

**Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center
Montgomery, AL
February 9, 2016**

MINUTES (APPROVED)

Board Members Present:

Jed Blackwell	Thomas Hughes	Bobby Odom
Stephanie Blankenship	Russ Kilgore	Mike Smith
Menzo Driskell	Ray Miller	Todd Storey
Ken Gilbert	Art Morris III	Kevin Vandeberg

Board Members Absent:

Jerry Cofield , Grant DeMuth, Nikki Jordan, Col. Roosevelt Lewis, Phil Perry, Fred Sington, Courtney Tomberlin, Rick Tucker

Quorum:

Present

Others Present:

None

Call to Order:

President Kevin Vandeberg called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

Recognition of Guests and Visitors:

None

Minutes:

Secretary Todd Storey presented the minutes from the ACA Board of Directors Meeting, January 13, 2016, to the Board for approval. Russ Kilgore discussed the wording in the President's Report and questioned President Kevin Vandeberg if he meant terms of elected Board members or terms of elected Board of Directors officers. Kevin responded that he meant terms of elected Board of Directors officers.

Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Russ Kilgore, second by Jed Blackwell. Motion unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship informed Board of Directors that 27 airports have registered to attend the 2016 Alabama Aviation Legislative Workshop/Summit. She then distributed the agenda, ATTACHMENT "A", for the Legislative Workshop/Summit & Reception to the Board members. She informed Board members there will be minor changes to the agenda because a few of the presenters and the Governor might not be able to

keep their assigned time slot or attend all together. Stephanie then asked for volunteers to assist with registration in the morning from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie then requested Board members consider approving \$2,500 for travel to the SEC-AAAE Annual Conference to be held in Greenville, SC, May 1 - 3, 2016.

Motion to approve \$2,500 to attend the SEC-AAAE 2016 Annual Conference was made by Ray Miller, second by Menzo Driskell. Motion unanimously approved.

She then asked for those Directors in attendance at the Board meeting to confirm their commitment to travel to Washington, DC. Thomas Hughes, Mike Smith, and Kevin Vandenberg confirmed.

President's Report:

President Kevin Vandenberg expressed that he felt the ACA, as an organization, has done a lot of things right. We have also formed several new committees to be sure we continue to improve and to serve our membership even better into the future.

Kevin told Board members he has had several discussions with Dr. Eagerton, Bureau Chief - ALDOT Department of Aeronautics, regarding how the ACA Board could better serve the State of Alabama. Dr. Eagerton requested that the ACA Board keep his office better informed on the ACA State and Federal Legislative agenda. Kevin then expressed to Board members that the ACA legislative agenda is that of the membership and not just that of the Board. Tomorrow, during the Workshop, the ACA Legislative Committee will present to membership in order to set the legislative agenda for the Washington, DC trip.

The GAAA meeting in Guntersville, AL was attended by 30 - 40 people. Leases, hangar/tie-down agreements, business documentation and wildlife management were all discussed.

Kevin then reminded Board members to go online to take the survey regarding the NPIAS Report to Congress.

ALDOT Report:

No Report

ACA Member Comments:

No comments

Committee Reports:

A. Finance/Administration Report:

Treasurer and Chairperson Art Morris presented the ACA Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors for approval.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Ray Miller, second by Menzo Driskell. Motion unanimously approved.

B. Workshop/Annual Meeting Committee Report:

Chairperson Russ Kilgore reported that the committee has had several conference calls in the last week trying to finalize the agenda and speakers for the 2016 Legislative Workshop/Summit. A few of the scheduled or invited speakers had to back out at the last minute due to changes in their schedules. Planning for the 2016 Alabama Airports Conference and Annual Membership Meeting will move forward

as soon as the Workshop/Summit is complete. Stephanie has scheduled a side meeting with the Muscle Shoals group to discuss 2016 Annual Meeting plans. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th.

C. Legislative Committee Report:
No Report

D. Website Committee Report:
Secretary and Chairperson Todd Storey reported that the website has been kept up to date. A new Aviation Partners tab has been created. The thought is to populate this tab with the names, logos, areas of expertise and/or services provided, and contact information of our Sponsors and Exhibitors. Committee membership will need to get together to discuss the format of the information under this tab, gather this information, and then populate the tab.

E. Membership Committee Report:
No Report

F. Academic Relations Committee Report:
President Kevin Vandenberg reported that the committee is working on ideas for scholarship opportunities for students. The committee is considering awarding one or more scholarship(s) to aviation student(s) that attend either two (2) year or four (4) colleges/universities in the State of Alabama. Discussion and planning on this topic will continue.

G. Corporate Liaison Committee Report:
Chairperson Ken Gilbert reported that corporate organizations or partners are vital to fund the ACA. The committee will approach our corporate sponsors to see how we are doing and what we can do better as an organization. We want to be sure that we are adding value to membership, sponsors and exhibitors.

Old Business:

Secretary Todd Storey discussed attendance at the Tuskegee Airmen 75th Anniversary of the "Tuskegee Experience" to be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center, Montgomery, AL. He informed the Board that a table of ten (10) is \$1,007.95 and must be purchased on or before March 1, 2016 and this appears to be the only table option available. Board members approved to sponsor a table at its last meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Board members then discussed attendance at the gala and decided to fill five (5) seats with Board members and extend an offer to attend to five (5) guests.

New Business:

None

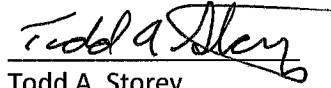
Date/Time for Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board will be held on **Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** Proposed location is in Montgomery, AL, at the Montgomery Regional Airport.

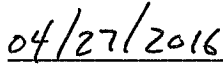
Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Ray Miller, second by Bobby Odom. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd A. Storey
Secretary
ACA Board of Directors



Date

Cc: ATTACHMENT "A"

AGENDA

2016 Alabama Aviation Legislative Workshop/Summit & Reception Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel - Montgomery
300 Tallapoosa Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Time:

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| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | Registration |
| 9:00 am - 9:15 am | Welcome and Announcements
Mr. Kevin Vandeberg, President, ACA |
| 9:15 am - 9:45 am | Importance of the Military on Alabama's Aviation Industry
Jack A. Holmes, Chief, Airfield Division and AT&A Officer |
| 9:45 am - 10:00 am | State of Alabama's Finances
Rep. Steve Clouse, Chair -Ways and Means General Fund |
| 10:00 am - 10:30 am | Unveiling of the Aviation Council of Alabama's Website |
| 10:30 am - 11:15 am | Present and Future of Drones In Alabama Airspace
Earl Thompson, Auburn University |
| 11:15 am - 11:45 am | Update on FY 2016 FAA Funding Outlook
Mr. Rans Black, FAA District Manager |
| 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm | Lunch with Governor Bentley (Invited) |
| 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm | Update on FY 2016 ALDOT Funding Outlook
Dr. John Egerton, Chief of the ALDOT Aeronautics Bureau |
| 2:15 pm - 2:45 pm | ACA's Legislative Agenda
Moderated by Mr. Rick Tucker, Board Member, ACA |
| 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm | Closing Remarks
Mr. Kevin Vandeberg, President, ACA |
| 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Reception |

