



Washington Airport Management Association

**Board Meeting
March 16, 2023 – 1:00 PM
Teleconference**

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order** ~ President Rakes called the meeting to order at 1:02pm

- 2. Roll Call** ~ Secretary Robinson
 - a. Marjy Leggett, Executive Director
 - b. Brandon Rakes, President
 - c. Dave Decoteau, Vice President
 - d. Lorene Robinson, Secretary
 - e. Jennifer Skoglund, Treasurer (Absent)
 - f. Adam Phelps, Board Position
 - g. Rob Hodgman, Board Position
 - h. Tim Mensonides, Board Position
 - i. Samantha Peterson, Board Position
 - j. Rich Mueller, Past President (Absent)
 - k. Others Present: Matthew Sykora, Ben Hoppe, Christine Roemeling, and Gemma Gibbons

- 3. Presentation and approval of the February Meeting Minutes** ~ Secretary Robinson
 - a. Secretary Robinson made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes as written, seconded by Vice President Decoteau. Motion passes.

- 4. Presentation and approval of the March Treasurer's Report** ~ Treasurer Skoglund
 - a. No report

- 5. President's Report** ~ President Rakes
 - a. President Rakes presented at the Capitol regarding substitute House Bill 1554
 - b. Spoke with Representative Doglio with the assistance of Representative Dent
 - i. Worked on revising the verbiage in the bill to state that the Washington State Department of Transportation with the assistance of Washington State Airports will help develop and implement best practices
 - c. President Rakes mentioned that George Braly from GAMI will be presenting at the next first Friday WAMA meeting
 - i. Great opportunity to learn more about GAMI

- 6. Executive Director's Report** ~ Executive Director Leggett

- a. Created WAMA Waypoints and sent out two issues to membership
 - i. Corresponded with members on items to be included in Waypoints
- b. Sent a request from member on locating a particular aircraft
- c. Conferred with member about hangar leases and sent out request for PAPI light parts
- d. Made a directory spreadsheet for member
- e. Assisted airport with missing stamp from Fly Washington Passport Program
- f. Updated Fly WA map
- g. Set up and manned WAMA booth at Northwest Trade Show
 - i. Corresponded with volunteers to help man booth at Trade Show
- h. Request by Ports Publishing to place ad in book for 2023
- i. Introduced self to new WSDOT/Aviation Director Ann Richart
- j. Discussion with Lorene Robinson about Clean Craft partnership
- k. Connected with OAMA ED and Ann Richart
- l. Attended conference planning committee meeting
- m. Assisted with members who did not receive renewal notices
- n. Attended Legislative Committee meeting
- o. Participated in phone calls regarding HB1554 and spoke with Brad Schuster
 - i. Sent out message to members asking to oppose HB1554 as it was written
 - ii. Observed legislative testimony on HB1554
- p. Conversation with WSDOT concerning Teams Link
- q. Sent out invitation to members to attend first Friday meeting
- r. Attended first Friday meeting with new Aviation Director Ann Richart
- s. Checked P.O. Box, picked up checks, made copies, deposited, and sent copies of all documents to Finance Committee and Membership Committee
- t. Sent out reminders to members to renew Waypoints sponsorship and sent thank you to those that renewed.

7. Old Business

- a. No report

8. New Business

- a. Teams or Zoom Account for WAMA
 - i. ED Leggett mentioned that WAMA needs to have their own meeting account platform for numerous reasons
 - (1) Warren Hendrickson mentioned that the board should determine the best platform for WAMA
 - ii. Board Member Tim Mensonides made a motion to purchase a Zoom account for WAMA, seconded by Board Member Samantha Peterson. Motion passes.
 - iii. President Rakes will research purchasing a Zoom account for WAMA

9. Committee Reports ~ Review of Open Action Items + Additional Items Listed Below

- a. *Conference/Education Committee* ~ Chair Peterson
 - i. Chair Peterson explained that as of today, 84 people have registered for the 2023 conference
 - ii. In the WAMA block of conference hotel rooms, there are five rooms still available for Sunday and 19 still available for Monday and Tuesday
 - iii. Chair Peterson thanked Spokane International Airport for their \$7,200 sponsorship donation to the conference

