

SAFE Board of Directors

Board Meeting

Minutes

March 16, 2011



Call to order

Meeting called to order at 2010 EDT by Chairman Doug Stewart

Roll call

Mark Adams

Cliff Chetwin

Arlynn McMahon

Tom Benenson

Alan Davis

Doug Stewart

Larry Bothe

John Dorcey

Donna Wilt

Approval of minutes

Alan moved that we approve minutes of the February 9, 2011 meeting. Donna provided the second, the vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's report

Income for the month of February was just shy of \$2000 in membership sales.

Expenses totaled \$5406 which included Sun 'n Fun equipment rental, AirVenture booth rent, Doug travel reimbursement, and professional fees.

Committee reports

Mentoring

Donna reported the Press Release is nearing completion.

Donna moved that the board approve members of the ad hoc Mentoring Governance Committee: Nina Anderson, Tom Benenson, John Geitz, Arlynn McMahon (chief mentor), Jack Vandeventer, Shane Vande Voort, and Donna Wilt (chair). Alan provided the second, the vote unanimous.

Donna then raised the question of mentor references. A discussion ensued with no changes suggested.

Training Reform Symposium

Doug provided an update. FAA will be represented by Administrator Randy Babbitt and John McGraw (AFS-1). Sponsors continue to forward for the symposium. Registrations also continue with nearly 100 participants registered to date. Hotel discount ends April 4.

Library Update

Alan reported that articles from the FAA's January and February issues of Safety Briefing are uploaded. Submissions to library have slowed. Tracking of library users is under study.

Old Business

Insurance

Doug has nothing to report.

Database Integration

Project has stalled, SAFE member Radek Wyrzykowski (IMC Clubs) has volunteered to assist.

WAI / SAFE Scholarship

Doug awarded the scholarship during the WAI Conference. Doug will contact WAI regarding continuing the scholarship in 2012.

501C3 Status Update

Mark reported that communication with the IRS continues.

Board Elections

Mark reported that nine candidates completed the interview process, including three incumbents. The Nominations Committee recommended that all nine be approved by the board. Alan moved that the board accept the nominees put forward by the nominating committee. Cliff provided the second. Donna, John, and Tom abstained from voting. The vote was unanimous 6-0 with three abstaining

Government Relations Committee

Mark suggested that this topic be tabled until the April meeting. Approved.

Sun n'Fun 2011

Doug reported that exhibit and breakfast details have been finalized. He asked that anyone attending the breakfast to sign-up early. Light Speed will be conducting a side-by-side comparison of headsets with a drawing awarding a Light Speed headset from among participants.

Mark reported on exhibit volunteer sign-up. A board member will be in the tent every day. Volunteer incentive was next discussed. John moved that Mark be empowered to handle volunteer recognition and support, Larry provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

International Learn to Fly Day

Tabled until Rich can provide input.

AirVenture 2011

John reported that the catering company provided three options for banquet choices. He emailed catering options to board members.

New Business

General Accountability Office (GAO)

SAFE was asked to participate in an interview with GAO staff. The topic was the GAO study of Colgan Air Flight 3407 crash, February 12, 2009. Doug and Bob Wright represented SAFE during the interview. GAO staff appreciated our perspective and input.

Robert Hadow petitions FAA

Doug reviewed SAFE member Hadow's petition to the FAA. Discussion centered on how best to support his effort. The board agreed that SAFE membership would best be served by making this an educational effort through the newsletter. Doug will contact Robert and advise him of how his request will be supported.

Pat Knight request

Pat committed to representing SAFE at an Airman Knowledge Training and Testing Program Review at Oklahoma City. Her travel expenses include airline fare and hotel accommodations. She asked for reimbursement of airline fare. Tom moved that SAFE reimburse Pat for the cost of her airline ticket, Alan provided the second. The vote was unanimous. Doug will advise Pat and ask that she provide a copy of her receipt to Larry.

A policy regarding this topic will be on the April 13 meeting agenda.

Advisory Circular 61-91J

Agenda item added at Doug's request.

The Wings Program AC will be an item in the upcoming SAFE E-news. Doug asked if SAFE should poll our members regarding the renewal of CFI certificates based on Wings activity. The board agreed that knowing how our membership feels about the issue will benefit all involved. Doug will work with Donna on the survey.

Next meeting / Adjournment

The next board meeting will be April 13, 2011. Alan moved for adjournment. Larry provided the second. There was no discussion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 2131 EDT.