

WAMA 2008 Spring Business Meeting
May 29, 2008
Richland, Washington

1. Introductions

President Parish welcomed the membership and gave an overview of where he was hoping to lead WAMA as an organization. He encouraged the membership to reflect about the overall role of the organization while they attended the conference.

President Parish introduced the WAMA Board and Officers and gave recognition to the hard work and dedication of the staff from the Port of Benton.

Special Order of Business

President Parish recognized and thanked past president Kilpatrick for all of his dedication to the membership and also recognized Reinhart Young. President Parish also thanked all of the sponsors for their contributions to making the conference a success.

2. Introduction of New Members and Special Guests

Board Member Mueller introduced Stuart Hanson of Friday Harbor Airport as a new member of WAMA. Board Member Mueller also presented the new membership packets that were developed. Secretary Zulauf gave an overview of the membership with 155 paid members to date with 31 members still in arrears and \$5,425.00 collected to date in membership fees. The total number of WAMA members currently stands at 225 members.

3. Discussion of Fire fighting Standards under Consideration by Labor and Industries (L & I)

President Parish discussed the proposed L&I changes that would list aircraft as “structures” meaning that the “two in/two out” rule would be applied. The concern was that this rule change would increase the need for new staffing levels and training for fire department personnel responding to aircraft accidents.

Past president Kilpatrick expressed his concern over how the “two in/two out” rule might impact the Yakima Air Terminal. President Parish asked the membership whether WAMA should take a position on this issue.

Motion: A motion was made to study the issue and begin to develop a formal position on the issue. Motion Approved.

President Parish charged the membership with going back to their local fire department chiefs to discuss with them what the impacts might be to staffing levels and additional training needs.

4. Approval of 2007 Fall Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 2007 WAMA Spring Business Meeting of May 2, 2007 were approved by the membership.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Moore presented a comparison report, balance sheet, and financial update to the membership. As of May 27, 2008 the total assets of the association included \$10,422.72 in cash, and \$29,518.31 in investments, totaling \$39,941.03.

6. By-Law Changes – VP Duties and Election Schedule

Vice President Cheyne suggested adding a role to the Vice President position to help coordinate WAMA's activities with other aviation related organizations such as Washington Public Ports Association, the Washington Pilots Association, the Seaplane Pilots Association, the State Aviation Division, etc.

Vice President Cheyne also suggested to the membership to allow the election of officers other than just during the fall conference.

President Parish suggested that we actually go back to an election process rather than the current process, which amounts to a ratification of a list of people generated by a nomination committee. Parish said that this by-law change may take some time to unfold.

7. Education Scholarship Program

Reinhart Young discussed this year's education and scholarship program and displayed a plaque that lists all of the WAMA internship recipients.

8. Committee Structures and Assignments

President Parish discussed the need for reviewing the committee structure system of WAMA. It was discussed that most of the committees listed in the bylaws exist only on paper and that there needed to be a reflection by the membership on how WAMA's role should evolve. The committees should then possibly be restructured to support that revised role.

Vice President Cheney discussed the recent survey of the membership. The purpose of the survey was to ask the membership what they wanted out of WAMA. Eighty five (85) members responded to the survey. A few points from the survey are as follows:

- a. 95% of the membership prefer e-mail to US mail;
- b. 100% of the membership uses the internet to increase their knowledge about aviation;
- c. 95% of the membership indicated it was important for WAMA to maintain its website;
- d. Top three uses of the website are: membership and associate directory, and industry events, conferences and registration;
- e. Bottom three uses of the website are: equipment bay and employment opportunities;
- f. When the membership was surveyed as to what they wanted out of the membership, 32% responded that they wanted professional development (training and education); 23% said Legislative tracking and promotion of bills; 22% said social interaction with peers/networking; and 22% said promotion of aviation.

John Sibold, Director, Washington State Aviation Division asked how these policy issues/changes would be dealt with. Vice President Cheney said that he was very interested in the concept of a coalition of aviation interests coming together. Sibold expressed a strong interest in participating in that coalition of aviation interests.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.