

**Aviation Council of Alabama
General Membership Meeting
Birmingham, Alabama
April 12, 2007; 8:30 a.m.**

The General Membership Meeting of the Aviation Council of Alabama met in session on Thursday, April 12, 2007 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Ballroom of the Hilton Perimeter Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. Those board members present were:

President:	Phil Perry
Vice President:	Russ Kilgore
Secretary:	Rick Tucker
Treasurer:	Art Morris
Past President:	Bill Hutto
Board Members:	Terry Capps Buzz Sawyer Ray Miller Col. Ro Lewis Kent Kelly Wayne Cameron Menzo Driskell
Executive Director:	Stephanie Blankenship
Board Members Absent:	Fred Sington

President Phil Perry presented the February 21, 2007 and March 21, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for review and approval by the Board. Upon motion by Board Member Ray Miller, seconded by Board Member Terry Capps, the motion for approval of the February 21, 2007 and March 21, 2007 Board of Directors Meetings Minutes passed unanimously.

President Perry called on Art Morris for the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Morris reviewed the March Balance Sheet and Profit Loss Statement. He noted that due to the diligence of Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship, the Aviation Council of Alabama was in excellent financial condition with a checking account balance of \$63,216. He noted that the Balance Sheet would show a slight abnormality due to some memberships being prepaid for the next year. Budgeted revenue was \$49,715 and actual revenue received to-date is \$51,430. He called for any questions regarding expenses noting there were no abnormalities. A motion was made by Vice President Russ Kilgore, seconded by Board Member Buzz Sawyer to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, said motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that the February and March Board of Directors Minutes as well as the Treasurer's Report would be posted on the Aviation Council of Alabama website the next week.

President Perry called for the Legislative Committee Report from Vice President Russ Kilgore. Vice President Kilgore stated the Aviation Council of Alabama Board was tracking the Tall Towers/Structures legislation which addresses the problem of tall towers encroaching airports throughout the state. More information regarding this legislation will be provided at the Friday 11 a.m. session. President Phil Perry noted the Board was also watching the Eminent Domain legislation.

President Perry called on Past President Bill Hutto for the Nominating Committee Report. Past President Bill Hutto presented the proposed slate of officers for the coming year and also the nomination of five board of directors positions for a three-year term, effective to-date to 2010: President – Russ Kilgore, Gulf Shores; Vice President – Rick Tucker, Huntsville; Secretary – Fred Sington, Gadsden; Treasurer – Art Morris, Dothan; Board Members nominated are Col. Ro Lewis, Bill Hutto, Kent Kelly, Russ Kilgore and Buzz Sawyer. A motion was made by Board Member Ray Miller to accept the Nominating Committee proposed slate of officers and board nomination positions as presented, seconded by Secretary Rick Tucker, the motion carried unanimously.

President Perry called for Old Business and reported that the planning and execution for the Alabama Airport Awards program did not get started early enough. After discussion, the Board decided to postpone the awards program for the current year and committed to begin the process early enough to develop a viable program with a criteria and selection process for next year's conference. Vice President Russ Kilgore reported that the Board of Directors of the Aviation Council of Alabama plans to develop a position regarding FAA Funding. He noted that many national organizations such as AAAE, ACI-NA, and NBAA have already developed positions on the FAA funding proposal. The current Airport Improvement Program expires September 30, 2007 and Congress will consider legislation to fund FAA programs which could significantly impact many airports. He asked the membership to review the draft position paper, distributed earlier in the morning, developed by the Board of Directors on the FAA Reauthorization Proposal currently being considered by Congress. Vice President Russ Kilgore reviewed the key position statements (Exhibit A). He called on Rick Tucker to provide an explanation on the PFC Entitlement Program as it is administered today versus the proposal in the Administrations new FAA Reauthorization Legislation. Vice President Kilgore asked the membership to submit any comments to the Board of Directors as soon as possible so that the Board may prepare the final document for submission to the Alabama Congressional Delegation in June.

President Phil Perry called for new business and there was none. He announced that a record had been set for the conference with registration reaching 210 participants and hopes are to see next year's conference in Huntsville grow by 10%. Incoming president Russ Kilgore expressed his appreciation to Phil Perry for serving as President of the Aviation Council of Alabama the past year and for graciously hosting all the Board of Directors Meetings at the Montgomery Airport. He asked to hold the May 16 meeting of the Board of Directors at the Montgomery Airport and then announced the next meeting of the Aviation Council of Alabama Board of Directors would be held May 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the board room of the Montgomery Airport.

There being no further business, a motion was made by member Buzz Sawyer to adjourn at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Rick Tucker, the motion passed unanimously.

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