

**Aviation Council of Alabama
General Membership Meeting
Birmingham, Alabama
May 16, 2007**

The General Membership Meeting of the Aviation Council of Alabama met in session on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Montgomery Airport, Montgomery, Alabama. Those board members present were:

President:	Russ Kilgore
Secretary:	Fred Sington
Treasurer:	Art Morris
Board Members:	Terry Capps
	Buzz Sawyer
	Ray Miller
	Col. Ro Lewis
	Wayne Cameron
	Bill Hutto
	Stephanie Blankenship

Board Members Absent:	Phil Perry:
	Rick Tucker:
	Kent Kelly
	Menzo Driskell

President Russ Kilgore called the meeting to order then presented the April minutes for review and approval by the Board. Upon motion by Board Member Ray Miller, seconded by Col. Ro Lewis, the motion for approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

President Kilgore called on Art Morris for the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Morris reviewed the April Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. He noted the fact that the conference was a success with more profit than expected and the cash position this year was better than last year. He also stated that we have to be very careful not to over spend or get in a position where we had to depend on future cash flow as opposed to our current balance. Ray Miller brought up the fact that we should try to find a bank that would pay some kind of interest rate on our money. This topic was discussed by all the members and finally Ray Miller made a motion, seconded by Bill Hutto, asking Art to check around for such an account..

The President's Report

President Kilgore suggested that we needed to monitor the Federal Rules Legislation as far as what they might or might not pass. It was expected that this would be passed in June. Actually it was passed the week after we adjourned. The one thing of the most

interest is a \$25.00 user fee although it was mentioned that prop planes would be exempted from such fee. It was stated that the State Aeronautics Department said whatever Rules were passed they would, in fact, back it up and make it part of their State Rules. Bill Hutto suggested that we write a letter to NIST supporting the Federal changes of standards and then also monitor some of the other groups. It was suggested that we should look at what happens and be concerned about the 70¢ fuel tax they were considering. At the next meeting there will be discussion on what passed and what the changes mean to general aviation in the State of Alabama.

There are still some self-fueling problems within general aviation, Tuskegee is still closed down, Col. Roe Lewis told us, because of a calibration problem. Auditing by the Agriculture Department from the State of Alabama is being done but there seems to be inconsistency in what they check and their findings. The Agriculture Commissioner seems powerless because this is not run by the people who are elected or appointed but rather by the bureaucrats within the department. It was suggested by the Board that we write a letter to the Agriculture Commissioner's Assistant explaining that while we support the fact that there should be checks on calibration so that none of our customers are shortchanged, we need some consistency and the use of common sense as far as fueling is concerned.

Russ Kilgore and Stephanie Blankenship were asked to write letter that would be signed off on by all represented airports of the Aviation Council and sent to Commissioner Sparks. The two issues that would be addressed in the letter are weights and measures and the inconsistency of enforcement. They also wanted to get a task force to study this problem. Russ Kilgore was asked to appoint a committee that would help ramrod and to move this effort forward.

The Congressional position letter that was suggested for the Board to use would be sent to our Congressmen and Senators. One of the things that President Kilgore suggested is that as many people that could attend the AAEE meeting June 10th-12th and go to the General Aviation meeting and express concern about this particular bill, particularly the parts that would affect the general aviation the most.

Executive Director's Report

Stephanie reported that all the feedback she has had on the conference has been good. The Board felt that a great job had really been done and the bar has been raised by not only the sessions but the banquet where Wayne Ates spoke. The next conference will be in April of next year in Huntsville, Alabama. Headquarters will be the Embassy Suites with activities in the South Hall of Von Braun Center.

Stephanie reported that she had been asked to speak at the County Commissioner's meeting in Auburn and would like some of the Board members to be down there at that time. She has 30 minutes on the program. Several people said they would try to be there. The dates and information will be emailed to everyone. Also, she reported that maybe we need to spend more time with County Commissioners as many airports are in Counties

and are controlled by them. The big meeting for the County Commissioner's is the 21st through the 23rd of August in Perdido. It was discussed by the Board of possibly needing some people down there. Stephanie was going to check to see if we didn't have a booth but just wanted to be there to meet and greet representing the Aviation Council whether she could get some passes.

Stephanie additionally reported that it was time to start working on the 2008 Conference, which will be held in Huntsville and at the same time begin to put together plans as to where the 2009 Conference will be held. She stated that Mobile seemed be interested in the possibility of coming on board with the Aviation Council and becoming part of the activities. If they do so, then Mobile would be an excellent location for the 2009 Conference. It was decided that a committee would get together within the next two to three weeks to plan 2008 and take a look at 2009. Stephanie said she would contact the Mobile people on whether they would be interested in hosting the Conference in Mobile. Another suggestion was that after the 2009 Mobile meeting, we go to Perdido in 2010.

Our June 20, 2007 meeting will be at the Andalusia-Opp Airport. They want to host this meeting and said they would have Seth Hammett meet with us. This will allow the Board a chance to express our concern about our height legislation and eminent domain. The Board agreed that we would meet at the Andalusia-Opp location. The July meeting will be will be an extended meeting including a planning session, at the RSA Terrace Plaza from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

At this time Fred Sington moved that we adjourn the regular meeting, Ray Miller gave second and the motion was unanimously approved. After adjourning the regular meeting an Executive session was called by President Kilgore for the discussion of several topics.

It was moved and seconded by the Board at the suggestion of President Kilgore, that we give a bonus to Stephanie for the job she has done this year, not only for the conference but also during the regular meetings during the past year. After much discussion, a motion was made by Bill Hutto, seconded by Ro Lewis that Stephanie be given a \$2,000 bonus. The motion was passed unanimously.

Secondly, President Kilgore discussed the fact that Stephanie has been offered a job by an engineering firm. It is a part-time job but does pay considerably more than we would be able to pay. There was concern by a number of our Board members that we would have an executive director who would be directly connected with one of the engineering firms that does airport work. There was concern that this would be a conflict of interest and that other engineering firms would be upset about the situation. After considerable conversation over the pros and cons, as far as Stephanie's new job offer was concerned, it was decided that we would give President Kilgore the ability to pay up to \$15,000 for Stephanie's salary next year. This is not as much as she would make with the engineering firm, but never the less a pretty good raise. Also, we urged him to insist that she file her travel records and be reimbursed for any expenses she incurs on the road. After this discussion by the Board it was approved to be brought up when the regular session reconvenes. Ro Lewis moved to adjourn the Executive session, seconded by Ray Miller

and the motion was unanimously approved. President Kilgore adjourned the Executive session.

President Kilgore then called the regular session back into session and immediately upon being reconvened Ray Miller moved to give Stephanie a \$2,000 bonus, Ro Lewis seconded and there was unanimous approval by the Board. Ro then made a motion to offer up to \$15,000 as an increase in salary and the President to negotiate the situation. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutto and unanimously approved by the Board.

President Kilgore said he would meet with Stephanie immediately after the meeting was adjourned and talk with her about the bonus and increase in salary and report the results to the Board. At this time President Kilgore asked for a move to adjourn, so made and the meeting was brought to a close.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hutto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".