

Airline Dispatchers Federation  
2017 Winter Business Meeting  
January 21, 2017  
Atlanta Georgia

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by ADF Secretary Patrick Boyle @ 1311 Local.
- At this time, he handed the floor to ADF President Joseph Miceli

2. Roll Call

- Introductions for new attendees went around the floor.

3. Meeting Minutes from previous Board Meeting (Fall 2016/LAS)

- The 2016 Fall Business Meeting Minutes were passed around the room for final viewing before ratification.

4. Officer Reports

a. Opening Remarks/Nomination of ADF Board (President/Treasurer)

- Joe thanked all who were able to attend.
- Joe also said a special thank you to the PAFCA-DAL for their support in setting up the meeting at the DAL's Crisis Center in their OCC.
- Joe thanked Matt Berg for setting up hotel accommodations.
- Nominations for ADF President and Treasurer. (per bylaws)
  - Joe began by explaining the nomination process per ADF bylaws and this year ADF President and ADF Treasurer were now open for a two-year term. (Begin Jan 1, 2018 ending Dec 31, 2019)
  - Mike Timpe had expressed interest (via email) continuing as ADF Treasurer for another 2 years.
  - Joe Miceli nominated Mike Timpe as ADF Treasurer.
  - Patrick Boyle seconded the nomination.

Joe then read a brief statement to the group. (while emailing the same statement to the ADF Board, Delegates, and Union Leadership) Joe decided not to run for ADF President and will end his term Dec 31, 2017. He thanked all that have placed their trust and support for him while leading the ADF these past 10 years.

- Joseph Miceli nominated John Schwoyer.
- Patrick Boyle seconded the nomination.
- John accepted the nomination
  
- Nominations may be made by email or in person at the ADF Business meetings.
- Nominations close at the beginning of the Fall Business Meeting.

b. Presidents Reports (FPAW/FAA ACT CRM/ALPA/KCM/Video)

- FPAW/NBAA
  - The group is looking at weather technology in the cockpit
  - The ADF continues to stress the importance that we are looking at the same product as those in the cockpit.
  - Information from the meeting was passed around the room.
- ACT CRM ARC
  - Joe passed around the floor the current final draft from the ARC.
- Video Project
  - There has been no movement on the project.
  - A question was raised by John Pampalone on what was invested.
    - Some older “B-roll” filming.
    - Minimal financial support.
  - The question was raised to the group if we should continue with the project.
    - The floor agreed with one abstention to terminate the video project.
    - Joe will email vendor to cancel the contract hoping to avoid any further charges.
- ALPA Aviationworks4u Website
  - The ADF will assist as experts in the dispatcher field of the website.
  - The ADF advised that it will not be able to donate funds at this time.
  - Working with several DADE’s to confirm qualifications required for dispatch certificate.
  - Passed around a draft copy for the ADF silo on the site.
  - Next meeting in DCA or IAD in March.
  - Catherine Jackson suggested that we have Jake Zelman assist.
  - Joe has been forwarding information to Jake who has been assisting.

c. Executive Vice Presidents Report

- Due to the ADF and its involvement within our aviation industry and FAA meetings, dispatch is now on everyone’s radar. This is a good thing however aircraft dispatcher in the US must be aware, our profession/craft is on display every day we work. We succeed as a group, together in the name of safety.
- A link for ATD-2 website will be added to the ADF website.
- Working with the Flight Path Management group within the ACT ARC
  - Continue to work on operational control.
  - Work to date has ensured that dispatch will be part of the CPDLC system.

d. ADF’s Meeting Involvement (New/Old)

- ATC Futures Meetings

- Jake Zelman will attend
  - ADF will decide in March who should attend this meeting (ATC qualified board member)
- e. Treasurer, ADF Financials
- 2087 Current members
  - Sponsorship was up for the 2016 Summit.
  - No known large expenses pending.
  - Financials are always available in writing to the ADF President and Treasurer
- f. Secretary Reports, DFW Meeting Minutes Approval
- Attended the Equip 2020 workgroup.
    - Workgroup is working on items/issues revolving around the ADS-B mandate for January 1, 2020.
  - Motion to accept meeting minutes from the 2016 Fall Business Meeting with grammatical changes.
    - Motion to accept by Michelle Betcher
    - Second to the motion by Paul Viola
    - The floor carried the motion.
- g. Directors Reports
- Paul Viola
    - 433 Current Members from PAFCA-DAL
  - Derek Nemes
    - 428 Current Members from PAFCA-UAL
- h. VP Reports
- Phil Brooks – Via Joe Miceli
    - More airports are restricting access to the airport employee lines.
  - Raj Sing – via Joe Miceli
    - Protocols and standards were set up for the presidential inauguration.
  - Matt Berg – Via Joe Miceli
    - Matt needs to know who is going to the NATCA CFS.
    - Those who are interested are to notify Joe.
    - Joe will send the names to NATCA.
    - Dates are March 20-22.
    - The group discussed and decided the Spring Business Meeting will begin at 0900 local on the 20MAR17 to allow those attending the NATCA CFS to register. (Continental Breakfast will be served for those attending our business meeting)
  - Jake Zelman – Via Joe Miceli

