

Minutes
State WPA Board Meeting
July 10, 2004,
Arlington Airport (Paine Field), Arlington, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President Kirk Kleinholz at 11:00. The following officers, directors, and Chapters representatives were present **or absent** as indicated:

Present	Absent
President	Secretary
Vice President East	Treasurer
Vice President West	Director – Safety & Education
Director – Legislative Affairs	Director – Search & Rescue
Director – Airports	Greater Seattle
Director - Membership	Harvey Field
Anacortes	Colville Valley
Green River	Deer Park
North Sound	Okanogan County
Paine Field	Southwest
Spokane	Twin Harbors
	Wenatchee
	Yakima Valley

11:00 Minutes: In absence of the Secretary, Bob Dempster, WPA member-at-large, volunteered to record the board meeting minutes. Minutes of the last board meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

11:05 Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer David Almvig was not present. A brief overview of the current balance sheet was give by President Kirk Kleinholz.

11:10 Presentation of Wright Brothers Master Pilot awards by Scott Gardiner of Seattle FSDO:

The first two examples of this relatively new Award given to pilots in western Washington were presented to Paul Culman and Don White, celebrating their years of flight. The award honors men and women with a record of at least 50 consecutive years as active certificated pilots. Both of the gentlemen honored related stories of their early years of flight, although one stated that some of his stories couldn’t be told in mixed company—alluding to the youth and rough-and-ready days of aviation in the 30s.

11:20 Directors’ Reports:

- Airports — Tom Jensen presented the membership report and discussed the fact that the NASCAR site in Arlington was opposed by the EAA. Tom will also be drafting a Position Paper on the proposed runway closure at The Dalles Airport, to be reviewed by

President Kleinholz and submitted by the July 15th deadline of the public comment period.

- Legislative Affairs — Jack Mc Goldrick passed on to the President information on the State Aviation Systems Plan and also spoke about AOPA's position on The Dalles proposed runway closure.

- Membership — Patty Wood's membership report was presented by Tom Jensen. WPA membership in June 2003 was 872. May 2004 showed a drop in numbers to 709. About 200 renewals were processed for Paine Field members in one day, plus 8 new members and 6 pending, so the membership count on June 4, 2004 was 920. Joe Bryant has the most current end-of-month membership data.

The online renewals are working well, thanks to the use of Arthur Berken's company, Seattle Lux, and credit card processing.

11:40 Old Business:

- Sixth Directorship: Parliamentarian or Public Information Officer? Discussion of the scope of the Public Information Officer's focus. The committee appointed to review by laws, consisting of John Dobson, Al Banholzer, and Jim Smith, will also be considering the description and duties for the newly filled sixth Director's position.

- Web Site:

Alan Negrin, newly appointed Public Information Officer (PIO) will be working in coming months on soliciting regular submissions of information for the State WSPA website. Additionally, President Kleinholz is recommending the consideration of adopting several new features on the website, including a Members-only section, and self-serve posting of articles by designated chapter representatives.

- Membership Application Pamphlet:

Membership pamphlets, as reported by President Kleinholz, are in short supply. No pamphlets were produced as approved in the last board meeting because we did not have a booth at the Arlington airshow. A small print run is still required, however, pending an updating or possible redesign of the brochure. If you have comments or suggestions on the pamphlet content and layout, contact John Dobson; also let him know if you have urgent need for a supply of pamphlets in the short term.

- Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show:

President Kleinholz has been attempting to have discussions with organizers of the Northwest conference and Trade Show in Puyallup. He expressed the need for WPA to be more involved. One example could be to sponsor a speaker for the event. Also, WPA providing volunteers to assist with the show would be another avenue of participation. Also discussed was the possibility to move the venue to an airport location.

12:10 New Business:

Guests WSDOT Aviation Division's Director John Sibold introduced Bob Dempster, Washington Seaplane Pilots Association President. Mr. Sibold expressed his vision of an aviation conference that would include all aviation groups in Washington State, meeting once a year to exchange ideas and to explore parallels in the individual groups' ideas. This would facilitate cohesive legislative action.

- Possible Political Agenda Items:

Brainstorming on possible political agenda topics brought these ideas forward:

1. NPRM for Restricted area at Bangor. The Bangor TFR, according to AOPA, seems to be of greatest security interest for a permanent restriction.
2. Proposed runway closure at The Dalles (DLS) (comment period ends 15 July; action by Tom Nesko?) The Dalles runway closure, as clarified, is not supposed to include all runways. Tom Jensen will draft a position paper.
3. Anacortes perimeter fence dispute and obstruction clearance. The FAA wants to fence the entire airport property, while the surrounding community insists the fencing closes in the runway and aircraft movement areas. There is a feeling that this is an effort to place further restrictions upon airport use and development and ultimately strangle the airport out of existence.

- New Treasurer needed: Treasurer David Almvig would like to retire his position, but will stay on until a replacement comes forward.

12:20 For the Good of the Order

Ms. Barbara Tolbert, Executive Director of the NW EAA Arlington Fly-In, made a presentation about event facility development and a Capital Campaign Project for the expansion of aviation educational facilities at Arlington Airport. President Kleinholz thanked Ms. Tolbert, for generously donating free use of the event tent for this meeting, as booth space was filled, with over 200 Exhibitors remaining on the waiting list that were not represented at EAA Arlington. A motion was made to contribute \$500 toward the Capital Campaign Facilities Expansion Program. This would expand exhibit areas and educational forums. The goal at the airshow was to raise \$100,000. The kickoff was by a private donor, who pledged \$50,000. That was followed by Peter Anderson, of Galvin Flying Service in Seattle, who pledged an additional \$30,000. After some discussion, enthusiasm prevailed, and the motion was tabled to discuss a suggestion of increasing the WPA donation to \$1,000. As the donation would serve to support a public/private venue, it was decided to table the issue for further discussion at the next board meeting.

- President Kleinholz explained that a major thrust of his organizational efforts in his remaining term will be to form and build relationships within the flying community. He reminded directors and WPA officers that, for the good of the organization, they must honor their commitments and attend events and meetings, even if they have to drive. If they feel that they are unable to fulfill these obligations, they should ask to be relieved. He went on to say that—of the approximately 20,000 registered pilots in Washington State—only about 1,000 are WPA members. This is a disappointingly small number, especially as the WPA is representing the state's pilots in many issues that affect us all. It

also indicates that our message is not reaching enough pilots and that we should look to create new chapters. There's a tremendous talent in the pilot community and this could be brought to the many tasks ahead for the benefit of all.

The possible formation of a new chapter at Pierce County (Thun Field) was discussed. Efforts to create a new chapter there will be supported by officers who have identified a willing chapter leader and significant interest by pilots at that airport

12:30 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm by WPA President Kirk Kleinholz.