

MINUTES OF IFALDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN SEATTLE MAY 4TH, 2004

President Allan Rossmore opened the meeting at 1330lt by welcoming all present and thanked Albert Rieger, President EUFALDA, for holding their AGM here as well. He also thanked Giles O'Keefe, President ADF, for being here.

Roll Call of Delegates – Delegates and Boardmembers introduced themselves

Communications

Allan Rossmore announced that GCAA Emirates regrets being unable to come but have sent a letter, which was read. (Emirates was recently in the process of implementing a dispatch system) He thanked people from Asia (Korea, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Nepal) for attending this meeting.

Allan talked about communications with ICAO Montreal and about IFALDA's efforts to become an observer with ICAO similar to what IFALPA has.

He pointed out the contributions of Dave Porter and Gerald Clifford in putting together the flight dispatchers training manual which is an ICAO Doc. and also helping FAA with the annex VI proposal.

Successful working on worldwide standards for the industry in terms of flight planning, flight preparation, weather information, flight monitoring.
As the aviation industry becomes more globalized it is more important than ever to have global standards – which should not be a lower standard.

Europeans are working on JAA/EASA culture.
Hapag Lloyd accident report still not published.
Swiss Intl. Saab 2000 accident of 2002

Minutes of Previous AGM

The Minutes of the IFALDA AGM in Galway 2003 were approved.
Proposed Dave Porter, seconded Gerald Clifford – all in favour, nobody against

Reports of Officers

Financial Report

VP Finance Rick Ketchersid presented the financial report for the past and budget for the coming year. The financial report and budget was accepted. Proposed: David Porter, seconded Flemming Loevenvig

VP West Sandy Sandzuik reports that this is his 24th AGM since his first meeting in Rio in 1973, In the past year he attended various industry meetings (ADF, IFALDA, EUFALDA, Calda, ITF..) He thanked everybody for the support and confidence he received that has enabled him to represent this wonderful organisation.

VP East - Aidan Fox thanked and congratulated the people that helped him to organize last years AGM in Galway. He is working on flight dispatch in Europe which is a rather difficult task – it is difficult to get harmonisation within Europe itself. A lot of work that has been done so far is going to be surpassed by the introduction of EASA which is going to take over from JAA.
Future: still have to progress and work with EASA, make sure the training manual is kept up-to-date, that we work to the same standards, push forward initiatives.

Director European Industry & Regulatory Affairs - Jan Hoehne talked about the harmonisation process (JAA/EASA). EASA was reorganized and moved from Brussels to Cologne. FAA waits to deal with EASA. Will know about it after FAA/JAA meeting in June 2004. EASA recruited last year but with relocation they need to recruit again as not all staff wanted to work in CGN. This means that EASA will be delayed.

Director Regulatory Affairs - Brad Rasmussen reports that the Harmonisation meeting last march was cancelled because FAA does not want to deal with JAA anymore – only with EASA which means everything will be delayed heavily. Next year we will get us on the agenda for the harmonisation meeting, we will propose a discussion item.

Director Latin America - Raul Aguirre has been in contact with Spanish speaking dispatchers, but there were less people-that is supposed to be due to the economic situation. He informs them about IFALDA by providing Spanish translations. He is in contact with the Argentinean Organisation (the only organised group in Latin America that we know of), but also with colleagues in Central America and Columbia.

Director Membership – Flemming Loevenvig seeks new ways to attract members around the world. This has been done by sending out a letter as an invitation to the meeting and explaining what IFALDA is doing. Flemming made a database and sent out a letter to 186 airlines outside the area we already are known. He got various inquiries and contacts. So far have got two members from the Philippines.

Director Training & Safety – Gerald Clifford told about new issues re Weight & Balance in parts of the world is done by dispatchers.

Director Government & Industry Affairs – David Porter talked about the ICAO Flight Dispatchers Training Manual published in June 1998. We were asked to keep the manual updated with modern technology. The update was finalized about a year ago. Dave Porter was asked to be a contractor for ICAO to rework the manual. It still will take a while until it will be available to the public.

Allan Rossmore raised the question: how do we work with Vendors and Sponsors ? We should have some kind of wording in our constitution and bylaws. The board of IFALDA shall have the authority and ability to make appropriate arrangements with Vendors and Sponsors on condition that they do not conflict with our primary mission. Motion: Gerald Clifford, seconded David Porter, Andre Peclard. All in favour, nobody against.

There was some discussion on the question whether or not it is useful for IFALDA to have a Euro account. It was found that it would be useful and help to save money transfer and currency conversion costs. This is also good for monetary issues between IFALDA and EUFALDA. Motion to accept: David Porter, seconded Gerald Clifford, all in favour, nobody against.

Election of officers

The following positions were elected:
President Allan Rossmore re-elected unanimously by acclamation as the only nominee
VP Finance Rick Ketchersid re-elected unanimously by acclamation as the only nominee
VP West Sandy Sandzuik re-elected unanimously by acclamation as the only nominee

New business

IFALDA/EUFALDA AGM May 2005: Albert Rieger in contact with POLALDA for a possible Warsaw meeting. Possible post conventional tour through Baltic States, to cities Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn, maybe Helsinki or St. Petersburg. Warsaw might also be attractive and easy to reach for colleagues from new EU member states.

Received an invitation from our new colleagues from Malaysia to hold a meeting in Kuala Lumpur – perhaps possible in 2006.

EUFALDA semi annual meeting fall 2004: so far no response received from colleagues from Cyprus and Italy – the alternative will be a meeting in Austria organized by AALDA.

Other business

Andre Peclard suggests to ask our provider to give some protection against recent huge amounts of spam mail. Obviously IFALDAs and EUFALDAs websites are “vacuum cleaned” by spammers using programs to look for published e-mail addresses.

The meeting was adjourned at 1545t

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