



Introductions

Dave Waggoner, Airport Director, Paine Field welcomed the membership and thanked the conference sponsors who contributed \$10K to the event and to airport staff, Kara Underwood and Julie Close, for their coordination and leadership.

President Kilpatrick called the meeting to order and welcomed new and existing members with an introduction of the Board.

2006 WAMA Board Members and Directors

President	Jerry Kilpatrick	Yakima Air Terminal
Vice President	Robb Parish	Pullman Moscow Regional Airport
Secretary	Michael Cheyne	Sea-Tac International Airport
Treasurer	Pat Moore	Wenatchee, Pangborn Memorial Airport
Director	Ron Foraker	Tri-Cities Airport
Director	Reinhart Jung	Reid Middleton, Inc.
Director	Marv Kinney	Port of Benton
Director	Ryan Zulauf	Renton Airport

President Kilpatrick introduced the agenda and stated that the purpose of the agenda was to provide a purposeful approach to meet the needs of a broad audience – not just Part 139 airports.

President Kilpatrick acknowledged the commitment and success of past president Jeff Robb from the Port of Port Angeles. President Kilpatrick and past Treasurer Parish presented Past President, Robb Parish, with a plaque for his 9 years of services as President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

President Kilpatrick asked if new members and guests would introduce themselves. The WAMA 2005 Fall Business Meeting Minutes were submitted to the membership for review. Director Foraker moved and Director Parish second the motion for approval.

The minutes, as submitted, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Outgoing Treasurer Parish provided a breakdown of expenses and revenue in the WAMA account. Currently WAMA has a net worth of \$42,628.71. Of that amount WAMA has \$33,598.13 in the checking account and \$9,030.58 in CDs.

The membership discussed the \$5,000.00 WAMA special assessment for Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) State Air Service Initiative and a \$2,500.00 contribution for a consultant to prepare the US Department of Transportation grant application.

Outgoing Treasurer Parish provided a recap of the net proceeds from the WAMA 2005 Fall Business Meeting conference which were equally divided between WAMA, the Oregon Airport Manager's Association (OAMA) and the Idaho Airport Manager's Association (IAMA) in the amount of \$3,200.00 for each organization.

Motion was made and second to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion approved.

Special Order of Business

Representative Brian Sullivan, 21st Legislative District

Representative Sullivan, as chair of the Natural Resource Committee and strong supporter of airports, reported on the 2006 legislative session with a special focus on the proposed and failed trapping legislation.

The legislation, which was supported by the WAMA membership, came close to passing but was held up due to a lack of consensus on who would have final veto on exemptions to the regulations. Initiative 713 impacted the viability of trapping legislation as it did not allow for exemptions for airports (based on safety), farmers, ranchers, or to allow for forest sustainability.

Representative Sullivan offered to re-introduce legislation in the next session and is considering supporting an exemption for airports due to safety considerations.

Other Legislative Issues from the 2006 Session

- The Industrial Study Bill failed but will re-surface in the next sessions. There is a need for stronger statewide coordination and support. The initiative should focus on the education component as Snohomish County is positioned to receive a four year institution with a focus on technical training.
- The Governor will soon sign a bill designed to give tax credits, similar to the Boeing incentives, for parts, engines, and maintenance support companies.
- Representative Sullivan said he would be interested in sponsoring a bill that dealt with the regional inequity of Washington State sales tax or on aviation fuel. The 30% tax puts Washington State airport Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) at a disadvantage with neighboring states.
- The Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Aviation Future Alliance will need to be integrated into WAMA focus.

Old Business

Small Community Air Services

Vice President Parrish reported on the December 10, 2005 meeting in Portland of the WAMA, OAMA, WSDOT Aviation, and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Aviation Steering Committee meeting.

Mike Boggs, Mead and Hunt, has been selected to implement the \$182,000.00 DOT grant. The deliverables will include a local community "tool kit" to help communities understand what it takes to attract air service. Communities can buy into the study by contributing \$5,000.00 which will provide specific localized market analysis.

A full report is anticipated at the WAMA 2006 Fall Business Meeting in Redmond, Oregon.

New Business

International Building Code and NFPA 409 Discrepancies

WAMA member Penni Loomis introduced the topic and described to the membership the difficulties that airports are having trying to interpret which guidelines dictate the need to provide fire suppression in hangar facilities.

Member airports described specific examples and impacts of local Fire Marshall's interpretation of the codes. The costs to retrofit or design sprinkler systems in hangars increase the per unit cost from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

Member Loomis, Director Zulauf, and President Kilpatrick volunteered to work on this issue for the WAMA membership.

