

AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL AIRPORT, BOARD ROOM
May 17, 2006
MINUTES

The Board of Directors met in session Wednesday, May 17, 2006 beginning at 10:40 AM in the Board Room of the Montgomery Airport authority. Those members and guests present were:

President:	Phil B. Perry
Vice-President:	Russ Kilgore
Treasurer:	Art Morris
Member:	Fred Sington
Member:	Ray Miller
Member:	Menzo Driskel
Member:	Terry Capps
Past President:	Bill Hutto
Member:	Wayne Cameron
Executive Director:	Stephanie Blankenship
AL Aero. Director	Dr. John Eagerton

Members Absent:

Secretary:	Rick Tucker
Member:	Col. Ro Lewis
Member:	Kent Kelly
Member:	Daniel Boone, Esq.

President Perry noted that a quorum was present for the business of The Aviation Council of Alabama Board of Directors and call the meeting to order.

President Perry called for approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2006. Motion for approval of the Minutes, as presented, was made by Member Ray Miller and seconded by Member Fred Sington. The vote was recorded as unanimous for approval.

President Perry called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Art Morris reported that the Council has approximately \$41,000 in the checking account as of May 16, 2006. Treasurer Morris also reported that, after some diligent work, the Executive Director and the accountant (McClintock, Nelson and Associates, PC) had produced a corrected Balance Sheet and that beginning sometime in June, the Balance Sheet would be posted to the web site for all of the members to see. Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship reported that the Council was left with an approximate \$2,000 surplus from the annual conference. Motion for approval of the Treasurer's report was made by Vice-President Russ Kilgore and seconded by Member Fred Sington. The vote was recorded as unanimous for approval.

Dr. John Eagerton reported to the Board that one of the largest concerns facing airports and FBOs, in particular, is the Fuel Fraud Prevention clause in the Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (TEA-LU, P>L>109-59). Dr. Eagerton supplied the Board with some printed information regarding this issue. Dr. Eagerton explained that the TEA-LU bill contains a clause that requires FBO's to become "ultimate registered vendors" with the IRS or they will have to pay a higher tax rate on aviation fuel and all of the revenue from the tax will go directly to the Highway Trust Fund rather than the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. The Senate has introduced a bill, S.2666, to correct this problem, lower the tax rate and redirect the taxes back into the Airport

and Airway Trust Fund. A motion to draft a letter of support to Dr. Eagerton for S.2666 was made by Russ Kilgore. The motion was seconded by Fred Sington and a unanimous vote for approval was recorded. Dr. Eagerton distributed a NASAO position paper on the next 5-year AIP program. Dr. Eagerton also reported that orders have been placed for the airport signs that were requested at the Aeronautics Department booth at the annual convention. Dr. Eagerton reported that grants look good this year and there appears to be sufficient funding. On a side note, Dr. Eagerton told the Board that Janice Pritchett will soon be leaving his office for a job in another state department.

President Perry called for any old business that needed to be discussed. Fred Sington informed the Board that the Council had a very effective and successful display at the League of Municipalities Conference in Mobile last month.

President Perry called for any new business to be brought before the Board. Ray Miller reminded the Board that a directors and officers insurance policy should be obtained as soon as possible. There was a general discussion of average rates for such policies. Russ Kilgore made a motion for Art Morris and Stephanie Blankenship to secure at least two quotes to submit to President Perry for approval and that upon President Perry's approval, a directors and officers liability policy shall be purchased. The motion was seconded by Fred Sington. The vote was recorded as unanimous for approval. In other new business, Ray Miller suggested that the Board improve communication with the membership through a newsletter or other means. Bill Hutto suggested emailing any breaking news or hot topic items to the membership. Russ Kilgore recommended asking AUTOPILOT Magazine for some free space to get information out to the most people possible. Fred Sington suggested printing a newsletter and posting the newsletter in FBOs around the state. Art Morris said that the information should be directed toward ACA members to let them know what action the Board is taking on their behalf and any issues of concern for aviation in the state. President Perry suggested sending a synopsis of the Board meetings and any action taken in an email to the general membership within a week of the last meeting date. President Perry also suggested posting the proposed meeting agenda on the web site at least a week prior to scheduled meetings. Executive Director Blankenship said that she would try to have a synopsis of the meetings available to the membership within a week of the last meeting date.

President Perry presented his president's report. President Perry commended Past President Hutto on a job well done and credited him with getting a lot of momentum in moving the organization forward. President Perry reported that he wanted to keep the momentum going and to build membership at the grassroots level. President Perry set a goal of visiting as many airports in that state as possible over the next year. Dr. Eagerton told President Perry that he would be welcome to go along on any of his airport visits provided that a seat is available. Fred Sington reminded the Board of the importance of getting out to visit airports that are not members and getting information to them. Executive Director Blankenship has put together a color coded map to show member and non-member airports. After a general discussion, it was decided that any Board Members that wish to visit airports, may have the Executive Director print some Aviation Council of Alabama business cards, at the expense of the individual Board Member. President Perry asked for input on ways to improve the organization. Bill Hutto said that communication with the membership should be improved. Fred Sington suggested that the way in which the ACA deals with legislators could be improved by establishing an annual social event for legislators and getting to know them better. President Perry called for the establishment of a Legislative Committee and appointed Fred Sington as the Chairman. The committee members are to be Bill Hutto and Ray Miller.

Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship presented her report. Ms. Blankenship informed the Board that she had commissioned a few ladies' embroidered shirts and that the men's shirts can be produced in time for the next conference. She also reported on the success of the League of Municipalities Conference last month and of her attendance at the Birmingham Airport Disaster Exercise. Ms. Blankenship advised the Board that it would be a good idea to schedule another workshop in the fall. Dr. Eagerton suggested a workshop focusing on emergency response. Ms. Blankenship further reported that the website is gradually being converted to the new look and that updated information is on the website. Ms. Blankenship reported that the feedback from the questionnaires distributed at the conference overwhelming favor having the conference in Montgomery again. Ms. Blankenship suggested that the Board should adopt a four year plan to, each year, move the conference to one of the four areas with sufficient facilities to accommodate the conference. Ms. Blankenship also suggested that the Board might want to consider having a dinner with entertainment on one of the conference nights. Dr. Eagerton suggested that companies with a strong aviation interest may wish to sponsor the dinner. President Perry recommended having the conference in the third week of April of the following years in the following locations:

2007	Birmingham
2008	Huntsville
2009	Gulf Coast
2010	Montgomery

Ray Miller made a motion to accept the recommendation. Fred Sington provided a second to the motion. After some discussion, Ray Miller amended his motion to include a provision that the 2007 conference be moved to Mobile if Birmingham proves to be cost prohibitive. Fred Sington provided another second to the amended motion. The vote was recorded as unanimous for approval.

President Perry advised the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21 at 10:30 AM at the Montgomery Airport Authority Board Room.

Ray Miller made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Fred Sington seconded the motion. A vote for unanimous approval was recorded and the meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

President Perry called the meeting back into open session at 12:50 PM. Fred Sington made a motion to increase the pay of the Executive Director from \$500 per month to \$800 per month effective immediately. Ray Miller seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of approval was recorded. President Perry called Executive Director Blankenship back into the room to inform her of the raise and he thanked her for a job well done. Ms. Blankenship expressed her thanks to the Board for their confidence in her and for the raise in pay. Ray Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Fred Sington and followed by a unanimous vote for approval. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.