

**Airline Dispatchers Federation  
2013 Fall Business Meeting  
October 8, 2013  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. ADF Secretary called the business Meeting to order at 1300 local.

**2. Roll Call**

- a. Introductions went around the room.

**3. Meeting Minutes from Previous Board Meeting (SFO July 27, 2013)**

- a. Meeting minutes from the previous board meeting was sent around the table for one final view before acceptance later in the meeting.

**4. Officer Reports**

**a. Opening Remarks/Nomination of ADF Board (President/Treasure per bylaws)**

- ADF President Joe Miceli welcomed all who were able to attend the meeting in LAS.
- Joe also thanked Matt Berg for setting up the accommodation at Harrah's.
- Nominations were closed and since there were no other nominations,
  - Joe Miceli was nominated for ADF President by acclamation.
  - Mike Timpe was nominated for ADF Treasure by acclamation.

**b. Presidents Reports (NACSC-NextGen, Security Liaison, Video Project)**

- **NACSC-NextGen**
  - The group is currently working on prioritization of deliverables.
  - Joe passed along presentation that were presented from the meetings attended.
  - Meeting dates were:
    - July 7 (Telcon)
    - August 13-14 (Telcon)
  - These meetings presented the NAC recommendations for moving forward.
  - The mission statement and the latest update were passed along to the group.
  - Upcoming meetings:
    - October 1 (canceled due to government shutdown)
    - November 12
    - December 3
    - December 18-19
  - John Schwoyer gave a further update on what has transpired and what is expected next.
  - There are some problems that will persist with the government shutdown delaying NextGen approx. 6 months.
- **Security Liaison**
  - Raj Singh of UAL was selected as ADF Security Liaison.
    - Raj was unable to attend our symposium due to a last minute family emergency.
  - When a security directive is issued by RAJ, it is on a need to know basis for ADF and its board members only and not for public consumption.

- **NASA Ames-ASRS**
  - Debbie Kowalewski will be ADF representative at these meetings.
  - Meetings will be twice a year, one at NASA Ames in SJC and the other in Washington DC.
  - A bio of the program outline was sent around the room.
  
- **ADF IFALDA Proposal Response**
  - ADF Executive Board met in Chicago and discussed IFALDA's proposal (presented by Dave Porter) during ADF's Spring Business Meeting in Atlanta.
  - ADF legal (Washington DC) determined ADF will be unable to accommodate any merge with other organizations and/or groups due to its current by-laws and possible legal implications with the District of Columbia.
  - ADF's response to IFALDA was passed around the room, emailed, and Joe flew to IST personally to meet with IFALDA's board however was denied entry to their board meeting. (no IFALDA Board present at this meeting or attending our symposium)
  - The Inspector general for the DOT issued a letter in September concerning deliverables.
  - The letter was passed around the room however expect delays with government shutdown.
  
- **ATP Testing**
  - Several dispatch schools have approached the ADF to help with removing non-dispatch items from the ADX test.
  - ADF will forward the requests to the FAA.
  - Joe advised all that ADF can suggest to the FAA however cannot get involved in changes needed.
  - ADX tests are starting to change but very slowly.
  - Michele Betcher advised the group ARAC is working on changes to testing as well.
  
- **The passing of Sandy Sanziuk**
  - ADF is truly saddened by the loss of Sandy who was involved in an accident and appreciates his dedication for our profession/craft as Aircraft Dispatchers.
  - Joe was in Ireland when he found out and was unable to attend his memorial (in YYZ) however cleared his schedule to attend Sandy's gathering in North Bay on behalf of the ADF.
  - Joe made a few short comments on Sandy's excellence towards our profession, his amazing organizational skills, his commitment towards family, friends, and his love for hockey... even when his team was losing!
  - ADF made a donation to a charity selected by Sanziuk family's request....Sandy will be missed.

- **FAA ASI Training Class**
  - Joe was able to attend and speak to the FAA-ASI class at FAA training center in Oklahoma City.
  - Joe passed around the room some of there training material used given to him.
- **ACT Scholarship Donation**

ACT School's President (William Colon) donated a \$4500.00 scholarship to ADF for a student to acquire his/her Aircraft Dispatchers Certificate.