Draft Advisory Circular 150/5200-XX "Qualifications for Personnel Conducting Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Training Curriculum for Airport Personnel Involved in Controlling Wildlife Hazards"

Laurence Schafer, Staff Wildlife Biologist, USDA Wildlife Services provided an update on the wildlife training requirements for Part 139 airports. There is a concern that implementing the training may be difficult based on limited resources to conduct the training. The requirement that a train the trainer program will be limited as potential trainers must be 486 qualified which requires that the individual be a wildlife biologist.

Many WAMA airports are in opposition to the requirements as they exceed the demonstrated need based on accident data, the training is not realistic for many smaller airports, and the advisory circular is confusing. There was a suggestion that annual training be provided at WAMA conferences to make efficient use of airport personnel and to maximize the training opportunities rather than focused airport by airport training. The four-hour training will be offered at the WAMA 2006 Spring Business meeting in Everett. There was a call to action for member airports to become involved in this issue.

Change to By-Laws Clarifying Terms of Office, Transition Periods

President Kilpatrick introduced a change to the WAMA By-Laws which currently states that the officers and directors will assume office the day following the election. This does not provide any opportunity for a transition period between outgoing and incoming officers or directors. The proposed language is intended to clarify that terms of the office are on a calendar year basis (January 1 – December 31). It also clarifies that elections will be held at the WAMA Fall Business Meeting, and for Executive Officers, during alternate calendar years.

The actual change to Section 8, Regular and Special Meetings of Membership are attached to these minutes.

WAMA Member Dave Waggoner moved, and Director Reinhart second the motion. The motion was approved.

WAMA Web Site

There was general support from the membership related to the creation of an electronic library that could house WAMA and airport specific information that would be useful to the general membership. Links would be somewhat restricted due to the memory capabilities of the WAMA system which is supported by Paine Field.

WAMA member Sandy Engstrom and Secretary Cheyne will investigate system capabilities and procedures necessary to make this initiative a success.

WAMA 2006 Fall Business Meeting – Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Oregon

Carolyn Novick, Redmond Municipal Airport, will host the tri-state conference from August 28 – 31, 2006.

Committee Reports

Regulator/Planning – Michael Cheyne, Chair, Sea-Tac International Airport

A full report is attached to these minutes.

General Aviation – Penni Loomis, Deer Park Airport

The following issues were raised and discussed with the membership.

- . Increased cost for hangar development
 - . The cost for fuel, and associated taxes, and the impact to general aviation
 - . The facility and operational impacts due to light sports aircraft, very light jets, and the rebound of Cessna sales
 - . Community Airport Association's work with WSDOT and Land Use Planning and the potential for a two-day session with a focus on small airports
 - . Continued focus from the legislature and WAMA on small airport issues
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Newsletter – Cindy Hirsch, URS

The membership acknowledged the great work of Cindy Hirsch with the most recent newsletter. There is an on-going call for members to submit articles for the newsletter in order to keep it fresh and a valuable communication tool.

Membership – Michael Cheyne, Sea-Tac International Airport

Secretary Cheyne reported that there are currently 241 members in WAMA, 11 new members this year, 73 have not paid 2006 membership dues, and all but 60 of the members are contacted by e-mail rather than US mail for annual billings and general correspondence.

Scholarship/Internship – Reinhart Jung, Reid Middleton

The Aviation Education Committee has been very active in putting together a revamped scholarship program. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships have been awarded to students involved in aviation – one to Central Washington University and one to the University of North Dakota. In both cases the student's home residence was in Washington State.

Much of the groundwork was done by past President Jacobson and this was support and guidance received the thanks of the membership.

The membership also approved a \$500.00 contribution to the Paine Field Aviation Academy. Need additional information and description of this item

The Scholarship Committee will continue to formalize the guidelines and application process which will be available on WAMA's website. A future item for discussion may include assistance for WAMA members to attend AAE certification session.

There was a motion made by WAMA member Dave Waggoner and second by Vice President Parrish. The motion passed. There was a motion made by Vice President Parrish which was seconded to sign a contract and ratify the signature with the University of North Dakota.

Community Air Service

It was recommended to add \$500.00 to WAMA's contribution to the Community Air Service Development Program bringing the total to \$5,000.00. Need additional information and description of this item. The following WAMA members volunteered to work with the Community Air Service Development Program initiative: Dave Waggoner, Michael Cheyne, Buck Taylor, Rod Fleck, and Dave Bailey. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at noon.