

2009 Airline Dispatchers Federation Fall Business Meeting  
Orlando Florida  
Sunday October 25, 2009

The 2009 Airline Dispatchers Federation Fall Business Meeting was called to order at 1322 Eastern Time by ADF Executive Secretary Patrick Boyle.

### **Opening Remarks**

ADF President (Pro-Tem) Joseph Miceli welcomed all who were able to attend the meeting. As part of the welcoming remarks, Joe went into a brief explanation of the event that transpired during the week leading up to the business meeting. As part of the explanation of the venue change, Joe gave a special thank you to Matt Berg, Brandon Caple, Mike Timpe, and Patrick Boyle for all of their hard work in changing venues within two days time.

### **Role Call**

At this time role call and introductions went around the table. New members and guests were welcomed by the entire group.

### **Previous Business Meeting Minutes**

There were several changes to the meeting minutes that were distributed to the group from the Summer Business Meeting held in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. The changes are:

1. Dates of the 2010 ADF symposium to October 11 to October 13 due to the original dates fell on the Columbus Holiday.
2. There were several grammatical changes noted.

Motion to accept the Summer Business Meeting minutes by:

Matt Berg

Second to the motion by:

John Schwoyer

The floor carried with one abstention.

### **Openings within the ADF and elections of new officers**

ADF President Joe Miceli advised the group that at this point the nominations for the executive board are now closed.

#### **Motion the close nominations**

Matt Berg

#### **Second to the nomination**

John Plowman

The floor carried the motion. At this point ballots were handed out to all of the delegates to vote. There were a total of eight (8) delegates in attendance for voting.

Tallying of the votes was completed by John Plowman (Transport Workers Union Local 542)

The result of voting was:

**ADF President**

Joe Miceli (United Airlines) – 8 votes

**Executive Vice President**

John Schwoyer (American Eagle) – 8 votes

**Executive Secretary**

Patrick Boyle (ExpressJet Airlines) – 8 votes

**Executive Treasure**

Mike Timpe (Horizon Air) – 8 votes

**Presidents Report**

**Joe Miceli ADF President (Pro-tem) / United Airlines**

Joe started his briefing on several of the meeting he has attended since the summer business meeting.

**ATMAC / TASK FORCE 5**

Joe sent around the table of a brief overview of information provided by both the ATMAC meeting and the TASK FORCE 5 work group. Joe advised the group on the recommendations and summary of both of meetings.

**6<sup>th</sup> annual FAA Safety Forum**

During the meeting Joe spoke about dispatch issues relating to:

- Operation control
- Single level of safety

During the meeting he was able to meet with:

- Captain Chesley Sullenberger
- Randy Babbitt
  - o Joe introduced himself to Randy Babbitt and observed discussions about pilot/controller/dispatcher single level of safety during his address to members in attendance.
- Ray LaHood addressed the audience in attendance.

**NOWGEN/NextGEN**

- The meeting is an offshoot of the ATMAC committee.

- Working off of the preliminary report of TASK FORCE 5.
- Looking for items that were missed.
  - o Several of the items missed have already been corrected.

#### EUFALDA safety symposium

- EUFALDA is working on making inroads with different groups in Europe in regards to operational control similar to the standards set in FAR part 121.

#### NBAA Friends and Partners in Aviation

- Talked about items that dispatchers currently do not have access or limited access to.
- Joe's presentation will be put on the ADF website.

#### ADF Video update

- Production was shut down due to funding
  - o Production will resume at the beginning of next year.
- Currently in the works for a grant from the FAA to complete the project.
  - o The ADF is asking for \$25,000 Grant to fund the entire project.
- Before production shutdown, the video was about 60% complete.
- All but three video shots have been completed.
- Plan to completed by the 2010 Safety Symposium (if funded)
- John Schwoyer also provided a little information from what the executive board discussed prior to shutting the project down.

### **NPRM/TASK FORCE 5**

#### NPRM

- Norm Joseph and Joe worked on the ADF's response to the proposed rule changes in sections N and O of FAR part 121.
  - o The response was sent into the FAA for review.
  - o Joe did receive a letter from Mike Connor of TWU local 550 thanking him for his work on the ADF response.

#### TASK FORCE 5

- Joe worked on the ADF response on the recommendations set forth by TASK FORCE 5
- The response was submitted

## **Current/Future Meeting Involvement**

Current meetings being attended

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Airline</u>
ATMAC	Joe Miceli	United
ATPAC	Patrick Boyle	ExpressJet American
NextGen*	John Schwoyer	Eagle American
JPDO	John Schwoyer	Eagle
ARAC	Norm Joseph	Delta
ASI	Norm Joseph	Delta
Women in Aviation	Catherine Jackson	Southwest
All Hands on Meeting	David Burt	JetBlue

## **2009 Safety Symposium**

Joe ran through a brief rundown of what has been done for the symposium and what to expect.

## **2010 Safety Symposium (Washington, DC)**

- Dates are October 11 – 13 2010
- Budgets will be set up.
  - o If a budget overrun happens then we must get vendor support to close the budget gap.
- Contract has been signed with the Sheraton Crystal City

## **2011 Safety Symposium (Las Vegas NV)**

- Dates are still open
- RFP will be sent out in 2010
- Norm Joseph asked that we keep in mind transportation to and from the airport in mind. There are several hotels in Old Vegas that do not have transportation to the airport.
- John Plowman said that the TWU represents the dealers and we should see if there is a possibility of a discount.
  - o John will ask his contacts to see if this is available.

## **Retirement of Ted Christie**

- Ted is retiring at the end of the 2009 symposium
- Tom Radtke will be taking over Ted's responsibilities.
- Joe thanks Ted for all of his hard work throughout the years.

