Island Air. (While Joe is on vacation he will dedicate 2 mornings for these visits)

c. Executive Vice Presidents Report

JPDO

- The group is currently in hiatus.
- NBAA Scholarship
- ADF EVP (John Schwoyer) awarded a donated scholarship at NBAA Dispatchers and Schedulers event January 13, 2014
- John has been running the ADF in Joe’s January/February vacation hiatus.
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Misc.

- Open the group up to a discussion on our involvement in NATCA and NBAA.

d. 2014 Symposium

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- 2013 Safety Symposium was a success. (Given the circumstances of the FAA shutdown)
- Currently working on financial costs of setting up in Chicago.
- We are also needing to have a “Plan B” or moving to a different location if Chicago is too expensive for members.
 - Suggested locations were MCO, ATL and DFW.
 - The group elected DFW because ADF AAL/SWA members would benefit from this change. AAL and SWA will be able to conduct tours of their new SOC’s. (ATL will be in 2015)

f. ADF's Meeting Involvement (New/Old)

- The group discussed ICAO and its possible involvement.
- The group discussed the new FAA NOTAM project group.

g. Treasurer, ADF Financials

- Report read by Joe Miceli
 - ADF is currently on par with its financial footing this time of the year.
 - No budget issues or problems are pressing.
 - Insurance protection for ADF all board will be renewed this March.
 - Request for financials must be in writing to President or Treasurer.

h. Secretary Reports, LAS Meeting Minutes Approval

ATPAC

- Quiet for now.
- There is a new chairperson.
- The group has been working on several concepts.

UAL (sCO) workload study

- Making headway.
- The idea of workload has been a common tone in most meetings.
- Many more concerns have been showing up with implementation of FAR 117.
- Meeting regularly with UAL safety group.

Minutes from previous meeting approval

- Motion to accept by Gene Kim
- Seconded by John Schwoyer
- The group carried the motion

i. Directors and Delegate Reports

Brian Brown

- No current issues to report and looking forward to helping ADF.

Terry Pendergrass

- Working on workload issues at SWA.
- Discussed fuel policy at SWA.
- Contract negotiations are about to start back up.

Mike Connor

- No current issues to report.
- Talked briefly of setting up the Presidents council for labor-affiliated members. (which was done in the past)

John Plowman

- No current issues to report.
- 616 Active members
- US Airways dispatchers will be moving to DFW.

Kevin Thompson

- In contract talks with DAL.
- New flight following tool
- Working on possible new flight planning system.
- Just hired 25 dispatchers.
- Will be hiring more soon. (ADF will post)

Paul Viola

- No new issues to report
- 388 DAL members

j. VP Reports

Michele Betcher – Via Joe Miceli

- Her report was distributed around the room on current ARAC dealings.

Raj Sign – via Joe Miceli

- Security issues have been quiet.
- Watching security for the Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Andrew Bagley

ACAC

- Weekly telcons

Newsletter

- Please send in articles.
- There will be several changes coming.
 - Membership spotlight.
 - Possible Digital Distribution. (for tech savvy members)
 - Use of articles from the web.

Catherine Jackson

- New SWA delegate is Brian Brown.
- Discussed with the group about ATC issues that are unrealistic (EFC times).
- Discussed non-sensitive items from the SWA landing at the wrong airport.

Phil Brooks – Via Joe Miceli

- No current issues to report.

Gene Kim

- Working on a new flight planning system for SWA.
- Asked that we touch on workload at the symposium.
- Discussed CTOP, and its implementation issues already cropping up.

Debbie Kowalewski
ADF Membership kits

- Working on “New Members” kits to be done digitally. (saving costs)

NASA ASRS

- Government funding issues (more with less)
- Passed around presentations from the previous meeting.

k. 2014 Business Meeting Dates, Locations

- Spring – April 12 (DEN)
- Summer – July 26 (SEA)
- Fall/Symposium – Dates are pending along with location due to costs associated with Chicago.

l. Other Business

Resignation

- Brandon Caple has resigned from the VP of Technology position held since 2006.
 - Both Patrick Boyle and Andrew Bagley will take over for now.
 - Joe mentioned regardless of who gets ADF IT position, we need a back up or two insuring website updates for members.
 - Mike Connor suggested to SWA Jake Zelman assist as well.

Air Carrier Training with FAA

- Currently no Aircraft Dispatch areas being working on.
 - Meeting was more geared towards Pilot issues in SNPRM ruling.

FAR 117

- FAA is now looking at maintenance groups.
- No mention of Dispatch yet however it could be looked at in the future.

Boeing Direct™

- Information is being sent to the aircraft via ACARS
 - Some of the membership has asked the ADF issue a position paper.
 - ADF cannot issue a paper for any specific airline.
 - ADF can issue a paper on Operational Control. (Roles/Responsibility with PIC/Aircraft Dispatcher)

5. Motion To Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Kevin Thompson.
- Seconded by John Plowman.
- The floor carried the motion.

In Attendance

*Joseph Miceli – ADF President (UAL)
*John Schwoyer – ADF Executive VP (AAL)
*Patrick Boyle – ADF Secretary (UAL)
Debbie Kowalewski – ADF VP Membership/UAL
Gene Kim - ADF VP Industry Relations /SWA
Catherine Jackson ADF VP Corporate/Industry Alliances/SWA
Paul Viola – PAFCA-DAL
Paul New – President PAFCA International/DAL
Kevin Thompson – President PAFCA DAL/DAL
John Plowman – President TWU 542
Mike Connor – President TWU 550/SWA
Terry Pendergrass – Vice President TWU 550/SWA
Brian Brown – TWU 550/SWA
Andrew Bagley – ADF VP Media Affairs/Key Lime Air

*Denote a quorum was met