  - William also attended our business meeting and will be in attendance at our symposium events.
  - The recipient will be chosen after the close of the business meeting. (by the ADF Executive Board and ACT President)
- **ADF Video Project**
  - The project has been placed on hold by the vendor assisting us.
  - The vendor is giving us a steep discount for production thus we are sometimes put onto the back burner for other production work being done.
  - Project expected to be finished by October 2014 and production will begin again in early 2014.
  - 4 shoots still needed for opening of video. (Ops Centers at AAL, DAL, SWA & UAL)
  - Mixing and sound edits to take place after shoot.
- c. **Executive Vice-Presidents Report**
  - The JPDO is still on hiatus.
  - Contacted NASA AMES that came out about single cockpit crew.
  - They were advised that the ADF would like to be a participant.
  - John gave a brief overview of referenced document with single crew cockpits.
- d. **2013 Safety Symposium**
  - It was difficult to get any FAA speakers due to the government shutdown and there were many last minute cancelations however other government agencies still on US payroll did show up and speak.
- e. **ADF's Meeting Involvement (New/Old)**
  - There are no new meetings that the ADF is attending.
  - Several individuals within ICAO have asked for the ADF to join in on their meetings in YUL.
  - Both Joe and Brian Gwinn advised ICAO is looking for more dispatcher presence and involvement with NextGen.
  - ADF will look into addressing this issue in 2014.
- f. **Treasures, ADF Financials**
  - Financials are available in writing.
  - Currently there are no budget issues to report.
  - As of our meeting, there are currently 1434 full paid memberships not including International Memberships, Student Memberships, and Retired Memberships. In 2014 ADF membership will increase. (approx. 1550-1600)

- g. Secretary Reports, SFO Meeting Minutes Approval**
- ATPAC and FOWG are in hiatus due to the government shutdown.
  - Starting to possibly set up a dispatcher workload report.
    - Currently working on a study for sCO dispatchers.
    - Mario Noel advised that AirTransat dispatcher could only work 24 segments per twelve-hour shift.
    - Several of the dispatchers at Delta are currently working on a matrix off their flight schedule.
  - Meeting Minutes Approval
    - Motion to accept by John Schwoyer.
    - Motion Seconded by Matt Berg.
    - The floor carried the motion.
- h. Officer Reports**
- Phil Brooks (unable to attend)
    - Any Jumpseat issues please let him know.
  - Andrew Bagley (unable to attend)
    - New board member as the VP of Media Relations.
    - Last minute cancelation account cutbacks at Key Lime Air.
    - Made our program enhancements and taking over the newsletter.
  - Gene Kim (unable to attend)
    - No issues to report
  - Matt Berg
    - Andrew Bagley will take over the newsletter at the beginning of the year.  
Attend the EUFALDA/IFALDA joint AGM in Istanbul on behalf of the ADF.
  - Michele Betcher
    - ARAC is currently working on changes to Dispatcher testing standards.
    - The group is working on more realistic changes.
    - Helicopter operations are getting ready to use dispatchers.
  - Debbie Kowalewski
    - No issues to report with strong membership numbers. She is looking forward to attending NASA Ames safety events.
  - Brandon Caple
    - No issues to report. Working on updating ADF website as needed.
    - Asked to look for a backup to update website should he be unavailable.

**i. Board Member/Membership Reports**

- Michael Karrels
  - No issues to report.
- John Plowman TWU President
  - He is expecting 600-615 members in 2014.
- Paul Viola PAFCA-DAL Delegate
  - 357 Members
  - 11 Assistants will be starting in 2014.
- Mario Noel
  - No issues to report.
- Charles Molinets
  - Some of the dispatcher tests have begun to change.
  - Due to the government shutdown, there are currently no fallen soldier flights.
- Mike Connor
  - AirTran group is currently coming on line at Southwest.
- Brian Gwinn
  - No issues to report.
- Brian Peterson.
  - No issues to report.
- Jose Aviles
  - No issues to report.

**j. 2014 Business Meeting dates/Locations**

- Winter – January 25, 2014 Dallas, Texas (TWU Local 542 Headquarters)
- Spring – April 12, 2014 Denver, Colorado
- Summer – July 26 Seattle, Washington
- Fall/Symposium – September 30-October 2 Chicago, Illinois. (subject to date change)

**k. Other Business**

- The group discussed opening the website for a trial period (after contents checked and functional)
- Currently there will be no changes for now.
- The group discussed selling/branded merchandise. (polo shirts, fleece sweaters, hoodies, etc.)

**5. Motion to Adjourn.**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Matt Berg
- b. Seconded by Debbie Kowalewski
- c. The floor carried.

**In attendance**

\*Joe Miceli            ADF President (UAL)  
\*John Schwoyer      ADF Executive Vice-President (AAL)  
\*Mike Timpe          ADF Treasure (Horizon Air)  
\*Patrick Boyle        ADF Secretary (UAL)  
Debbie Kowalewski   ADF VP of Membership (UAL)  
Michele Betcher     ADF VP of Governmental Affairs (DAL)  
Matt Berg             ADF VP of International Relations (UAL)  
Brandon Caple        ADF VP of Technology (UAL)  
Catherine Jackson   ADF VP  
Charles Molinets     TSTC/Baylor  
Mario Noel            AirTransat  
Jose Aviles            Endeavor Air  
Brian Peterso         Surf Air  
William Co            ACT School President  
Paul Viola             PAFCA-DAL  
John Plowman         President TWU Local 542  
Tracie Benson        American Airlines  
Sevda Tantan         EUFALDA/Turkish Airlines  
Michael Karrels      DAL  
Brian Gwinn           DAL  
Mike Connor         President TWU Local 550 (SWA)  
Terry Pendergrass   Vice President TWU Local 550 (SWA)