

Minutes
State WPA Board Meeting
May 22nd, 2004,
Snohomish County Airport (Paine Field), Everett, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President Kirk Kleinholz at 1:15. The following officers, directors, and Chapters representatives were present **or absent** as indicated:

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

Treasurers Report: David Almvig reported that the current treasury consists of \$30,667.00 of which \$13,200.00 is in the Airport Fund. The “airport fund” was originally set up to aid in lobby efforts. Note: Mr. Almvig has requested that any member interested in service the WPA as State Treasurer contact him or a state officer. He is seeking a replacement.

Board Position - Past President: As Mr. H. Smith has resigned his Board position of Immediate Past President, Mr. Al Banholzer, the previous Past President, has agreed to once again serve in that capacity. A motion, second and Board approval reaffirmed his position.

Standing Director Reports

Safety and Education: (Al Hunter, Absent) President Kirk Kleinholz introduced Mr. Jim Faustina, Paine Chapter Safety and Ed Chair. Over the past year Mr. Faustina, an employee of Goodrich Aerospace, has developed a very successful series of owner maintenance seminars for the PAE Chapter. (Mr. Faustina was selected Pilot of the Year for 2003 for his efforts.) Mr. Kleinholz will direct Mr. Hunter to contact Mr. Faustina for the purpose of duplicating some of his programs for use at other Chapters.

Airports: (Tom Jenson) Mr. Jenson has reestablished contact with AOPA Regional representatives in order to develop a closer working relationship. Mr. Jenson is also assembling a list of AOPA airport representatives for the same purpose.

Legislative Affairs: (Jack McGoldrick, Absent) President Kleinholz advised that he would be directing Mr. McGoldrick to expand the scope of his responsibilities to compile a complete list of contacts for all relevant aviation groups, organizations, government agencies, and entities in the state of Washington. The purpose will be to guide the WPA in expanding our affiliation with other groups and entities in order to increase our effectiveness.

Mr. Kleinholz advised he is now on the Aviation Advisory Committee. Additionally, he has been appointed to serve on a task force appointed by the Aviation Division for the purpose of determining the criteria for identifying and categorizing airports of statewide significance. The Aviation Division expects that process ultimate to serve as some based for future allocations of funds for airport maintenance and development.

Search and Rescue: (Tom Nesko, Absent) Mr. Ron Baker VP East reminded everyone present that Search and Rescue operations conducted by WPA volunteers is not covered by state L&I. Mr. Jim Smith, Parliamentarian, suggested that L&I benefits may be tied to payroll which would make coverage difficult. Mr. Baker agreed to research the issue for the next Board Meeting.

Membership: (Joe Bryant, Absent)

Parliamentarian: (Jim Smith) Discussion about proposed modifications of the State WPA By-Laws was preceded by the Motion, Second and Board Approval of Jim Smith to the fill the previously vacant and untitled directorship, with the new title of Parliamentarian. As part of Mr. Smith's responsibilities, Mr. Kleinholz asked that the procedures for voting in the February 2005 election be rewritten with the goal of achieving 51% turnout. The system may include mail-in voting, online systems, etc.

OLD and NEW Business

Web Site: (Rick Wickman) Mr. Wickman reported the current State website is getting "hit" with 60 to 70 inquiries per day. He also advised that he has purchased new software that should make it easier for the website to stay current. He is also hopeful that self-serve posting by individual chapters may become a reality.

Domain Name Renewal: Motion, second and Board Approval was given to spend \$100 to renew the WPAFLYS.org domain name for 5 years. A significant discount is thus achieved over the cost of annual renewal.

Credit Card Processing: The current system for Credit Card Processing is very complicated. In short, Arthur Berkell has granted the WPA access to on-line credit card transaction processing for his own company, called Seattle Luxe. The Board considered three options, analyzed and presented by Arthur (via written report, due to his excused absence). Ultimately, the board agreed with Arthur's recommendation that the current system, while not ideal, is most affordable while providing the best and most flexible

functionality for WPA. A motion, second and Board approval was given to maintain the current process through Seattle Luxe, with two additions. First, Seattle Luxe will be reimbursed \$29.95 monthly and second, an immediate return notice to members paying with credit cards will be sent. The notice will state that Seattle Luxe will be displayed on their credit card statement and that it is representing the WPA.

Membership Application Pamphlet: With the upcoming EAA fly-in at Arlington a motion was made, seconded and Board approved to print a limited batch of applications pamphlets in the current format (with appropriate additions for the new Anacortes chapter), with a maximum expenditure of \$250.00. In addition Joe Bryant, Richard Cook and John Dobson will look into a redesign of the State pamphlet following resolution of dues and by-laws issues.

Public Information Officer: Alan Negrin (Paine Field Chapter) has agreed to chair this new position. The Board conducted a lengthy discussion about the ability to communicate with all members on a timely basis. Mr. Negrin has been tasked with developing a communications strategy. In part he will be responsible for press releases about noteworthy WPA events and actions, as well as soliciting content for the web site and Wings newsletter.

Northwest Aviation Conference: President Kleinholz has made clear his position that the WPA should take a more dominant role in the aviation conference. He has asked that the WPA select a committee to review the feasibility of increasing our participation or full sponsorship of the event.

By-Laws Review: Mr. Jim Smith, Parliamentarian, and the committee are continuing with the review.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50pm.