- Norm asked Ted if there is still a storage locker. He still has several large boxes of items relating to the history of the ADF.
  - o Mike Timpe said that the account was closed
  - o Norm will mail the boxes to Patrick Boyle the ADF Secretary/Historian.

## **Officer Reports**

### John Schwoyer (American Eagle)

- John gave the group an update about TASK FORCE 5
  - o The job of TASK FORCE 5 is complete.
  - o The group still stays together to respond to issues and questions that arise or need clarification.
- John gave his update about the JPDO Avionics Work Group
  - o John is a member of the group
  - o Currently working on 4D trajectory
  - o Working on SESAR commonality
  - o There is a big push to have the ADF endorse NexGen.
    - As of now the ADF has not endorsed NextGen.
- John is trying to be everywhere the ADF is needed to be.
- John is still working on keeping the dispatch profession in the loop of all of the changes going on.
- Due to the strong presence in all of the meetings the group attends, the dispatch profession is beginning to be noticed.
- Working on building report with high level FAA individuals.

### Sandy Sandziuk (IFALDA)

- Sandy thanked Joe for showing up at the EUFALDA AGM.
- EUFALDA sent in a response to the EASA NPRM.
- The three legged stool approach in the USA does not happen in Europe.
- SESAR concept will be our soon.
- Allen Rossmore attended the last IOSA meeting
  - o IOSA has no regulatory backing but airlines must pass to be in the IATA
- ICAO is quiet for the time being.

### Mike Timpe Treasure (Horizon Air)

- All financials will be available upon written request to the president of the ADF.
- Matt asked if since the change from the OLD to the NEW ADF is the tax exemption just for Washington DC and Federal taxes or is it for all states
  - o The ADF is only exempt from Washington DC and Federal taxes.
- Sponsorship will be better than expect for this year symposium.
- Items purchased:

- Two laptop computers
- 1 portable printer.
- The lawyer has informed us that we will need to get a business license in Washington DC.
  - The process is already in the works.

John Plowman delegate (Transport Workers Union Local 542)

- The TWU will continue its funding next year
  - John anticipated 515 members from his local.

Deborah Kowalenski delegate (United Airlines)

- Deborah gave an update on the issues at United Airlines regarding dispatch.
  - Contract talks
  - Office is moving next year

Norm Joseph (Delta Airlines)

- ARAC
  - No meetings till December
  - No outstanding issues
  - There is a possible ARAC restructuring and adding an ATC chairperson.
- ASI
  - There are several openings
  - There are two dispatch representatives in DC now
    - 1 AFS 220 level
    - 1 in the OPS Specs group
  - The next ASI meeting is in the Spring
- NPRM
  - There is a possible part 135 NPRM in the near future.
- ATPAC
  - Represents Delta Airlines on the VHF Comms working group.

Paul Viola delegate (Delta Airlines)

- Working on the NW/DL merger
- NW dispatch is now in ATL
- 186 current members
- 350 members starting Jan 1 2010 as a result of the merger.
- There is a possibility to add management to the membership count.
- Has video tapes of some of the old DL/Western dispatchers.

Brandon Caple VP of Technology (Continental Airlines)

- Helping with the transition between Ted and Tom
- 1345 current members
  - 1100 from unions
  - 7 Retiree

- 41 Independent
- 25 Student
- 130 other memberships
- Programming for the website went smooth
- Last Quarter website stats
  - 8428 unique visits
  - 25,556 Page views
- Created both a Facebook and Twitter accounts
  - Joe asked to add a LinkedIn account/link

Patrick Boyle Executive Secretary (ExpressJet Airlines)

- ATPAC
  - Reorganization of the ATPAC management is coming soon.
  - This might be another approach end for the NextGen system.
  - Next Meeting is in January in San Diego
- NBAA
  - Attended the NBAA with Joe Miceli
- Visited with the ASI class that is in progress at the FAA training center in OKC to talk about the ADF.

Matt Berg ADF rep to IFALDA (Continental Airlines)

- Hotel change is working out with some small kinks
- Has been trying since March to get the old hotel to lower its rates
- 2010 symposium already set up in DC
  - Room rate is \$169.00
    - Rate includes free breakfast and internet
- Looking for extra events to do in DC
- Attended the IFALDA/EUFALDA meeting
- No issues at Continental

Tom Radtke incoming VP of Membership (United Airlines)

- Working on the switchover from Ted
- Clearing out all of the old ADF merchandise and replacing them with newer items.

Rick Ketchersid (IFALDA)

- 2010 AGM is in Las Vegas
  - Dates are May 4-6
  - Hotel is the Flamingo
  - Rate is \$50 for a standard room and \$85 for a gold room.
  - Normal format
- There has been some leadership changes within IFALDA
- February board meeting is in LAS

**Quarterly Newsletter**

- Matt Berg asks that if you attend a meeting to please write a brief report so it can be added to the news letter.
- Also if you are submitting a jumpseat report to please water it down due to security.

**Motion to adjourn at 1645**

Motion to adjourn by:

Brandon Caple

Second to the motion by:

Paul Viola.

In attendance

Joe Miceli – ADF President (Pro-tem)\*

Mike Timpe – ADF Treasure\*

Patrick Boyle – ADF Executive Secretary\*

Matt Berg – ADF rep to IFALDA

Tom Radtke – VP of Membership

John Plowman – Delegate

Norm Joseph – VP of Governmental Affairs

Paul Viola – Delegate

Brandon Caple – VP of Technology

John Schwoyer – VP of Governmental Affairs

Deborah Kowalenski – Delegate

Sandy Sandziuk

David Burt

Rick Ketchersid

\*Denote a Quorum was met