

Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday September 23, 2009  
Troy, Alabama

Present

Fred Sington  
Terry Capps  
Roosevelt Lewis  
Wayne Cameron  
Menzo Driskell  
Rick Tucker  
Bill Hutto  
Phil Perry  
Russ Kilgore  
Art Morris  
Stephanie Blankenship

Absent

Buzz Sawyer  
Ray Miller  
Kent Kelly

Also present were Barry Mott, of Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon, and Dr. John Eagerton from ALDOT.

After a briefing from Mayor Jimmy Lunsford, the meeting was called to order at 10:20 am by President, Fred Sington.

*Spelling*  
Rick Tucker made a motion to amend the minutes of the previous meeting. The second was made by Phil Perry. The motion was approved. Menzo Driskell made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. The second was made by Phil Perry. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Terry Capps. Terry noted that some budget items had been added to reflect the changes in the fiscal year. A motion was made by Bill Hutto and seconded by Roosevelt Lewis to approve the report as submitted. The motion carried.

Old Business

Legislative Committee Report

Fred Sington began the Legislative Committee report with a discussion of funding for aviation in Alabama as compared to funding for aviation in other states. Dr. Eagerton suggested that the Aviation Council should be active in seeking a piece of the transportation funds that will be allocated to roads and bridges in the coming months. Fred suggested that the Council should ask the legislature for at least three percent of the total funds but be willing to settle for less and that getting Senator Lowell Barron on board will be very important. Rick Tucker said that a strong case can be made for aviation with the legislature. Roosevelt Lewis said that it would be a good idea for the

Council to update its presentation concerning aerospace jobs in Alabama and that perhaps we should push for more than three percent.

On a related issue, Dr. Eagerton reminded the Board that the Speaker of the house will be retiring next year and that the ACA may want to honor him at the February meeting.

Further general discussion ensued for several more minutes.

#### By-Laws Committee Report

Rick Tucker pointed out that there are new IRS rules for 501c corporations that file Form 990. There are questions to be answered concerning the organization's policies. The By-Laws Committee then directed that Al Jemison should be placed in contact with McClintock and Associates to discuss any potential ramifications of the IRS changes.

There was a general discussion of the changes to the By-Laws including the dues structure, the total number and composition of the Board and voting by proxy. The changes in the By-Laws can not be made until the next general membership meeting. The discussion then changed to the dues structure. After several minutes of general discussion concerning the dues structure, Rick Tucker made a motion to change the annual membership dues from \$50 to \$100. Menzo Driskell made the second. After further discussion, the motion passed.

Dr. John Eagerton provided a report which included an update on ALDOT funding and progress of projects and the new employee in the Aeronautics office. Dr. Eagerton thanked Fred Sington for attending the NASAO conference. Dr. Eagerton also mentioned a USA Today article which was critical of AIP funding for general aviation airports and he reported that his office is updating the Aviation Systems Management software and will soon push information out to the website for airports to check their individual status.

Stephanie Blankenship reminded the Board of FAA's new GIS requirements for ALPs.

#### Aviation Directory and Logo Report

Stephanie reported that work is still in progress.

#### Executive Director's Report

Stephanie reported on the FAA/ALDOT Consultant's Workshop. Russ Kilgore made a motion that the ACA should sponsor the luncheon for the FAA/ALDOT Consultant's Workshop on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Phil Perry seconded the motion. After a brief discussion the motion was passed.

Stephanie provided a report of progress that has been made on the annual conference set for September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. The room rates at the Renaissance are down to \$119 per night. Rick Tucker made a motion to sign a contract with the Renaissance for the conference. Roosevelt Lewis seconded the motion.

A discussion began concerning workshop topics.

Stephanie requested representatives from air carrier, general aviation, and consultants to serve on the conference committee.

A motion was made by Roosevelt Lewis to approve the composition of the conference committee. Terry Capps provided a second. After a brief discussion the motion passed.

The next ACA Board meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Phil Perry introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30. Rick Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.



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Art Morris III  
Secretary