



WPA State Board Meeting

March 19, 20, 2005

Wenatchee, WA

Jim Smith, President
Kirk Kleinholz, Past President
Dale Terwedo, VP West, Treasurer
Ron Baker, VP East
John Townsley, Legislative
John Dobson, At Large
Joe Bryant, Membership
Al Hunter, Safety/Education
Blake McKinley, Spokane
Jim Faustina, Paine Field
Al Holz, Harvey
Gary Evans, WASAR

Not Present:

Arthur Berkell, Secretary
Tom Jensen, Airports
Tom Nesko, Search & Rescue

12:00p Call to order
Introductions of attendees.

President's Comments: Jim Smith welcomed and thanked all attendees for coming.

Presentation of plaque to Kirk Kleinholz for service as State 2004-2005 President.

Treasurer's Report: \$45,000 in all accounts. Signing authority on checking account has not yet been transferred to Dale, but the process has been initiated.

Dale is working on understanding and improving our system for processing new memberships and membership renewals. Dale is the poster child, since his membership application submitted in May 04 has not yet been recorded in the state database. Dale will be working with Patty Wood to improve our processes.

Director's Reports:

Safety: Al Hunter discussed the Mountain Flying Seminar, which has been running for 9 years. Need more outreach to outlying chapters.

Legislative: 6 bills in Olympia:

- Citizens committee on noise abatement
- 5414: current version would eliminate pilot/mechanic registration fees and substitute an additional \$.01/gallon fuel tax and adjust some exemptions from the fuel tax. Also changes to definition of pilot.
- 6039: discusses fuel tax exemptions.
- Other bills of minor relevance.
- Gary Evans and WASAR is working closely with Aviation Division regarding S&R funding.

Search & Rescue: Gary Evans on behalf of Tom Nesko. 5414 would eliminate dedicated funding from S&R. Tom Peterson believes the bill is very likely to pass. It appears the bill has tremendous support in the legislature. WASAR would prefer to see the dedicated funding maintained, but is pragmatic about the Aviation Director's desire to have discretion over the total budget. Tom Peterson is doing a good job of improving the status of capital investments in equipment, and John Sibold has been supportive on nearly all requests to date. John Sibold is proving to be reliable in his statements of support for S&R, but clearly is also well focused on maintenance of airport infrastructure.

Gary reports WASAR and CAP currently have a very good working relationship, much improved over years past. CAP is improving their training to adhere to current standards in print. It is rumored that some would like to see CAP take on total responsibility for S&R, but CAP leadership freely admit they are not currently capable of taking on that full mission.

Membership: Joe Bryant wants to see WPA clarify distinction between WPA membership and State Pilot Registration. Also need to move forward with printing membership pamphlets.

Director at Large: John Dobson is looking forward to taking on any special projects at the Board's convenience. President Jim Smith has lots of good ideas to fill John's time!

VP East: Nothing to report.

VP West: Dale has been working very closely with the interim treasure – himself!

Old Business:

Mission statement is still being worked on. Anticipate a final statement will be adopted by board action by the end of this weekend's retreat.

By-laws updates: A committee worked in 2004 to create a list of items that may need to be updated. That work will continue in 2005. First priority is adopting the mission statement.

Web Site: Currently the site is somewhat out of date. Webmaster Rick Wickman has informed the board he wishes to terminate our contract for his maintenance and hosting of the site. Jim Smith has started working with a professional web site developer to improve the appearance and functionality of the site and to identify a new hosting entity. We will appoint web site managers from among our membership to ensure maintenance of the site is relevant and timely.

Cost of the site development and hosting has been quoted as follows:

\$1,000 for site design

\$15/mo. for hosting

\$100/mo. for maintenance and posting of new information

Motion was made and seconded to authorize these expenditures as maximum amounts. Motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion of the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show, organized by WAA. For many years that has been the site of our annual general membership meeting. The Aviation Division has expressed interest in supporting an annual fly-in or convention separate from the conference/trade show.

Al Hunter advocates for co-locating an annual meeting with the mountain flying seminar in Wenatchee.

John Townsley recommends we should host a periodic statewide conference, distinct from the NW trade show.

Kirk Kleinholz recommends at least two annual membership meetings.

