

**2008 ADF Spring Business Meeting  
Miami Florida  
Monday May 5, 2008**

Before the meeting was called to order ADF Secretary Patrick Boyle announced the intentions of recording the meeting on audiotape for preservation and documentation. All parties were advised that if the subject was that of a sensitive matter the audio recording would stop for that portion of the meeting. No objections were noted.

Adam Giraldes ADF President / United Airlines

- To begin the meeting ADF President Adam Giraldes thanked all of the delegates for attending the business meeting and all of their hard work since the Winter meeting.
- In addition Adam wanted to thank the labor groups for attending our meeting and for their continued support.
- At this point Adam began the introductions of all that were attending the meeting.

Old Business

1. Old ADF to New ADF

- The change over from the old version to the new version of the ADF has not taken place. All documentations are at the lawyer for review and that the change over should be completed by the summer business meeting.

2. Contract dispatching

- As of this point we have been assured by the FAA they are not pursuing the contract issue and that for now it is a dead issue.
- The ADF has a letter on file from the FAA Associate Administrator Nicholas Sabatini stating that this is something that the FAA does not want to pursue.
- The ADF received assistance from the office of Congressman Jim Oberstar (D-Minn)
- The ADF is waiting for a possible meeting with the FAA. At this time the ADF has not been granted a meeting time.
- Three members of the ADF board did meet with Jeppesen at their offices. The meeting was productive but in the end it was thought that they were looking for more of an endorsement from the ADF.
- Continued monitoring of this topic will be needed especially with an administration change in November of this year.

Officer reports

Joe Miceli ADF Vice President / United Airlines

- ADF video project
  - The project has been slowed since the last meeting due to his work schedule at United.
  - The script is completed and is at a third party for review of continuity and grammatical problems.

- Wants all airlines involved
- Should have a trailer ready by the summer meeting in ORD
- Will have a report back at summer meeting
- Went to YOW to complete filming for a segment in the video about the dispatcher of the past.
- Has been attending the JPDO NextGen ATC meeting to keep a dispatcher preference.
  - Not currently on a committee, but shows to keep a profile that dispatcher are in currently
  - Adam also jumped in about the NASA/AMES project about dispatch and the communication we need in NextGen.
- Joe advised the group that he would not be able to attend the July meeting due to schedule conflict.

#### Patrick Boyle ADF Secretary / Expressjet Airlines

- Attended the Data link users forum San Diego.
  - The DLK user forum is mainly a group of designers and satellite providers working with the FAA to produce standards on the use of and protocol for use of data link (CPDLC).
  - Brought to their attention that voice needs to always be there as a back up.
  - Also noted to the group, that dispatcher need to be kept in the loop and a part of the decision making process between ATC and the pilot.

#### Matt Berg ADF liaison to IFALDA / Continental Airlines

- Oct symposium
  - October 19<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup>
  - We are set up at the Crowne Plaza at IAD
  - Working on finalizing speakers.
- IFALDA
  - Working with IFALDA on a process paper with IOSA in regards to operational control.
  - IFALD is still trying to hammer out details with IOSA on their audits.
  - EASA rule making body comes in to effect (one body for the EU).
  - Elections at this AGM for IFALDA officers
  - Next meeting in Chicago Ill. on July 19<sup>th</sup>. (UAL is hosting)

#### Adam Giraldes in for

#### Mike Timpe ADF Treasure / Horizon Airlines

- Financials can be viewed upon written request to Mike.
- We have submitted the final payment for the website.
- We are looking for cooperate sponsors for the upcoming symposium.

Adam Giraldes in for  
Brandon Caple ADF Technology / Continental  
Working on website

- Site is up but needs some tweaking and info added
- The old weather site is on the non members forums
- An updated weather site will be in member's area soon.

