

**Airline Dispatchers Federation  
2014 Spring Business Meeting  
April 12, 2014  
Denver, Colorado**

**1. Call to order**

- ADF Executive Secretary Patrick Boyle called the meeting to order at 1300 local.
  - At this time he turned the floor over to ADF President Joseph Miceli.

**2. Roll Call**

- Introductions of new participants went around the floor.

**3. Meeting Minutes from previous Board Meeting (DFW-January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014)**

- The meeting minutes were passed around the room for final viewing before ratification.

**4. Officers Reports**

**a. Opening Remarks/Nominations of ADF Board (ADF EVP/Secretary per bylaws)**

- Joe thanked all who were able to attend the business meeting.
- The nominations for ADF EVP and Secretary remain open at this time
  - Nominations may be made in person at business meeting or in writing.
  - Nominations will close that the start of the Fall Business Meeting in DFW.
- The nominations are as follows
  - EVP
    - John Schwoyer
  - Executive Secretary
    - Patrick Boyle

**b. Presidents Report**

- **NACSC**
  - The NACSC is concerned with the budget issues within the FAA.
  - The group is working on achievable deliverables
  - The group is expecting to see a lower funding for NextGen. (still funding in place)
- **ACT ARC**
  - The ADF was asked to attend the ACT ARC (Air Carrier Training Aviation Rule Committee) by FAA Director Huerta.
  - Joe will attend on behalf of ADF as “Primary” and John as “Secondary”
  - Next meeting July 8-9-10, 2014 in DCA (NBAA Headquarters)
- **NATCA CFS**
  - The ADF was invited to speak at the conference this year in LAS
    - The ADF was asked to partake in a panel at next year’s event (March 2015)
  - The ADF sent four representatives to the conference.
  - Information from the conference was passed around the room.
  - Joe gave a brief overview of what transpired at the conference.

- **FPAW**
  - The ADF will again present to the FPAW group at this year's NBAA symposium.
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- **RTCA Symposium**
  - Joe will not be able to attend this year's RTCA symposium
  - Larry Merchant (SWA) will attend in place of Joe.
- **Video Project**
  - Final filming to commence in Late April/May. (Possibly delayed til June due to scheduling conflicts)
- **Hawaiian AOC Visit**
  - The dispatchers at Hawaiian would like to contribute to the ADF.
  - They would like to either sponsor a meeting or symposium.
    - The group discussed the pros and cons of having a meeting in Hawaii.
    - The group thought it would be best to use one of their facilities on the mainland due to distances that would need to be traveled.
- **Website**
  - The website has been updated by Andrew and Patrick. Jake will now assist in keeping the website up to date. (after trained on website system)
    - The group further discussed updates to the website in the future.
    - Will need Joomla 3.7 upgrade by years end. (Joomla 1.0 not supported after Dec31, 2014)
    - Upgrade will begin last month of December and continue until finished.
    - New functionality for membership a big plus with this upgrade.

**c. Vice Presidents Report.**

- John was able to further discuss his successes and work with the RTCA on behalf of Joe.
- The JPDO has been defunded.
- John gave his interpretations about the NATCA CFS.
- John was the point man for all ADF function in January and February while Joe was on vacation.

**d. 2014 Symposium**

- The symposium has been moved to Dallas due to high costs in Chicago.
- Dates are October 6, 7, 8, 2014
  - Business Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> followed by the meet and greet.
  - The 7<sup>th</sup> will be a full day symposium and possible tour SWA new OCC??
  - The 8<sup>th</sup> will be a half day with tour of AAL OCC. (after events end)
- Theme?
  - Due to the challenge of coming up with a theme every year we will consolidate the name to the **"Aircraft Dispatch Summit"**

**e. Meeting involvement (new/old)**

- ACT ARC only new meeting scheduled on ADF.
- ADF will continue to pursue ICAO seat.

**f. Finance**

- The ADF Finances are as planned for this year
- Finances are available upon written request.
- Paid memberships = 1476
  - 1467 Regular
  - 7 Student
  - 1 international
  - 2 Retired(after programing updates, will have better handle on accurate membership numbers.. expecting 1600+ members by years end)

**g. Secretary Report**

- ATPAC's next meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC.
- FOWG is currently on stand down.
- Meeting Minutes approval (DFW Jan 25, 2014)
  - Motion to accept the minutes with grammatical corrections by:
    - John Schwoyer
  - Second to the motion by:
    - Gene Kim
  - The floor carried the motion.