- Still working on his personal video project about dispatch and 9/11.
- No website issues.
- Working on an “ADF Store” for the website.
  
- Debbie Kowalewski
  - Membership renewal is on going
  - IF delegates are adding new members please advise Debbie, Jake and Patrick so they can process final authorization in the website.
  
- Larry Merchant
  - 371 Members
  - Working on getting “CREW” added to the dispatch ID at Southwest
  
- Catherine Jackson
  - Offered a special thank you to the PAFCA-UAL group for help setting up the Pro-Standards group at Southwest.
  
- Michelle Betcher
  - ARAC
    - Load Master Certification will be moving to a different ARAC.
    - Testing Standards
    - ATC Working Group on training issues.
    - Passed around documents from last meeting.

i. Summit discussion

- 2016 Summit Wrap Up
  - Well Received
  - Survey was sent out.
  - Good results from the survey
  - The group went over the survey results.
  - Debbie Kowalewski suggest that we have contacts for the speakers available on the bios section of the summit agenda.
  - Also suggestion for a few blank pages for notes.

j. 2016-2017 Business Meeting Dates.

- 2016 Safety Summit
  - Catherine Jackson is working on location.
  - Dates are expected to be October 2-4

k. Other Business

- Kenneth Kromberg – IFALDA President
  - Thanked the group for allowing time for IFALDA to present at the 2016 ADF Summit.

- IFALDA presented a position paper on global flight tracking.
    - The presentation and paper was accepted by ICAO
  - Working on dispatch training manuals for ICAO.
  - The ADF was asked to present to the British Aviation group about operational control.
    - No disrespect to IFALDA/EUFALDA as the group would like to speak with dispatchers who currently are exercising operational control on a daily basis.
  - Next IFALDA AGM will be held in Buenos Aires.
  - ICAO wants new training manuals for dispatch.
    - New manuals will require airlines to train dispatch in proper techniques.
  - Kenneth will be stepping down as president of IFALDA.
  - Many of the older board members are beginning to step down. With that new board members are coming on.
- Dave Porter
    - ICAO NATI Tool
      - Working with ICAO on document AC347
      - Mostly in Class 2 airspace.
      - Requires position reports every 15 minutes

Joe mentioned to Kenneth and Dave that it would be beneficial to forward working group papers to ADF for review. Not to be disrespectful of EUFALDA or IFALDA's work done however to allow ADF's possible point of view or to possibly strengthen their proposed document. Both Kenneth and Dave agreed to this suggestion and will email their latest document written prior to submittal.

- Joe advised the group that he has heard back from Hawaiian Airlines and they are still looking to host and ADF business meeting in HNL.
  - The board continued to voice concern due to logistics, costs, and perception to the rest of our supporters by accepting this invite.
  - Joe plans to visit Hawaiian OCC and Aloha Cargo while on vacation on the islands.

## 5. Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Debbie Kowalewski
- Second to the motion by Larry Merchant
- The floor carried.

In attendance

\*denotes a quorum was met

Joseph Miceli – ADF President/UAL

John Schwoyer – ADF Executive President/AAL  
Patrick Boyle – ADF Secretary/UAL  
Michelle Betcher – ADF VP of Aviation Rule Making/DAL  
\*Debbie Kowalewski – ADF VP of Membership/UAL  
\*Paul Viola – PAFCA-DAL  
\*Derek Nemes – PAFCA-UAL  
\*John Pampalone – PAFCA-UAL  
\*Aaron Glorioso – Alaska Air  
\*Brian Brown – Southwest  
\*Larry Merchant – ADF VP of Industry Relations/SWA  
Catherine Jackson – ADF VP of Corporate & Industry Alliances/SWA  
\*Paul New – PAFCA International  
Kevin Thompson – PAFCA-DAL  
Kenneth Kromberg – IFALDA  
Dave Porter – IFALDA  
Laura Hedelson – PAFCA DAL