

**Airline Dispatchers Federation**  
**2012 Annual Fall Business Meeting**  
**October 10, 2012**  
**Orlando, Florida**

1. Welcome
  - a. ADF Executive Secretary Patrick Boyle called the meeting to order at 1315 Eastern. At this time he yielded the floor to ADF President Joseph Miceli.
  - b. Joseph welcomed all members and guests who were able to attend the business meeting and this year's symposium.
2. Roll Call
  - a. At this time introductions were completed including all who have not attended the business meetings in the past.
3. Meeting Minutes from previous Board Meeting (EWR July 21,2012)
  - a. A copy of the meeting minutes were passed around to the floor for final inspection before final approval of the board.
4. Officer Reports
  - a. Opening Remarks/Nomination of ADF Board (EVP/Secretary per by-laws)
    - i. Joe welcomed all in attendance and thanked all members and guests who were able to make the symposium this year.
    - ii. At this time the window of nominations for Executive Vice President and Executive Secretary has closed.
      1. Joseph began a quick background for those who have not attended previous business meeting on how the nomination/election process works.
      2. At this time there was only one nomination for Executive Vice President.
        - a. The only nomination was Mr. John Schwoyer.
      3. At this time there was only one nomination for Executive Secretary.
        - a. The only nomination was Mr. Patrick Boyle.
    - iii. Both were considered elected by acclamation as there were no other nominations.
  - b. Presidents Reports
    - i. NACSC
      1. Joe began his report to the group about the NACSC workgroup he is a member of.
        - a. Meeting dates were August 8, September 18, and October 4.
      2. The workgroup is working on building deliverables to the NextGen Executive Committee.
        - a. The President of the NACSC has stepped down.
        - b. Bill Ayers of Alaska Airlines has taken over the position of president.
      3. In the past few meetings the workgroup has been talking about fuel metrics.
      4. The group also discussed mass diversions due to inclement/adverse weather conditions.

President's remarks continued

- a. Dispatch is now referred to as flight planning by the workgroup.
      - b. Joe continues to advocate that dispatch is a main part of "operational control".
      - c. He also advocates the dispatch must remain in the loop of the decision making.
    5. Joe passed along to the group his notes from all of the meetings.
  - ii. NOTAM Project
    1. The ADF was invited to begin working with the FAA NOTAM project that has been formed.
      - a. The Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) wanted the ADF involved in this project.
    2. There are TELCONS every Thursday.
    3. The group is looking into:
      - a. Missed NOTAMS
      - b. Incorrect NOTAMS
  - iii. New ADF Video Project.
    1. United Airlines AV department has been assisting the ADF in production of the new ADF video.
      - a. The AV department has been unable to assist lately due to the merger of Continental and United Airlines.
      - b. In addition the ADF lawyer noted that there was an issue with the new logo that needed to be dealt with before we finished.
    2. United's AV department has now freed up time to help complete the project.
      - a. We are on track to premier the video at the 2013 Symposium in Washington, DC.
  - iv. EUFALDA AGM
    1. Joe was able to attend the EUFALDA AGM in Oslo, Norway with Matt Berg.
    2. EUFALDA has issued a "white" paper to ICAO to introduce dispatch.
    3. Air France is now having dispatchers trained in the ways of FAR Part 121 partly due to the crash of Air France flight 447.
    4. IFALDA will also issue a "white" paper in favor of dispatch.
  - v. ASI Class (FAA Training center OKC)
    1. Joe was able to sit with and speak to the new ASI class in OKC.
  - vi. Misc.
    1. Joe showed the group the new banners with the new ADF logo to the group.
- c. Executive Vice Presidents reports
- i. John Schwoyer advised the group that the JPDO has been quiet since the previous board meeting.
    1. The two big items are:
      - a. Working with the FAA AFS 220 group.
      - b. Working through funding issues.

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### Executive Vice-Presidents Report Continued

- ii. In all of his meetings dispatch is always promoted.
    - 1. The members of the JPDO have taken notice of dispatch now.
  
  - d. 2012 Symposium Discussion
    - i. After the business meeting will begin the symposium with the meet and greet session for members and vendors.
    - ii. Joe provided the group with the final list of speakers for the symposium and the flow that has been set up for this year.
  
  - e. ADF Meeting involvement (new/old)
    - i. New this year is the FAA NOTAM project.
    - ii. No previous workgroups have been closed or disbanded.
  
  - f. Treasures Report
    - i. Sponsor ship looks good at this point.
    - ii. Looking to finish this year's finances strong.
  