**h. Directors Reports**

- Brian Brown
  - No news
- Kevin Thompson
  - Working on the PAFCA-DAL contract talks
- Paul Viola
  - 380 Members from PAFCA DAL
  - New Delta dispatch classes expected in September.
- Paul New
  - PAFCA is working on contracts at DAL and UAL
  - 590 total members
  - Joe asked to add the PAFCA meeting dates to the ADF website
    - Paul and Kevin saw no issues.

- Phil Brooks
  - Please remember due diligence in following sterile cockpit procedures.
- Raj Singh
  - Ukraine NOTAM's are still active
  - North Korea NOTAM's are still active.

#### i. VP Reports

- Gene Kim
  - Gene thanked all for the good times while working with the ADF.
  - Southwest will be interviewing for Network Directors
  - Gene gave a brief overview about what is transpiring at Southwest.
- Larry Merchant
  - Larry thanked the group for the invite to assist the ADF.
  - Ready to go and help out where it is needed.
- Catherine Jackson
  - Southwest has a new Dispatch Director (Gene Kim)
  - The new dispatch office is on-line
  - Getting ready to begin work for this year's symposium.
  - Asked the group to consider combining both the winter and spring business meetings. If able, to work in conjunction with the NATCA CFS event.
    - The group discussed the proposal.
    - Further investigation will be needed with regards to ADF by-laws
- Debbie Kowalewski
  - Enjoyed attending the NATCA CFS
  - Gave a brief overview of her take of the NATCA CFS.
  - NASA AMES – quiet
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- Andrew Bagley
  - Passed around the new format for the ADF Newsletter.
  - Solicited for comments and ideas for the newsletter.
    - The group discussed.
  - ADF Shirts
  - Looking to see if we would like to begin selling ADF shirts.
    - Passed around several ideas.
    - The group discussed.
  - By-laws amendments
    - Suggested change to article 4
      - Board of Directors
        - Section 1 committees
          - Joe advised the committee is set up with the President, EVP, Executive Treasure and Executive Secretary.
        - Section 2 Addition of board members

- Joe advised that the only board is the executive board. All others are listed as non-executive VP's
- Camera
  - Looking to see if funding is available to purchase a camera for use at meeting and to add more media to the website.
  - Cost is between \$500 and \$600.
    - The executive board will discuss
- Still working with the ACAC weekly telcons
- Michelle Betcher
  - Michelle was unable to attend due to a recent injury
  - Joe read a report by Michelle of what has been transpiring at the ARAC.

**j. 2015 Meeting dates**

- Tabled until the summer business meeting
- 2015 symposium is slated to be in Atlanta

**k. Other business**

- After Joe's vacation (in late February) he received a certified letter in his UAL work locker from IFALDA that he distributed to the group for viewing.
  - The letter advises that IFALDA will be terminating their relationship between itself and the ADF.
  - ADF will remove ADF/IFALDA liaison and put Matt Berg to use in other ways. (possibly ADF/ICAO Liaison?)
  - ADF will fully investigate entering the International arena and ICAO meetings.
  - Considering there has been minimal/no communication whatsoever from IFALDA's current leadership, their website's meeting minutes offer no real assistance since they are not current, and Matt has not been invited to any meetings, ADF Executive Board elected not to respond to the letter and forge forward with work that needs to be accomplished for our membership Domestically and Internationally.
- ADF will continue to take the "High Road" with this group while advocating as a "Voice" for the profession/craft as it has since ADF's inception.
- While attending industry meetings and ADF is asked, "Where is the Dispatch presence in ICAO?", ADF will now be able to advise it's working on this issue and also offer EUFALDA as a point contact for assistance.
- ADF's Board hopes with new IFALDA leadership there will be some sort of dialog between the two groups.... ADF's doorway to communication with other dispatch professional groups including IFALDA will always remain open under its current leadership!

**5. Motion to Adjourn**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Kevin Thompson
- b. Second to the motion be Gene Kim
- c. The floor carried the motion

In attendance:

\*Joseph Miceli – ADF President (United Airlines)

\*John Schwoyer – ADF EVP (American Airlines)

\*Mike Timpe – ADF Executive Treasure (Horizon Air)

\*Patrick Boyle – ADF Executive Secretary (United Airlines)

Brian Brown – Southwest

Gene Kim – Southwest

Jake Zelman – Southwest

Kevin Thompson – PAFCA DAL

Larry Merchant – Southwest

Catherine Jackson – Southwest

Debbie Kowalewski - United Airlines

Paul Viola – PAFCA DAL

Andrew Bagley – Key Lime Air

Paul New – Delta / PAFCA International

\*Denotes a quorum was met

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