



**General Membership Meeting  
Cody, WY  
Friday, September 21, 2012**

1. Call to Order - John Stopka called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
2. In Attendance - Glenn Januska, Bob Hooper, Gene Murphy, Jack Skinner, John Stopka, Jim Parker, Sam Hatch, Todd Chatfield, Jay Lundell, Alex Nodich, Jeremy Glib, Craig Sparks, Craig Logan, Tim Wick, Gene Wasia, Rick Sessions, Paul Griffin, Barb Fritsch, Angela Folkestad, Gary Thompson, Dave Roberts, Rick Patton, Gerry Yaffa, Carl Meier, Mark Lovato, Dave Haring, Terry Doak, Mike LaSalle, and Jim Schell.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (2/21/2012) - There was not a quorum for the February 21, 2012 meeting and thus no minutes.
4. Financial Report - Glenn Januska gave a report of the revenue and expenses of the organization through September 15, 2012. Revenues were reported as \$24,518 and expenses as \$24,704. Total assets as of September 15, 2012 were reported as \$98,712.71.
5. Budget 2013/2014 - Glenn Januska presented the budget as approved by the Board. Revenue for 2013 is budgeted at \$50,030 and \$25,030 for 2014. Expenses for 2013 are budgeted at \$26,850 and \$29,850 for 2014. John Stopka asked if anyone had any questions or comments. There were none.
6. Membership Report - Glenn Januska went over the membership rates that the Board approved which will remain the same as they have been the last two years. They are:

**General Aviation Airports**  
(2-year) \$100

**Commercial Service Airports**  
Less than 20,000 enplanements (2-year) \$720  
20,001 to 50,000 enplanements (2-year) \$840  
50,001 to 100,000 enplanements (2-year) \$1,200  
Over 100,000 enplanements (2-year) \$1,560

**Corporate Membership (non-voting)**  
(2-year) \$500

Additional Members @ \$100 each.

7. Legislative Update - Dave Haring reported for the 2013 session that some of the strong aviation people (champions) in the legislature like Pete Illoway, etc. are not running or will no longer be in

the legislature. WAOA needs to start identifying members who have a passion for aviation in the legislature. That and the air service enhancement program will be key in this session.

John Stopka talked about the WAOA presence last session. It was important for us to be visible and we received good feedback that we were down in Cheyenne and visible. It was mostly the Board Members attending the last session and thus for the upcoming session we really want to open it up to all WAOA members. John said it is a little different this year not being a budget year. Dave said sometimes it's hard to get to the session, particularly in the winter, but what he has heard from representatives is that e-mail is very effective. Dave listens to the streaming session and he responds with e-mails as they are discussing things. He said this is available on the LSO website.

Update on Aeronautics Funding/Joint Transportation Committee Meeting – Glenn Januska reported that the Joint Transportation Committee Meeting met in Casper and afterwards Dennis Byrne called and said he heard nothing but positive comments on Aeronautics and not wanting to see air service enhancement or AIP reduced so their proposal would be no cuts (the programs will be held harmless). The required cuts would have to be made up through surface transportation. Dennis Byrne said these have been the most positive comments he has heard regarding Aeronautics.

Legislative Reception, Board and General Membership Meetings – John Stopka reported that we will hold a legislative reception again this year, and while we will have a WAOA Board Meeting we most likely will not have a general membership meeting. Similar to recent years, there also will not be a legislative conference. We will send out dates as we get closer. Dave Haring will look at the dates.