- iv. She explained that the conference agenda is being finalized
- v. 2024 conference planning has begun and reservations are being made

b. **Legislative Committee** ~ Chair Hoppe

- i. Chair Hoppe explained the committee's current focus on House Bill 1554
 - a. Chair Hoppe thanked those who recently provided great testimony to the legislature
 - b. President Rakes mentioned that if House Bill 1554 does not pass, WAMA should continue to meet with others to put together a piece of bipartisan legislation that doesn't harm airports and still gets something on the record in preparation for a similar bill returning
 - c. Chair Hoppe mentioned that WAMA's role is to educate and let people know the pros and cons of a bill
 - d. Board Member Phelps mentioned that he and others support House Bill 1554 with concerns
 - i. His concerns are what's the impact from lead in av gas in comparison to other lead sources
 - 1. Current bill as written does not explain this

c. **WSAA Update** ~ Warren Hendrickson

- i. John Dobson and Warren Hendrickson spoke during a public hearing regarding HB 1554
 - (1) WSAA took different positions while presenting in order to voice member's concerns
 - (2) Warren mentioned that the bill is to reduce lead impact, but is only targeted at general aviation
 - (3) The state of Oregon had a similar bill in 2017 that proposed banning av gas
 - (a) A study was done at that time and it was determined that it was not emissions that contributed to lead in the surrounding population, but rather lead paint and lead plumbing (and a new study shows cookware)
 - (4) Warren explained that current land use guidelines around airports need to be rewritten as they currently do not prevent certain type of residencies within 1 mile of the airport (since the guidelines are not restricting enough or are mandatory)
 - (5) Warren explained that as the bill is currently written, there is no funding or staffing support to implement the plan if the bill is passed
- ii. Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC)
 - (1) Warren mentioned that the next meeting will be held on March 30th
 - (2) Currently there is no support for a green field airport
 - (3) Needs the Governor to approve two more commission appointments due to voting requirements
 - (4) House Bill 1791 abolishes the CACC and creates a new working group
 - (a) Warren explained that the bill passed through the house and is now moving to the senate
 - (5) The CACC will continue to meet the deadline of June 15th unless House Bill 1791 is passed
- iii. Conversation was had regarding land use requirements and airports being considered an essential facility
 - (1) Warren mentioned that land use guidelines should be mandatory not advisory
 - (2) President Rakes mentioned the possibility of WAMA offering guidance on land use compatibility to WAMA and WSAA in the future

d. **Airport Committee** ~ Matthew Sykora

- i. President Rakes appointed Matthew Sykora to the Airport Committee Chair position
- ii. Rates and Fees Survey
 - (1) Shared link to the board of the final survey for comment
- e. **Membership Recruitment and Relations Committee** ~ Chair Roemeling
 - i. Chair Roemeling stated that 153 members have renewed
 - ii. Continuing to contact airports for membership recruitment and renewals
 - iii. President Rakes asked if WSDOT could still be represented on the board now that Board Member Hodgman is no longer with WSDOT
 - (1) ED Leggett mentioned that she will reach out to Eric Johnson to join the board as an associate position
 - iv. Chair Roemeling and ED Leggett will discuss cleaning up the email distribution list
- f. **Human Resources (& Nominating) Committee** ~ Chair Phelps
 - i. Awards
 - (1) Meeting on Monday to discuss awards and will speak with ED Leggett on sending information out in Waypoints
- g. **Scholarship/Internship Committee** ~ Gemma Gibbons presented on behalf of Chair Hodgman
 - i. April 14th cutoff date for scholarship applications
 - ii. Updating WAMA's website to reflect this information
 - iii. April 19th scholarship application selections
- h. **Finance Committee** ~ Chair Skoglund
 - i. No report

10. New Action Items Recap ~ ED Leggett

- a. Conference Committee
 - i. Confirming conference presenters and will post a draft agenda on website
 - ii. Working on 2024 conference contract
- b. Airport Committee
 - i. Working on finalizing rates and charges survey to send out
- c. Legislative Committee
 - i. Following HB 1554
- d. Membership Committee
 - i. Working on membership renewals
- e. Human Resources Committee
 - i. Meeting on Monday

f. Scholarship Committee

- i. Posted deadlines for applications and will make a selection
- ii. Update website with scholarship information

g. Finance Committee

- i. No update

h. Executive Director

- i. Will contact Eric Johnson regarding WAMA associate position

11. Next Meeting Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 1:00pm

12. Remarks for the good of the order ~ President Rakes

- a. President Rakes thanked the board for attending today's meeting
- b. President Rakes reminded the board that George Braly from GAMI will be presenting at our next first Friday WAMA meeting

13. Adjourn ~ President Rakes adjourned the meeting at 2:14pm