

## **ADF 2006 April Business Meeting**

Giles welcomed all to the meeting. Thanked in advance for the continued support and ask everyone to sign in.

Giles started today's meeting with a brief status of ADF and summarized the reports given at the Board Meeting from members not able to attend and remind those that we had a presentation from AeroTech Research (U.S.A.), Inc. on Advancements in reporting, recording Turbulence and how these advancements can improve safety as well as economics, by John Moffatt and Kevin Kollmann.

Giles first briefed on finances: Mike Tempe reported that all ADF finances are available for review upon written request. Mike advised that the year's taxes had been paid in full; local and Federal, as well as dues to IFALDA, additionally some necessary business expenses paid to ensure completion of the Not for Profit status was completed. Mike advised that TWU send a check for the fiscal years dues, and Mike send a request for the other organizations to please hold payment, if possible, until all paperwork has been finalized for the Not for Profit status.

Giles congratulated Norm Joseph's on his appointment to Vice Chair of the ARAC committee (which rotates into Chair in a year). This is the first time that a professional organization (pilots, mechanics, or dispatchers) has been selected to serve as Chair. There are no new issues are pressing Norm at ARAC, they are just awaiting FAA previously submitted ETOP's NPRC.

Giles also congratulated Catherine Jackson to her appointment to SWA Dispatch.

Giles discussed some of the items reviewed in the Board Meeting and said he make a list of things he needed to address. The list included but is not limited to:

- Direction of ADF – contacting members for suggestions
- BOD Position Openings and Elections - taking nominations and suggestions
- Corporate Sponsorship – addressing personally
- Letter to NTSB on EMS and Dispatch suggestion – sending letter
- Articles for ADF news - Call / email select members ask for articles
- Timely distribution of minutes – tell John to distribute prior to meetings, via email
- Selling Email list - ADF does NOT and will NOT sell Email list
- Website Improvements: new front page, easier access and flow, balloons to check or update membership info status, a join now button, better internal communications, web list of items that ADF is currently involved in showing ADF activity especially in IPT, spot for FAA, Q & A – email Brad & Andy
- Publicize Alan Rossmore's ADF News article Industry wide – email Adam

Giles understanding the need for attendees to make return flights home so he turned floor over to ATR for the presentation by John and Kevin on Turbulence.

ADF will make slide presentation available for review on the website.

The overview of the presentation is that 123 aircraft had been equipped with software that worked within the equipment already installed on the aircraft to aid in reporting and recording turbulence events. The advantage was that the machine was sending a non subjective report in a timely maner that went to FSS, SOC and MOC. The machine sensed the acceleration and movements (changes in altitude) and determined what the severity of the event was and automatically transmits information to all necessary parties and corrective action can be taken, be it a pirep posted by FSS, change in flight plans or altitude selection by SOC or required maintenance inspection by MOC. This software could potentially save fuel and unnecessary maintenance, or conversely save in finding damage in a previously unreported event.

Giles thanked ATR and John and Kevin for their presentation. It was asked on the floor how do “we” get this product and John said to contact him after the presentation or email ATR, Dr. Robinson at [paulrobinson@atr-usa.com](mailto:paulrobinson@atr-usa.com)

Giles extended the floor to Sandy Sandziuk, IFALDA

Sandy touched on Annex Six, Amendment is in the green stages and he is fairly confident they will advance, even with the France / England strong opposition to shared operational control. This is a giant step for dispatchers. The process has been ongoing for many years.

Sandy mentioned the IFALDA Conference and a change to the transportation part to the meeting, previously reported support for transportation from Malaysia Air was withdrawn but he is certain that the turn out will be strong as reported at Board Meeting by Rick Ketchersid that there is a commitment of 65 persons so far.

Giles advised at this time he was not able to attend the IFALDA International conference.

Sandy thanked ADF for the continued support and team work between our groups.

Giles and the group had more open discussions on the state of the industry and position ADF played in the future of aviation and dispatch discussed at length.

Nothing additionally presented.

Ted Christie motioned to adjourn Andy Konstas Seconded, floor carried.

## April 30, 2006 ADF Quarterly Business Meeting Attendance Log

Sandy Sandziuk	IFALDA
John E. Plowman	TWU local 542
John Moffatt	ATR
Kevin Kollman	Metron Aviation
Giles O'Keeffe	ADF
Norm Joseph	ADF – DAL
Ted Christie	US Airways
John A. Schwoyer	ADF
Frank Hashek	ATA