8. Scholarship and Educational Assistance - Jay Lundell reported that Glenn Januska prepared a new scholarship and educational assistance policy. Glenn summarized the three areas covered by the policy: internships, conferences, and educational assistance. Glenn will update the policy based upon Board comments and will prepare an application form to go along with the policy.
9. Air Service Enhancement Program – Update - John Stopka reported that this program affects the 10 commercial service airports in Wyoming. There was \$6 million per biennium when the program was first established but that has been reduced to \$3 by a request of Governor Freudenthal. There was money sitting in the program that was not being used. The program is now grossly underfunded. With the current funding level the Aeronautics Commission is maintaining the commitments they have with the current communities and associated air service. Other airports cannot access those funds at this time since all the funds are committed. At an Aeronautics Commission meeting in Jackson earlier this year the Commission came out with a change in the funding split. The community share for grants going forward increased 8%. The Commission also indicated that there would be more changes coming for the program. John Stopka, Glenn Januska, Bob Hooper, and Paul Griffin who were in Jackson thought it would be a good idea to get together and be proactive and to recommend program changes than to wait until the changes are made. It was agreed that the commercial airports would meet to see if they could find a consensus. The airports did have a meeting in Casper which was good and productive and the airports collectively came up with a consensus that was submitted to the Aeronautics Commission. Representatives of that group met with the Commission on Wednesday evening (10 minute workshop). Basically, it was conveyed to the Commission that we want to be part of the solution and do not want to wait until the changes are made, that we want to work with them. The Commission seemed to be very appreciative of our efforts. The Commission was told that the commercial service airports would continue to meet at least twice physically each year and probably conference calls two other times during the year.

10. Amber Schlabs Fund - update - Glenn Januska reported that the WAOA Board approved a donation of \$10,000 to create a fund for Amber Schlabs and to collect donations from others who wanted to donate. To date the fund has collected \$19,879 with \$16,000 paid and a balance of \$3,879 remaining.
11. Fall Conferences (2013, 2014) – The Board decided to hold the conference in Jackson in 2013 after Jackson let the Board know last year that they would like to host. In 2014 the Board said the conference would be held in Laramie unless the Board received interest from a GA community. Riverton has also expressed interest. Motion from Jack Skinner to hold the 2013 fall conference in Jackson and 2014 in Riverton unless a GA community steps up, seconded by Dave Haring. Dave Haring said that for any GA community who may be interested we prepared a spec list of what is needed. Douglas, Saratoga, Pinedale, and Lander have hosted the conference in the past. Motion carried.
12. Elections - John Stopka turned the election discussion over to Dave Haring. Dave reported that we do have a slate of officers that the nominations committee recommended to the Board. Dave reminded everyone that each airport has one vote. Dave read the slate as recommended by the Board. Glenn Januska made a motion, seconded by Bob Hooper to add Terry Doak as the second Commercial Service Representative. Motion carried. Glenn Januska made a motion, seconded by Dave Haring, to approve Glenn Januska as President, Bob Hooper as Vice-President, Craig Logan as Secretary, Jack Skinner as Treasurer, Sean Christensen and Jim Parker as GA Representatives, and Paul Griffin and Terry Doak as Commercial Airport Representatives. Motion carried. Dave Haring passed out the ballots which had Gene Murphy and Rick Patton listed as Corporate Representative candidates. After the ballots were collected and tallied, on a vote of 9 to 7, Gene Murphy was selected to remain corporate representative.
13. General Discussion – John Stopka commented that he thought the conference, the first that we have done in a while as just WAOA, went well. John said we need to give Hoop a hand. John read the officers and board members just elected.

Jack Skinner stated that WAOA provides a room in Cheyenne during the legislative session for anyone who wants to attend as a representative of WAOA. Jay Lundell commented on the importance of the FAA conference in Seattle which he understands is going to go away. He said that this is being done on a national basis. Jay said he plans to write a letter and will let others know where he is sending it and maybe WAOA through the Board should send a letter if we find it valuable to write a letter. Glenn Januska said he would prepare this on behalf of WAOA. Jay said he finds it, along with the State conference, the two most valuable conferences. Jim Fluhr mentioned Donna Taylor and said he would reach out to her to see what the conduit is she has to Kate to help determine why it changed and how likely it would be to be reinstated. Gene Murphy said this should be a topic of conversation for the AAAE NW chapter meeting in Park City. Craig Logan agreed a letter should go out but we can't rely on the FAA to unscrew it up.

14. Adjourn – Motion by Bob Hooper, seconded by Dave Haring to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Januska  
Acting Secretary