New Business – Directors' Objectives and Goals for 2005

Membership: Joe Bryant reports we have a significant need to clarify the dues structure. Currently differences between chapter dues amounts complicates the administration of new memberships and renewals. Joe will be the chairperson in charge of the WPA booth at the Arlington fly-in.

Jim Smith pointed out that discount dues as offered at the Puyallup trade show are not allowed for under our current by-laws. Jim Smith also stated his goal is to increase our membership by 50% by the end of 2005.

A group of pilots in Bremerton has requested consideration of creating a new chapter. They have requested WPA representatives make a presentation at their April meeting. A similar group exists at Port Townsend (Jefferson County Airport).

Legislative: John Townsley wants to see us adopt a legislative agenda. He also recommends we organize a “Legislative Day” in Olympia with pilot and FBO participation to make ourselves visible to legislators, build relationships and advance our agenda. Al Hunter and John reinforced the importance of being face-to-face with our lawmakers.

Blake reports Felts Field is contemplating organizing a “Neighbors Day” event for public outreach on behalf of the airport.

Jim Smith requests John Townsley to coordinate with the Paine Field and Spokane chapters regarding public and political outreach in conjunction with their local airport open house events.

Airport Affairs: Jim Smith has a letter from a member regarding the proposed elimination of the stand-alone NDB Approach at Paine Field. He recommends the executive committee consider whether WPA should take a position on this issue.

Jim Scott of Aviation Division has expressed some interest in seeing if WPA might take on more involvement in the Adopt-an-Airport program.

Safety & Education: Al Hunter reports his main focus has been the Mountain Flying Seminar. Al understands the FAA intends to turn over the entire aviation safety education and aviation safety counselor programs to AOPA Safety Foundation (ASF) at some future date. Jim Smith requests Al work with him on coordinating a greater involvement in safety and education issues and events in the state. John Townsley recommends we investigate whether the FAA may allocate specific funds for WPA and similar organizations to deliver training similar or equivalent to that now offered by FAA programs.

Al Hunter believe the Aviation Division may be agreeable to providing financial support to the mountain flying clinic in lieu of participation by AD staff. WPA should investigate the possibility of getting a grant from the AD.

Al Hunter would also like to coordinate a 1- or 2-day training session with WASAR assets as a means to attracting more training pilots for the mountain flying clinic. Gary Evans reports Tom Peterson is concerned new mountain flying pilots are being trained “just well enough to be dangerous” in flying in the mountains through over-confidence. Tom Peterson would also like to see more training of mountain flying for search pilots.

Special Projects: John Dobson wants to work on improving our image through printed materials and our overall communication strategy.

VP East: Ron Baker wants to become more involved in working on membership issues.

VP West: Dale Terwedo is fully focused on the President's objective of "organizing the organization", including systemizing our processes.

Past President: Kirk Kleinholz challenges all board members to visit as many chapters as possible through the year. Kirk would also like to remain involved as a spokesperson in public and political outreach activities.

Other New Business

Anacortes Airport: Jim Smith is monitoring issues regarding perceived threats to Anacortes Airport, including discussions with AOPA and local airport users at Anacortes.

Records Manager: We have had a contract for 2 years with Patty Wood to maintain our membership records. That contract is expiring end of March; cost has been approx. \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year for that service. Jim and Dale are reviewing that contract.

Motion was made and seconded authorizing Jim to renegotiate that contract or to contract with another provider. Jim will consult with the board on his findings and has the authorization to contract for services at his discretion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Schedule: The following schedule of board meetings has been set by Jim Smith:

19 March:	Wenatchee retreat
09 July:	Arlington Fly-in (7:00p dinner meeting)
28 January:	Board wrap up and prep for annual meeting, 12:00p at Paine Field
25 Feb 06:	Annual meeting in Puyallup (subject to change), 12:00p

An additional meeting may be scheduled in conjunction with the mountain flying seminar sometime in September.

2:00p Meeting adjourned.

The Board was reconvened on Sunday at 9:00 and unanimously approved the following items:

- Adoption of the mission statement
- Approved retreat for next year to be the same location and similar dates
- Agreed that the budget will be approved through consensus via email

The Board then adjourned and continued the retreat.