

**Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Wellborn Muscle Car Museum
Alexander City, AL
August 16, 2017**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jed Blackwell	Jerry Cofield	Ken Gilbert	Thomas Hughes
Nikki Jordan	Russ Kilgore	Col. Roosevelt Lewis	Ray Miller
Art Morris	Bobby Odom	Jeff Powell	Mike Smith
Todd Storey	Courtney Tomberlin	Rick Tucker	Kevin Vandenberg

Board Members Absent:

Menzo Driskell, Fred Sington

Quorum:

Present

Others Present:

Tim Wellborn, Don Spurlin, Lynn Weldon, Misty Jones

Call to Order:

President Jed Blackwell called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Col. Roosevelt Lewis gave the invocation.

Recognition of Guests

Jed Blackwell recognized guests Mr. Don Spurlin, Albertville Regional Airport Authority Chairman and Mr. Tim Wellborn, Owner of Wellborn Muscle Car Museum. Mr. Wellborn reviewed the history of the museum and several of his muscle cars.

Consideration of Minutes:

Jed Blackwell presented the minutes from the monthly board meeting held July 12, 2017. Mike Smith made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Russ Kilgore. All members unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

A. Financial Report

Art Morris reviewed the July 2017 FS. Rick Tucker noted that Huntsville International Airport sponsored the Legislative Reception at the Workshop but this income is not reflected on the FS. Col. Roosevelt Lewis made a motion to approve the financial statement with a revision showing income for workshop legislative reception from Huntsville International Airport. Jerry Cofield second the motion. All members approved.

Art Morris went over the proposed FY 2018 budget. He stated that the proposed budget is balanced. Two items being budgeted for the first time are Scholarships and Discretionary Funds. Kevin Vandenberg asked for clarification on how the Discretionary Funds would be used. Jed Blackwell stated that these funds would only be used with

board approval. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Bobby Odom with a second by Russ Kilgore. All members approved.

Art Morris discussed the 2015-2016 Audit Review. There were issues cited in the review such as duplicate accounts, sponsorships that were showing as unpaid, missing receipts and various other items.

Jed Blackwell discussed the requirements for a Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation would have to be incorporated and named. A 1023 form would need to be filed for IRS approval for tax exemption status. Board members discussed the cost of this process. Jerry Cofield stated that tax exemption status is key to being able to successfully solicit for donations to the fund. Mike Smith asked if the Foundation would support the cost to maintain it. Board members agree that the Foundation should support this cost. Rick Tucker suggested that the name of the Foundation not be tied to just the scholarship and recommended naming it The Aviation Council of Alabama Foundation. Todd Storey asked if the Foundation would need a separate board. Jed Blackwell stated that the Foundation would need a separate board and its own bylaws. A motion for Jed Blackwell to proceed with the accountant and attorney on documentation for submission to IRS was made by Rick Tucker with a second by Col. Roosevelt Lewis. All members approved.

B. Legislative Committee Report

Rick Tucker thanked Jed Blackwell for the letters he wrote on behalf of ACA to oppose privatization of ATC and PFC charges. Art Morris discussed his conversation with Mr. Sam Graves, Co-Sponsor of HR 2997. After lengthy discussion over varying opinions regarding ACA's position on HR 2997, all members, with the exception of Thomas Hughes and Art Morris, agreed to remain in opposition to HR 2997.

C. Workshop/Annual Meeting Committee Report

Lynn Weldon stated that she sent out 490 registration packages for the conference. There have been a few new members as a result of the mail out. Sponsorship opportunities have almost been filled. Lynn discussed the Bama BBQ Bash being held on Monday night between Dreamland BBQ and Archibald's. She requested that everyone wear their favorite team's colors for this event.

D. Website Committee Report

No report.

E. Membership Report

Nikki Jordan stated that Southern Airways Chapter Women in Aviation International and Southern Museum of Flight are new members. General Aviation Services in Tuscaloosa and B-N-B Aviation plan to join ACA. Misty Jones stated that Hawthorne Global Aviation Services in Tuscaloosa and Amanda J. Hill with Maesawyr in Atlanta are new members.

Jed Blackwell discussed when invoices for Membership Dues should be sent each year. After discussion the board agreed that Misty would send out Membership Dues invoices on December 1st each year with Net 30 terms. There will be no proration applied to payments. A motion to approve was made by Rick Tucker with second by Nikki Jordan. All members approved.

F. Academic Relations Committee

Jerry Cofield stated that he would meet with Marlin Priest of NBAA and discuss the requirements for the Scholarship Foundation.

G. Corporate Liaison Committee

Ken Gilbert discussed aviation cars tags and polling the general membership at the conference to determine the level of support for them.

H. FY 2018 Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Chairman Kevin Vandeberg recommended the following individuals to serve as officers for 2017-2018:

President: Jed Blackwell
Vice-President: Todd Storey
Treasurer: Mike Smith
Secretary: Thomas Hughes

Chairman Vandeberg also recommended the ACA by-laws be modified to allow the ongoing progression of officers through the years. The job of Secretary would be filled by a sitting member of the Board of Directors. The position of Treasurer would be filled by the previous Secretary. The position of Vice-President would be filled by the previous Treasurer. The position of President would be filled by the previous Vice-President. The immediate Past-President would be filled by the previous President.

Ray Miller made a motion to approve the officers and changes to the ACA by-laws as recommended. Rick Tucker seconded the motion. All members unanimously approved.

Chairman Vandeberg recommended Menzo Driskell, Ray Miller, Art Morris, Jeff Powell & Mike Smith for re-appointment to the board for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2017 and expiring September 31, 2020. In addition, Kevin Vandeberg's term will expire as of September 31, 2017. Mr. Vandeberg recommends Ms. Leslie Murray (Director of Administration Services / Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport) be appointed for the upcoming three-year term effective October 1, 2017 and expiring September 31, 2020.

Russ Kilgore made a motion to approve the recommendations for board members as presented by Chairman Vandeberg. Jeff Powell seconded the motion. All members unanimously approved the recommendation.

Chairman Vandeberg recommended the following changes to the ACA by-laws:

1. Change the current associate membership to a corporate membership. Voting rights of this membership remain unchanged.
2. Establish a Corporate Committee chaired by the board's corporate representative.
3. Limit the number of corporate members serving on the board to one (1) member. In 2017 this member will be selected by the ACA Board of Directors. In 2018 this member will be selected by the Corporate Committee prior to the 2018 Annual General Membership Meeting in September.
4. Restrict service as a board officer to only board members with the exception of the corporate representative.

Rick Tucker made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Colonel Roosevelt Lewis seconded the motion. All members unanimously approved.

President's Report:

Jed Blackwell presented his recommendations for the Annual Conference Honorees. He recommended honoring Mr. Phil Perry, Mr. Ken Gilbert, Mr. Bobby Odom, Mrs. Courtney Tomberlin, Mr. Kevin Vandenberg, Mr. Art Morris and Mr. Fred Sington. A motion to approve this recommendation was made by Mike Smith with a second by Jeff Powell. All members approved.

ALDOT Report:

Jed Blackwell stated that Dr. Eagerton was pleased with ACA's opposition to HR 2997.

Open Discussion/New Business:

No new business.

Date/Time for Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board will be held on **Monday September 25, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.** in Tuscaloosa at the Bryant Conference Center.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made at 12:13 p.m. by Col. Roosevelt Lewis with second by Nikki Jordan. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Smith
Mike Smith, Secretary

August 16, 2017
Date