



IFALDA – STATE OF THE NATION – OCTOBER 01, 2017:

First and foremost, let us give thanks for the improved health of our long time members Allan Rossmore and Jan Hoehne. It is wonderful to report that both are not only in improving health, but continue to dedicate their time to IFALDA as well. Great news!

Success of AGM:

We had a well hosted AGM in EZE in May. This truly showed the development of Flight Dispatchers in South America. Guest speakers included several local Civil aviation authorities and the introduction of Flight Dispatcher licences in the region. During the AGM, our President Kenneth Kronborg completed his arrangement to resign after three productive years. I was elected as the incoming President. Joining me in newly elected positions are Bryan Schock VP West, Karl Fridriksson VP East and Richard Yeates VP Admin. Rick Ketchersid remains as our VP Finance. This leaves our election terms consistent with our constitution.

We have a few projects on the go, so the following is a maintenance report of each project:

ICAO – Global Tracking:

-following MH370 and AF447 through task force work with ICAO has resulted in the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS)

-part of the process has resulted in the implementation of the 4D15 Tracking program effective November 8th, 2018.

-4D – refers to LAT/LONG/ALTITUDE/TIME

-15 – refers to reporting intervals in 15 minutes or less

-Tracking aircraft is the Aircraft Operators responsibility

-ADS B will largely accomplish the 4D15 requirements in remote oceanic areas

ICAO – Flight Dispatch Training manual update:

-ICAO has accepted our resources for an updated Flight Dispatch Training manual. The previous 2 versions were from 1975 and 1998.

-Jorn Sellhorn-Timm – LSY, Ray Ellis, Delta and Lucy Luo, China have formed a team for us, with Jorn as the lead.

-they have progressed in the ICAO concept of competency based training (CBT)

-they meet again with ICAO in November

-completion of all phases of ICAO Training CBT manuals is currently set for 2020.

South America/Europe – ICAO observer status:

IFALDA's Observer status at ICAO has been extended to regional offices for our South American and European members. Representatives with this status will be able to participate and submit papers in accordance with ICAO provisions.

Our South American Dispatcher Association (APADA) – attended a regional meeting in LIMA in September.

IATA:

-IATA reached out to us for a teleconference call (conducted in August), looking to work collaboratively on items of mutual interest – largely items that involve ICAO

participation. Example – ICAO North Atlantic Operations manual. The process is open and ongoing

ICAO – GANIS/SANIS - December 11-15th meeting

Global Air Navigation Industry Symposium (GANIS)

Safety Air Navigation Industry Symposium (SANIS)

Significant agenda items:

- modernization of the air navigation system
- airport operational performance
- cyber threats
- meteorology

Website upgrade – scheduled for 2018

Finance update:

- membership is \$15/member
- we utilize the resources to attend industry meetings, complete projects, host Board meetings and ultimately operate the annual AGM in locations all around the world to reach our membership

The following is our membership total:

2017 – 1408 members

Next Board meeting – January 2018- ATL – Dates will be finalized shortly.

IFALDA/EUFALDA AGM :

ATL – May 6-10 2018 – Hilton Garden Inn - ATL Airport North

AGM 2019 – CPH

Closing remarks:

The following paragraph is edited, but captures our spirit through the thoughts of Dave Porter:

In closing, the only long-term strategy that actually works is to not get caught on a soapbox or grandstand or posture. Lets simply roll up our sleeves on the various working groups we participate in. We need to get regulations, policies and procedures in place first, both at the ICAO level as well as the State CAA level. Nibbling away at it, accepting the occasional defeat with good grace and learning from. Then coming back with an even stronger case. That's what we did with the old and new Training Manual, with Global Flight Tracking and with Annex 6 proposals and working papers. It is the blueprint of our success.

While at the ADF, the newly elected ADF President Catherine Jackson and myself both talked of planning our Board meetings around attending our mutual annual events. With our resources consistently under one roof, we can begin a new relationship of support and mutual respect. Ultimately, our profession -the Flight Dispatcher -will benefit and continue to be well represented.at industry events of interest and concern.

Regards

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President IFALDA