

NEC-AAAE
CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING
PHILADELPHIA, PA
SUNDAY AUGUST 10, 2008

President Bill Hopper called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

Executive Secretary Dick Williams presented President Hopper with an official chapter gavel.

President Hopper recognized the conference planning committee, the City of Philadelphia, Mark Gayle and the Philadelphia airport staff for their hard work in planning and hosting the conference. Bill introduced Charlie Hostetter who presented a memorial in honor of John W. "Reds" MacFarlane, Sr. NEC-AAAE second president, who passed away in January 2008 at the age of 96.

Bill proclaimed Charlie Hostetter as the official chapter chaplain.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Executive Secretary Dick Williams reported on the chapter finances which were available on the front table, in the absence of Steve Korta. Dick presented an outline of the financial report of the chapter funds which was emailed to the membership last week. The report details the chapter income and expenses for 2006, 2007 and 2008 through the end of July. The chapter's budget for 2009 was also presented in the report. Dick noted that the chapter spent extra funds to support the 50th anniversary conference, including the creation and publication of the anniversary book which is available at the registration table for all attendees. The chapter will cut cost of mailing chapter newsletters saving about \$2,000 per issue three times per year. Gerry FitzGerald commended the Executive Committee for its financial report and oversight of the chapter funds. John Duval – as soon as conferences are over AAEE pays 75% of conference proceeds, and when the books are closed the balance is sent to the chapter. John pointed out that the chapter projected a net income of \$22,000 for the Large Hub Conference, however the proceeds will be closer to \$49,000.

President Hopper recognized Dick Williams and Steve Korta for their hard work with the audit.

The membership asked that they be emailed a link to the newsletter on the chapter website instead of being mailed the newsletter, allowing members to download and print the newsletter.

President Hopper opened a discussion about the IASS, and his discussions with John Duval and Buddy Comeau about Swift/Large Hub/SnoPo. There are a growing number of conferences available annually

and attendance is down at most of them. Bill and John pointed out that we have opened the lines of communication with the other events and had some discussion about trying to save monies by possibly combining the three events.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – **Brad Penrod** discussed the Past Presidents meeting which was held at Cape Cod in June, and 13 past presidents were in attendance. At the meeting the past presidents and the executive committee discussed the state of the chapter finances and the audit. Also discussed Swift/Large Hub/SnoPo, and seeking opportunities to work together. Everyone recognized the importance of the corporate sponsors and vendors at chapter conferences. The gathering agreed that the past presidents meeting should be a separate meeting rather than trying to find time to squeeze the meeting in at another conference.

SECRETARY REPORT – **Al Pollard** presented the minutes from the last chapter business meeting which was held in New Orleans in June. Buddy Comeau made a motion to approve the minutes and Bill Smith second. There were none in opposition and the minutes were accepted into chapter records.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - **Marshall Stevens** discussed the list of resolutions to be presented to the membership at the chapter business meeting on Tuesday. Buddy requested the resolution honoring President Hopper be read. Marshall read the resolution to the membership.

Executive Secretary Dick Williams welcomed John and Alice Dickerson.

President Hopper thanked Dick Williams for all his hard work on the chapter 50th anniversary, the 50th anniversary pins and the 50th anniversary book.

President Hopper awarded Executive emeritus to Alfred Graser for his many years of service and support to the chapter, and read the plaque being presented.

NATIONAL BOARD UPDATE – **Alex kashani** reported on the energy summit that was held in Washington DC last month to look at the energy crisis facing the industry. Energy Air Service task force, Emergency Response report, National Air Service policy report, to address the impacts of the fuel crisis. Alex noted that there has been a 10-15% seat reduction to most airlines, projected 45 million seat reduction. AIP, no funding, current funding expires in September. On the security front there has been discussion on oversight of 911 recommendations to include 100% screening of all baggage and cargo. There is

proposed climate and clean water legislation. Alex asked attendees to look at the proposed legislations and let their politicians know their position and possible impacts. PFC – the house passed \$7.00, nothing on the Senate side. Fire – funding and personnel issues being driven by NFPA that will have a major impact on airports and staffing levels. EDS funding – pilot program in place.

NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Steve Adams, reported that members have been asked to look at the nominating process, is it working, does it meet today's industry needs, is AAAE maximizing potential. NEC has been extremely fortunate with a host of qualified candidates to present as nominees at the national level, but not all chapters have had that luxury. Steve requested feedback on the process as it stands now. Is the process too long, does the accreditation process stand in the way? What is the thought of the chapter if the unofficial rotation goes away? We have the potential to get three members on the board. Steve encouraged any member who is interested in serving on the board to advise the Executive Committee. We have two regional seats for the chapter, but there are other opportunities as well. Gerry Fitzgerald spoke against the rotation process noting that it does not work anymore, and the best person should be supported. He made a motion that our representative to the nominating committee should be the best candidate and should not be based on rotation.

Tom Rafter spoke up in support on making sure that the candidate be accredited and not eroding away the intent of the accreditation process. Buddy Comeau stated that the most qualified candidate should be supported. Steve Adams – the nominating committee should be grooming its recommendation as time approaches. John Duval – yes we want the best person for the board, the chapter bylaws require candidates to be accredited to serve on the executive committee and the board. The chapter process limits the list of potential candidates; many people in the industry do not have the time to work through the chapter process serving on a committee. The nominating committee is also looking at ways to bring others into the nominating process other than those who have worked through the chapter process. John suggested that the chapter open up the potential candidate pool to be candidates outside the chapter process. Gerry FitzGerald made the motion that "the best qualified accredited member be supported". Bill Smith second the motion. After a vote, none were opposed and the motion passed.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS – Tim Edwards reported that there are an all time high number of accredited members, around 420. Three interviews were scheduled this week. Tim thanked Brad, Alex, Theresia, Bill Smith, Al and Bill Hopper for their help with the interviews at the conference. Tim also thanked Marshall and Theresia for their help coaching and mentoring candidates through the process. President Hopper thanked Tim for all his hard work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC RELATIONS – Rebecca Hupp reported that three students from Vaughn College are at the conference this year as part of the chapter's effort to increase student participation in chapter events by offering five complimentary registrations to students in our chapter region. The students helped with registration, tours, and various other events.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Mark Gayle reported that thus far there are 275 registered attendees for the annual conference. The Mayor of the city of Philadelphia will be here on Monday to address the conference attendees, and will present President Hopper with a proclamation. The Governor of Pennsylvania will be here on Tuesday to address the attendees at the luncheon.

ARFF CONFERENCE – Brad Penrod reported that registration is available online and class sizes are limited to thirty, and encouraged participants to register early.

BALCHEN POST – Dick Williams reported that the Balchen Post award is going well; in addition Alex Kashani has volunteered to help Dick with the Post award process.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES – Bill Smith reported that there are 420 current dues paying members of the chapter, of that number 114 members have not paid their dues for this year. The chapter wants to hear from members who are interested in working on this important committee.

LARGE HUB – John Duval reported that the Large Hub Winter Workshop will be held in Detroit next year. The last Large Hub was a great success and the chapter can expect a potential profit of approximately \$37,000 from the event. The New York Port Authority did a tremendous job with the event.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS – Theresia Schatz noted that three students have volunteered to be here at the conference and asked the membership to stop by the registration table and thank them. Theresia noted that some of the scholarships and grants deadlines will be altered to give applicants more time to submit their requests. The committee chair should let the Executive Committee review and application date change for final approval. The annual conference, SnoPo and ARFF application deadlines are all being reviewed. Marshall suggested that a deadline in advance of the current date be established, instead of a specific date.

SITE SELECTION – Bryan Corbett reported that the 2009 conference will be held in Baltimore Maryland, on August 9-13, 2009 at the Renaissance hotel on the waterfront at the Baltimore inner harbor. The 2010 conference is being reviewed; thus far Albany New York is the only city that has applied to host the conference.

SNOPO – Buffalo and Rochester are the only cities that have applied to host the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeanne Olivier asked the chapter to support a grant for foreign nationals to travel to our SnoPo, in the past the chapter supported a grant for the eastern Europeans. During her time in Iraq she noted that it snows in northern Iraq. Buddy noted that there is a grant to support equipment years. The motion is for the chapter to provide up to \$5,000 per person to attend the Snow Symposium in 2009. Gerry FitzGerald asked that the budget for 2009 be not changed and that money be taken from the current budget. John Duval noted that we had already tabled a discussion on additional support for scholarships and grants. Tom Rafter suggested that we table both until the next business meeting in the interest of time. Alex Kashani made a motion to table the discussion until the next business meeting.

