



KAA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 5, 2023

Attendees:

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Aaron Otto	Yes	Mark Ostmeyer	Yes
Roger Hrabe	Yes	Brian Palmer	Yes
Corey Keller	Yes	Shelli Swanson	Yes
Scott Wagner	Yes	Matt Jacobs	Yes
Shanna Walker (academic member)	Yes	Bob Brock	No

I. Call to order.

- a. The meeting was called to order by Corey Keller at 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of the November 3, 2022, minutes.

- a. The November 3, 2022 minutes were approved.

III. Committee Updates.

- a. Legislative Committee. Aaron Otto provided updates. The committee had met since our last KAA Board meeting in November. Aaron Otto reported good news on the Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) front regarding a one-time funding increase in the 2023 program to \$10 million dollars. Further discussion was had by the committee concerning a legislative effort in 2023 by BHL to engage in lobbying activity on behalf of KAA to permanently increase funding for the KAIP program. BHL has transportation lobbying experience and is well positioned to perform the legislative work. It was discussed that the KAA Board and members would also be a good resource to reach out to their respective legislators regarding this program. Initial discussions with industry partners indicated industry support for covering the costs of the BHL lobbying effort in 2023. If the board approved, a formal agreement with BHL to engage with KAA on this work would be the next steps. The proposed fee by BHL is \$12,500. The board approved moving forward with an agreement with BHL and with the proposal to solicit corporate members to provide financial support for this effort.
- b. Nominating Committee. Mark Ostmeyer provided an update. He noted that there are 3 slots to fill this year. Results are presented annually at the Four States Conference. There was discussion about who counts as voting members and which airports voted in the last elections.
- c. Scholarship Committee. Matt Jacobs presented an update from the Scholarship Committee. Two applications were received. The students were both Kansas State aviation students – Kallie Millison and Brysen Barton. Brian Palmer has already sent their scholarship award checks to them. The board

approved inviting them to attend the KAA annual conference in Atchison and approved KAA funding for the conference registration fees.

IV. KDOT Update.

- a. There was no KDOT update.

V. 2023 KAA Conference.

- a. Matt Jacobs provided an update. The conference organizing committee met in December to further finalize plans. All items are moving along well at this point and the committee will meet again in January. The conference dates are set for June 14-16, 2023 and the hotel rooms have been reserved. A "Save the Date" flyer has been drafted. Shelli Swanson noted that former KAA Board members will be recognized for their service and that she has procured aviation light lamps as presents. Scott Wagner provided an update on the Conference Speaker Agenda. A draft agenda was sent to the board. Many of the speaker slots have been confirmed. There are just a few remaining slots that need to be filled. It was discussed that feedback forms on speaker ideas from the Dodge City Conference would be provided as to possible remaining program ideas.

VI. Treasurer's Report.

- a. Brian Palmer provided an update. He has paid out the scholarship awards and the management fees to BHL. A check in the amount of \$750 was received from the Four States Conference. Revenue is expected to increase after the first of the year as the 2023 KAA invoices went out at the end of December and that automatic dues payments have already been received.

VII. BHL Updates.

- a. Brad Parker of BHL provided an update. KAA dues notices went out on December 25, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Postal notices will follow for members that have not renewed. BHL activity for the month included 5 email blasts, posting of KAA board minutes to the website and posting of scholarship information. Brad noted that BHL has a new communications manager that will be able to support KAA activities.

VIII. Upcoming Events.

- a. Aviation Day at the Capitol is set for February 16, 2023. The board approved KAA sponsorship of the event in the amount of \$1,000.
- b. Aaron Otto noted that there would be a Kansas City Air Show again at the New Century Airport on August 19th and 20th, 2023. Board members and a guest would be invited again to view practice runs on August 18th, 2023.

IX. Next Meeting – March 2, 2023 @1:30 p.m.

X. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.