

**Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.  
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
Montgomery Regional Airport  
January 31, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Jed Blackwell	Thomas Day	Thomas Hughes	Nikki Jordan
Russ Kilgore	Ray Miller	Art Morris	Leslie-Williams Murray
Jeff Powell	Mike Smith	Courtney Tomberlin	Rick Tucker

**Board Members Absent:**

Jerry Cofield, Menzo Driskell, Col. Roosevelt Lewis, Todd Storey

**Quorum:**

Present

**Others Present:**

Lynn Weldon, Misty Jones

**Call to Order:**

President Jed Blackwell called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Ray Miller gave the invocation.

**Recognition of Guests:**

Jed Blackwell recognized members of the Advisory Committee; Suri Reddy with Croy Engineering and Ken Gilbert with Neel-Schaffer

**Consideration of Minutes:**

Jed Blackwell presented minutes from the November 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Russ Kilgore made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Leslie Williams-Murray seconded the motion. All members approved.

**In Remembrance of Fred Sington, Jr.:**

Ray Miller and Ken Gilbert discussed Fred's contributions to ACA over the years, their personal friendships with him and Fred's outstanding character and reputation. Fred passed away on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**In Remembrance of Wayne Atkinson:**

Russ Kilgore discussed working with Mr. Atkinson in his over 31 year career with FAA. Wayne retired in June 2003. He passed away on January 5, 2018 at 78 years old.

**By-Law Committee Appointments/By-Law Recommendations:**

Jed Blackwell discussed changes to the current by-laws to reflect the two new employees. Blackwell stated that Al Jimmerson had recommended the ACA form a By-Law Committee. Blackwell requested that board members Rick Tucker, Todd Storey, Russ Kilgore and Jed Blackwell serve on this committee. Nikki Jordan made a motion to approve the recommendation with a second by Ray Miller. All members approved.

Rick Tucker reviewed how board members are elected and the need to keep a current membership roster. He also suggested possibly forming a Governance Committee.

The By-Law Committee will meet with Mr. Jimmerson at the Winter Workshop in Wetumpka on February 21, 2018 to discuss the recommendations for changes to the by-laws.

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Financial Report:**

Jed Blackwell reviewed the financial statements for November 2017 and December 2017. Rick Tucker made a motion to approve both financial statements. Jeff Powell seconded the motion. All members approved.

Jed Blackwell asked for clarification on ACA's lobbying efforts and the percentage of ACA funds that are used for lobbying. After lengthy discussion the board agreed to also discuss this topic with Al Jimmerson.

Jed Blackwell stated that the 2017 audit review was ongoing and should be completed by March 2018.

**B. Annual Meeting/Workshop Committee Report:**

Lynn Weldon stated that she mailed workshop registration packages on January 10, 2018. She will be sending on February 1, 2018 invitations to all legislators for the reception on February 21, 2018 after the workshop. She discussed the lodging accommodations at Windcreek Hotel & Casino in Wetumpka. A rate of \$89.00 per night will be available to workshop attendees for February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. The February board meeting will be held at the Wetumpka Civic Center on February 20, 2018 at 4:30 pm. She also noted her concern for the low number of registrations. She plans to extend the registration deadline beyond February 8<sup>th</sup>. She stated there are two large conflicts with ASCE & ACEC having events scheduled at the same time. Board members discussed and agreed to meet at the State House on February 20, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. to meet with legislators and extend invitations to the receptions.

Nikki Jordan stated that Brian Barsanti with Southern Museum of Flight requested to speak during the workshop's lunch break.

Lynn Weldon stated the need for additional sponsorships. Sponsorship opportunities for the workshop are limited to only airports. This topic will be discussed at a later date.

**C. Legislative Committee Report:**

Rick Tucker went over the tentative plans for the trip to Washington D.C. The trip is scheduled for March 14-15, 2018. As in previous years the plans are to visit Senate and House offices. Meetings with Senate are tentatively planned for March 14<sup>th</sup> with House visits on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to also visit with Winsome Lenfert at FAA.

**D. Membership Report:**

Nikki Jordan said that she will be speaking at junior colleges and with school superintendents to promote aviation careers while encouraging them to support and join the ACA.

**E. Academic Relations Committee Report:**

Jed Blackwell stated that Jerry Cofield will be sending out scholarship applications in March 2018 for the Buzz Sawyer & Fred Sington, Jr. scholarships. Blackwell encouraged board members to donate to the scholarship fund.

**F. Corporate Liaison Committee Report:**

No report.

**G. Liaison Committee Report/Website Committee:**

Courtney Tomberlin stated that she will send emails to the Liaison Committee after each board meeting reporting what was approved. Jed Blackwell stated that Bobby Odom was now working with Michael Baker International. Jeff Hester will remain on the Liaison Committee representative for 2018.

**President's Report:**

Jed Blackwell said the Legislative Committee only has 2 members. He requested the board add Thomas Day to this committee. Art Morris made a motion to approve the request with a second by Nikki Jordan. All members approved.

**New Business:**

Lynn Weldon reviewed plans for the 2018 Conference scheduled for September 16-18, 2018 at the Battle House in Mobile, AL. Based on comments received from the exit interviews from the 2017 conference, the 2018 conference will be a two day event. The board meeting will be on Sunday, September 16. There is a golf event planned at the Robert Trent Jones golf course on Sunday. Room rates are set at \$139.00 per night and a government rate of \$93 per night.

Russ Kilgore discussed the AOPA Regional Fly-In in Gulf Shores on October 26-27, 2018. He suggested that ACA consider a sponsorship along with an exhibit booth at the event.

Thomas Day encouraged everyone to see the play FLY showing until February 11, 2018 at the Shakespeare Theater in Montgomery. He also stated that Moton Field will be hosting the AOPA Rusty Pilot Seminar on March 10, 2018.

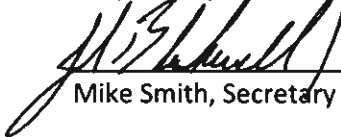
**Date/Time for Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Wetumpka Civic Center Board Room in Wetumpka, AL.**

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:41 a.m. by Thomas Hughes with second by Russ Kilgore. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 President  
Mike Smith, Secretary

1-20-2018  
Date