Mr. Rubenstein of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey commented on the issue of slots auction in New York. Unprecedented steps by the federal government to control airport slots, an issue that all airports should be concerned with.

John Duval thanked Alex for his report and highlighted the fuel crisis and the impact on airlines and airports. John recommended a resolution in support of the energy and air service task force. John acknowledged Charlie Hostetter recognition of James MacFarlane. He also noted that John Connors also passed away this year.

The chapter should be following up with first time attendees and exhibitors.

Executive secretary Williams reported that the next chapter business meeting will be held at the City Tavern, at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, the same venue used by the founding fathers to settle real issues.

Buddy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jeanne Olivier second the motion.

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TUESDAY AUGUST 12, 2008

President Bill Hopper thanked the membership their attendance and support

Vice President Marshall Stevens read the following five resolutions:

1. Thanking the sponsors and exhibitors
2. Thanking the staff of the Hyatt Regency at Penn's Landing
3. Thanking the conference host Charles Isdel, Mark Gayle, and the staff of the Philadelphia airport.
4. Thanking President Bill Hopper
5. Thanking Chris T. Bart, A.A.E., AAAE Chair

Dick Williams made a motion to accept the resolutions and Alex Kashani second. There were none in opposition.

President Hopper recognized current AAAE Chair, Jim Elwood, A.A.E., who was in attendance.

John Duval read a resolution to support the AAAE Energy Air Service task force. Vice President Stephens made a motion to accept the resolution and Alex Kashani second. None opposed.

Nominating Committee – Past President Brad Penrod reported on the results of the committee's interviews for Chapter Secretary. The new Chapter Secretary is Ms. Rebecca Hupp, from Bangor International Airport, Bangor Maine. John Duval made motion to accept Ms. Hupp as the new Secretary, and Bill Smith second. None opposed.

Tim Edwards recognized two newly accredited members who successfully completed their final interview during the conference this week, Mr. Ashish Solanki, Director of Regional Aviation with the Maryland Aviation Administration and Ms. Jennifer Class, staff member with AAAE.

BYLAW CHANGES

Dick Williams made a motion to accept changes which were presented to the membership and Ann Cook second. Unanimous vote, none opposed, motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Buddy Comeau raised the question regarding Jeanne's motion for \$10,000 to support foreign nationals attendance to the Snow Symposium. Marshall noted that we have \$20,000 budgeted for scholarships and this motion would cut from monies available to chapter students. Alex commented that the \$10,000 we pay out for the ASOS could possibly be eliminated because attendance is over 95. Al Graser detailed the history of the payment to AAAE in support of the ASOS class at the SnoPo. Jeanne noted that our member's scholarship program is critical even though it is not always fully used and she would not want to take away from services to our members. Buddy second Jeanne's motion for the chapter to support up to \$10,000 for Iraqi's to attend the SnoPo in 2009. All were in favor and none opposed. The chapter will continue to work with AAAE on this.

Buddy made a motion for the chapter to pay for one night hotel stay for Past Presidents who attend the Past President's meeting. Bill Smith second the motion and none opposed.

Alex Kashani made a motion for the chapter to form a Disaster Operations Group. Buddy second the motion and none opposed.

Marshall – talked about the scholarship fund and endowment noting that last year the endowment reached its \$2 million goal. The program was extended and scholarship amounts were increased. We match dollar for dollar all AAAE scholarships to students in our chapter. Jim Elwood noted that anything we reinvest in our future is a good thing. The question is would the \$3,500 go to the ALA or to the scholarship fund.

John Duval – noted that we will get \$37,000 from the Large Hub, not the \$22,000 that is projected in the budget. Buddy made a motion to leave it up to the Executive Committee and Jeanne Olivier second. Motion passed and none opposed.

Mark Gayle reported that there were a total of 409 registrants to the conference.

Bill Hopper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bryan Corbett second.