  - g. Secretary's Reports.
    - i. ATPAC
      - 1. No hot issues at this time.
    - ii. FOWG
      - 1. No hot issues at this time.
    - iii. Patrick did give the group a quick overview of what each workgroup is currently working on and what the intended goals of each workgroup.
    - iv. Meeting minutes from the summer business meeting.
      - 1. Motion to accept the minutes by:
        - a. Matt Berg
      - 2. Second to the motion by:
        - a. Lou Paris
      - 3. The floor carried the motion.
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- h. Directors/VP Reports
  - i. Matt Berg
    - 1. If there are any suggestions for improvement at the symposium to let him know.
    - 2. RFP for next year's symposium has already been submitted.
    - 3. Working with Joe on the Video premier.
    - 4. Lou Paris will be taking over responsibility of the newsletter.
    - 5. Matt will begin sitting in ICAO meetings in YUL for the ADF.
  
  - ii. Lou Paris
    - 1. Will begin marketing the 2013 symposium at the beginning of the New Year.
  
  - iii. Brandon Caple
    - 1. No issues to report
    - 2. Joe asked that we look at having a "back up" person to help with the website.
      - a. Brandon and Joe are looking for an alternate.

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- iv. John Plowman
  - 1. TWU Local 542 will continue to fund its membership with the ADF
  - 2. Currently 565-570 members.
- v. Michelle Bechter
  - 1. No issues to report (deferred to Norm Joseph)
- vi. Norm Joseph
  - 1. Norm thanked Michelle for stepping up and taking over his position with ARAC.
  - 2. Norm thanked the group for all of the support he has had throughout the years with the ADF.
  - 3. Support needed to continue to keep our profession alive.
  - 4. ARAC
    - a. The group has been re-chartered.
    - b. There are 23 representative organizations.
    - c. Next meeting is December 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - d. Only issue for dispatch is private pilot/flight instructor testing standards.
      - i. If this standardization goes well, this could move to the ATP/Dispatch groups.
- vii. Paul Viola
  - 1. Currently 351 members from Delta Airlines.
  - 2. There will be some changes coming up.
    - a. There will be four retirements.
    - b. Eleven new hire dispatchers
    - c. Net gain will be seven dispatchers which will equate to 358 members.
- viii. Catherine Jackson
  - 1. Moving along with the Southwest acquisition of AirTran.
  - 2. New international service at Southwest coming soon.
- ix. Phil Brooks (presented by Joseph Miceli)
  - 1. No jumpseat issues to report.
- i. 2013 Business Meeting dates and locations.
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    - 1. Winter – PHX January 26<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Spring – ATL April 13<sup>th</sup>
    - 3. Summer – SFO July 27<sup>th</sup>
    - 4. Fall/Symposium DCA October 7-9 or 8-10.
  - ii. 2014 meeting locations
    - 1. Winter – DFW
    - 2. Spring – HNL
    - 3. Summer – SEA
    - 4. Fall/Symposium – ORD or ATL.

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- j. Other business
    - i. We have had two scholarships donated.
      - 1. One will go to the Women in Aviation
      - 2. One will go to the NBAA schedulers/Dispatchers group.
    - ii. We will be looking for an ARAC alternate
    - iii. Other positions we will be considering are VP/Director of security/TSA liaison.
    - iv. The group did a quick discussion about dispatch school advertising/membership.
5. Motion to adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn by Matt Berg
  - b. Seconded by John Schwoyer.

### In Attendance:

\*denotes a quorum was met.

\*Joseph Miceli - President Airline Dispatchers Federation

\*John Schwoyer – Executive VP – Airline Dispatchers Federation

\*Mike Timpe – Executive Treasure – Airline Dispatchers Federation

\*Patrick Boyle – Executive Secretary – Airline Dispatchers Federation

Michael Marticek – US Airways

Paul Viola – Delegate – PAFCA DAL

Norm Joseph- VP Aviation Rule Making – Airline Dispatchers Federation

Michelle Betcher – VP Aviation Rule Making – Airline Dispatchers Federation

John Plowman – President - TWU Local 542

Brandon Caple – VP Technology – Airline Dispatchers Federation

Lou Paris – VP Publications/Media – Airline Dispatchers Federation

Matt Berg – VP International Relations – Airline Dispatchers Federation

Michael Keller - Aviation Dispatch Institute

David Schmelzer – Aviation Dispatch Institute

Nicola Calciano- Alenia Aermacchi

Luiz Sidney B Conha – ANAG Brazilian Civil Aviation Authority

Richard Waller – Sky King

David Lamb - Pinnacle

Charles Molinets – Texas State Technical College