

There were 34 members in attendance at the Washington Section Business Meeting. There were no new WAMA Members.

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### **WAMA Business Meeting Minutes**

Director Kinney made a motion, second by Vice-President Parish to accept the minutes of the 2006 Spring Business Meeting as distributed by Secretary Cheyne.

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### **Treasurer's Report – Treasure Moore**

Treasurer Moore submitted the 1/1/2006 – 8/24/2006 Profit and Loss Statement for membership review. During this period there was revenue of \$17,348.86 and expenses of \$13,733.76 a net increase of \$3,615.10.  
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### **Old Business**

#### **Small Community Air Service Grant – progress update, Vice President Parish**

Vice President Parish briefed the membership on the progress of the NW Air Service Initiative. Based on an approved \$182K grant, a coalition of WAMA, OAMA, WSDOT, and ODOT is working on a three phase plan to provide support to airports and communities that seek air service.

Phase I includes the development of a tool kit to assist communities that desire to develop air service. Phase II, starting in October 2006, will explore market data specific to airports that have financially opted into the study. Phase III will strive to develop a regional air service strategy. DVDs that describe the process are available from Ann Cook.Fire

#### **Fire Code Regulations Requiring Fire Sprinklers in Hangars, update, President Kilpatrick, Director Zulauf**

President Kilpatrick described the problem facing many airports as local building officials are faced with making varied interpretations of code. The differences between the International Fire Code and the NFPA 409 requirements, related to sprinklers in hangars, create uncertainty for airports planning to construct hangars.

Options to influence sprinkler installation include construction of all steel facilities. The membership was asked to relay examples of alternative interpretations by local code enforcement to Director Zulauf and past President Robb.

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### **New Business**

#### **Trapping Legislation, update, President Kilpatrick**

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### **Legislative Update**

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### **WAMA Web Site, update, Secretary Cheyne**

Secretary Cheyne provided an update of WAMA's Web-Site. A PowerPoint presentation demonstrated the updated reference library included in the web-site. The membership is encouraged to submit materials, studies, RFPs and RFQs to Secretary Cheyne.

### **WSDOT Aviation Division Updates, John Sibold and John Shambaugh**

WSDOT, Aviation Division, Long-Term Air Transportation Study (LATS), update, John Sibold WSDOT is currently updating the land use guidelines that will help airports protect uses that encroach on airport operations.

An update was provided on the local airport aid grant program. As expected the need far exceeds the funds available for improvements.

Runway safety program assurance, attached to State grants were discussed  
Airport pavement management program identified over \$200M in pavement needs in the state. This information will be used to update the State's system plan.

Long-Term Air Transportation Study - An update on the progress of LATS was provided to the membership. Phase I, the inventory of Washington airports, is nearly completion. As part of this work, WSDOT is focused on their five classifications of airports in a related working paper. Stormwater Guidance Manual is another WSDOT initiative. Working with the Department of Ecology, WSDOT and an industry working group is looking at regulations that can be specific to airports.

New grant assurance related to security plans and runway safety should be closely reviewed by the membership. Detailed information was available at the meeting.

## **Election of Officers, Vice President Parish, Secretary Cheyne, Director Zulauf**

There are some anticipated and mid-term changes to the Board that required membership input. Director Foraker and Director Jung's two-year positions were ending in December 2006. Director Kinney elected to withdraw from his Director position one-year early due to retirement from the Port of Benton.

After significant research by the nominating committee to strive for diversity in representation from both sides of the state and from airports of different sizes, the nominating committee presented a slate for membership review of Kandance Harvey, Harvey Field, and Rich Muller, Tacoma Narrows Airport. President opened nomination from the membership. No additional nominees were identified and the membership confirmed the nominating committee slate of Directors.

Rather than elect a third Director position to complete the term vacated by Director Kinney, Director Jung agreed to stay on the Board until an election could be held in the fall of 2007. The membership was asked to consider by-law changes, which may be brought to the membership in the 2007 Spring Business Meeting to limit Board membership from any single airport to one and to limit Associate Membership on the Board to one member.

## **Agenda Items, 2007 Spring Conference**

The membership was asked to provide suggestions for agenda items and location for the 2007 Spring Conference. A suggestion from the membership included a topic on "How to protect airports from closure"? Yakima, Wenatchee, and/or Olympia airports were considered potential host airports.

## **WAMA 2007 Tri-State Conference Hosting**

The membership was asked to provide suggestions for agenda items and location for the 2007 Spring Conference. A suggestion of Pullman/Moscow Airport was mentioned as potential host airport.

Secretary Cheyne asked the membership to consider changing the frequency of tri-state events. It would appear that Washington airport management participation in out-of-state conferences is impacted. The membership was asked to consider the trade off between multi-state coordination and increased Washington airport attendance.

## **Committee Reports**

- Regulatory/Planning, Secretary Cheyne
- General Aviation, Member Penni Loomis, Deer Park Airport
- Newsletter, Member Cindy Hirsch, URS
- Membership, Secretary Cheyne
- Scholarship/Internship, Director Jung

An award was made to Wade Nostrom as part of the scholarship program. There was discussion to include a \$1K grant to allow interns to attend WAMA conferences. College and universities that are involved in the scholarship program include University of North Dakota, Central Washington University and Green River Community College.

The Walla Walla Museum of Flight was also provided support. Rita Creighton, King County International, may be invited to future sessions to talk about the development of teachers curriculum related to aviation.

It was suggested that students be encouraged to attend the next WAMA conference.

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### **Other Business**

It was suggested to find ways to encourage more coordination and communication with the Community Airport Association and focus WAMA conferences on small airport operational issues.

Meeting was adjourned.