



# SAFE Board of Directors Official Approved Minutes January 2018 Meeting

## SAFE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

On Line

January 16, 2018

- I. Chair David called meeting to order at 2000
- II. Secretary Mike Vivion called roll:
  - David St. George, Chair                      Mike Vivion, Secretary
  - David Dempsey, Vice Chair                Mike Garrison
  - Parvez Dara, Treasurer
  - Hobie Tomlinson
  - Charles McDougal
  - 7 of 9 Present—Quorum met
- III. A correction was pointed out to the minutes of the December Board meeting. The draft minutes stated that we need a Governance Committee, but in fact, we have a Governance Committee, it simply needs to be re-energized. Mike Garrison moved to accept December minutes with that change, Parvez Seconded. Motion passed unanimous.

Parvez moved to accept the January meeting proposed agenda, Mike Garrison seconded, motion passed unanimous.
- IV. Treasurer's report: Parvez reported that the final income numbers from 2017 came in 5% above the budget projections, and actual 2017 expenses were 3% below projected expenses.

SAFE accepted a \$10,000 deferred income item, which is essentially holding those funds for the Wings award program.

Membership continues to grow, and we received \$1500 from a sponsor last month.

Parvez reported that we currently have \$43,541 in cash, and \$20,106.21 in savings. He suggested that we move \$10,000 more into savings, then put approximately half (\$15,000) into some type of instrument that will actually earn some interest.

Mike Vivion moved that we move \$10K into savings, and invest \$15K from savings into an interest bearing instrument, such as CD or other investment. David Dempsey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

David St. George requested that Parvez prepare a budget projection for 2018. Parvez agreed to do so this week.

A suggestion was noted that we may want to track life memberships, since those may affect the budget estimates in future years, since they are one time income.

#### V. Old Business:

A discussion ensued about the Governance Committee. Essentially, we need to appoint

Chair for that Committee and get the Committee active once more.

David St. George

suggested that we should all be thinking about who we want on the Board of Directors

of SAFE. We need to find some new volunteers. Charles asked how candidates we will

need, and David St. George said we could use three or four good candidates.

Charles pointed out that we should start locating these folks soon, since the process

should start in February.

There was a short discussion about what skills we need for Board candidates, including

promotional and marketing skills, as well as social media skills.

Eric is still experiencing difficulties with the web site. He is trying to decide how to

switch web hosts without losing functions/data from the old version.

It was pointed out that there is still some “Old news” shown on the front page of the

web site. David St. George said he would remove the outdated material.

Considerable discussion followed about whether to abandon the new site, and try to fix

the old site, or to continue to attempt to find a way to carry everything over to the new

site. Essentially, the web site is our cash box, so it’s essential we not lose that

functionality.

#### VI. New Business:

a) A new live stream will be running on February 8<sup>th</sup> with Rod Machado discussing the “Improbable Turn”.

b) David Dempsey discussed goals and missions for SAFE. He pointed out that many of the goals from 2012 to 2015 have in fact been completed.

He asked us to consider developing two or three future priority goals as well as how we might implement and fund these goals. Some suggestions were:  
Reaching out to young flight instructors.  
Improving CFI's understanding of aerodynamics and basic skills.  
Addressing the apparent widespread loss of basic stick and rudder skills.  
What does good flying and teaching really mean?

- c) Paul Berger Wings Initiative: SAFE is holding the \$10,000 prize money as a distribution to be awarded in the Wings initiative.
- d) David St. George asked the Board if he should attend the US Sport Plane Expo in Sebring, FL. This year. The only cost would be his air fare: \$380. Mike Vivion made a motion that SAFE fund David St. George to attend the US Sport Plane Expo. David Dempsey seconded. Motion passed unanimous, St. George recused himself.

David St. George requested that we bring names of prospective Board members to our next meeting, which will be held on February 20, at 2000 Eastern Time.

VII. Parvez Dara moved to adjourn and David Dempsey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.