

AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RETREAT – AUBURN, ALABAMA
MAY 11 & 12, 2005
MINUTES

The Board of Directors met in session beginning Wednesday afternoon at the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, Alabama. Those members & guests present were:

President:	William T. Hutto, Jr.
Member:	Phil B. Perry
Member:	Kent Kelly
Member:	Russ Kilgore
Member:	Luanne Hayes
Member:	Ray Miller
Member:	Art Morris
Exec Director:	Stephanie Blakenship
ALDOT-AB Director:	Dr. John Eagerton

President Hutto welcomed all to Auburn, and relayed that he and his airport were preparing for a visit from Vice President Dick Cheney.

Executive Director Blakenship discussed several items concerning accounting practices and measures for the benefit of the Board. Final discussion was concluded with a motion by Member Kilgore, seconded by Member Miller that all checks drawn against the Aviation Council checking account in amounts of less than \$1,000.00 require only one signature, and that amounts exceeding \$1,000.00 require two signatures. Motion was recorded as unanimous for approval.

Discussion was held concerning the payment by the Aviation Council to the Executive Director Blakenship. Following discussion, Member Hayes moved to increase the monthly payment to Executive Director Blakenship from \$300 per month to \$500.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Member Kelly, and was recorded as unanimous for approval.

Continuing the accounting discussion, President Hutto named Member Morris to negotiate with an accounting firm to handle the accounting matters of the Board on a retainer and will report back to the Board at the July meeting.

Continuing the accounting discussion, it was brought to the Boards attention that a bond should be secured for the Executive Director. Motion by Member Perry to acquire a Bond for Executive Director Blakenship and paid by the Aviation Council was seconded by Member Kelly and was recorded as unanimous for approval.

Discussion was held concerning vacancies on the Board of Directors. Several names were discussed as possible new members, and those persons submitting the suggestions were asked to contact the individuals to inquire if they would be willing to serve. Those discussed were:

Ray Miller:	Fred Sington of Gadsden
John Eagerton	Menso Driskell of Selma
Phil Perry	Wayne Cameron of Tuscaloosa
John Eagerton	Tery Capps of Pell City
Art Morris	Rick Tucker of Huntsville
Russ Kilgore	Mac McAleer of Gulf Shores

At this time, Executive Director Blakenship was welcomed to the meeting apologizing for being somewhat delayed.

Executive Director gave a full and complete report concerning the Annual Meeting and Conference held in Montgomery. She stated that all reports that it was a great success and the returned questionnaires were very helpful. Some suggestions relating to the agenda for the conference were discussed and those concerns will be

taken up by the conference committee. It was also suggested that the next Annual Meeting and Conference be held in Montgomery.

Record keeping and logistics of accounting, mail lists, general records, etc. were discussed. Most of the problems could be resolved with a computer for the use of the Council and the Executive Director. Following discussion, motion was made by Member Russ Kilgore to purchase a laptop computer for use by the Executive Director in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Member Miller and was recorded as unanimous for approval.

Member Kelly discussed the "Building Blocks" for membership and other ideas that will be taken up by the membership committee, and to include originating a complete up-to-date data base for membership.

The President called for the meeting to recess at 5:40 pm until 8:00am Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2005

President Hutto called the recessed meeting to order at 8:27am.
Those members and guests present were:

William T. Hutto, Jr.	President
Col. Roosevelt J. Lewis	Immediate Past President
Phil B. Perry	Member
Russ Kilgore	Member
Ray Miller	Member
Luanne Hayes	Member
Art Morris	Member
Stephanie Blakenship	Executive Director
Dr. John Eagerton	Director, ALDOT-AB

Member Hayes had to depart early but continued the discussion concerning membership. Member Hayes will contact each Board member for assistance in refining ways to attract new members.

A discussion concerning the "Aviation Council Newsletter" brought about the consensus that a "HARD COPY", due to printing costs, be produced only twice a year, and other "newsletters" be sent out by e-mail. It was made clear to the Board that a newsletter "takes a combined effort" by all members to produce, and each member would be called upon for help in the production.

IT was a unanimous decision that the theme for the Aviation Council of Alabama for the upcoming year be "PARTNERS FOR SUCCESS".

Discussion was held under the heading "Legislative Issues" proposing a "Legislative Day" in Montgomery in February or March for members of the Council to meet old and new legislators when they are in regular session, and to begin NOW in establishing alliances with organizations such as the Road Builders Association, Alabama Asphalt Pavement Association and others to help with the efforts of the Aviation Council.

Other Legislative issues discussed were the possibility of the Council sponsoring Legislation for a Statewide Height Law pertaining to structures near all Alabama Airports. Members Kilgore and Perry will work on that item.

There was also some discussion concerning National Legislative Issues, especially the "A.I.P." program. It was suggested that all members contact their Congressional Delegation in support of a FULL A.I.P. Bill.

It was discussed and confirmed that the next Annual Meeting and Conference be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery April 19 – 20 – 21, 2006.

President Hutto gave praise and thanks to Col. Ro Lewis for his efforts as President of The Aviation Council Of Alabama.

At 10:00am, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted



Russ Kilgore, Secretary
The Aviation Council of Alabama