Sandy Sandziuk IFALDA / Air Canada

- ICAO conference in Delhi India
  - Titled "Contemporary issues in air transportation"
  - IFLADA taking a great deal of interest in this conference due to several issues it is bringing up. Some of these issues are
    - How have ICAO safety audits affected commercial aviation
    - The state of these audits and compliance to them.
    - Is it time to reinvent the "Chicago Convention"
    - Is it time to revamp ICAO
  - In July EASA becomes effective and they then have the legal standing to start rulemaking for Europe.
  - IFALDA website has been redone and renamed temporarily named [WWW.IFALDA.COM](http://WWW.IFALDA.COM) it will revert back to the [WWW.IFALDA.ORG](http://WWW.IFALDA.ORG) when construction is done.
  - Working with ICAO over concerns on how amendment 30 of ANEX 6 is being handled.
  - The big issue is in the difficulty of interpretation of terms

Norm J. Delta Airlines

- ARAC – quiet on dispatch side
- Other issues
  - ATPAC our current delegation is unable to attend Amar is will to be a backup
  - Patrick Boyle has agreed to become primary
  - Thanks to Joe Miceli for the video project in respect to adding in a history section

Adam Giraldes ADF President / United Airlines.

- Dispatcher fatigue
  - The ADF has been invited to attend a fatigue symposium by the FAA
  - Adam will be attending this symposium
  - They are looking into can a dispatcher call fatigued and what would or could be implications to this?
- Adam will be meeting with a NASA sub contractor with regards to NEXTGEN and how it will affect the dispatcher.

- ASAP – use in legal issues. This is being brought up since the COMAIR accident at LEX and the dispatcher sent an ASAP. This info is not private and can be used in the litigation. Adam will be presenting to the FAA to see how we could have congress change the ruling to keep these private.
- Dispatcher in NTSB investigations.
  - Possible open dialogue
- Media relations
  - Media is writing biased articles about aviation. No in-depth coverage but more of trying to scare the public.
  - They are using ASAP and NASA reports.
  - ADF did respond to these reports.
  - Media did respond back to us but with very limited success.
  - Norm stated that WSB in Atlanta just started a Terror in the cockpit story.

#### Paul Viola Delta Airlines

- No issues to report at this time.

#### Kevin Thompson PAFCA / Delta Airlines

- No issues to report at this time.

#### Catherine Jackson Southwest Airlines

- Symposium
  - Catherine asked the group to decide if we will be charging for the symposium or will it be free again.
  - She believes that will have the same support as last year.
  - Flight explorer stepped up there presence.
  - LH Lido systems want more.
  - We are hampered by the website being down so long.
  - Need to work with Brandon about setting up registration online

#### John Plowman TWU Local 542

- No issues to report at this time.

#### Paul Khera Era Aviation

- Asked if the symposium could be set up near DCA instead of IAD
  - We attempted vigorously to keep the symposium near downtown but due to several other conventions in DC will prevent us from using the DCA area. IAD is a close ride away and we would be able to keep costs at a minimum.

#### New business

#### Newsletter update (Adam)

Matt has agreed to take over the newsletter and start publishing it.

Don asked about if we have a set up a theme for the Symposium.

A motion was set out to the group to accept the 2008 winter meeting minutes.

Motion to accept by Matt Berg

Seconded by Paul Viola

The motion was voted on unanimously agreed to accept the minutes.

#### In attendance

Adam Giraldes (ADF President / United Airlines)\*

Joseph Mic (ADF Vice President / United Airlines)\*

Patrick Boyle (ADF Secretary / Expressjet Airlines)\*

Matt Berg (ADF liaison to IFALDA / Continental Airlines)

Sandy Sandziuk (IFALDA / Air Canada)

Paul Viola (Delta Airlines)

Kevin Thompson (PAFCA / Delta Airlines)

Catherine Jackson (Southwest Airlines)

Ruth Marlin (NATCA / MIA CENTER)

Don Wright (TWU / US Airways)

Norm Joseph (Delta Airlines)

John Plowman (TWU 542)

Paul Khera (ERA Aviation)

Mike Connor (SAEA / Southwest Airlines)

Mike Alpers (PAFCA International)

David Durkin (TWU Local 540)

\*Denotes quorum met