



KAA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 7, 2023

Attendees:

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Ray Sief	Yes	Mark Ostmeyer	Yes
Roger Hrabe	Yes	Brian Palmer	Yes
Corey Keller	Yes	Shelli Swanson	Yes
Scott Wagner	Yes	Matt Jacobs	No
Shanna Walker (Academic member)	Yes	Bob Brock	Yes
Brad Parker (BHL)	Yes		

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

- II. Approval of the July 6, 2023 minutes.
 - a. The minutes of the July 6, 2023 meeting were approved.

- III. Welcome New Board Member Ray Seif
 The board welcomed Ray Sief of the Augusta Airport to the KAA Board.

- IV. Election of Officers
 - i. President – Scott Wagner, was nominated for President, by Corey Keller, all in favor
 - ii. Vice-President – Shelli Swanson, was nominated for Vice-President by Mark O., all in favor
 - iii. Secretary – Corey Keller was nominated for sec by Shelli, all in favor
 - iv. Treasurer – Brian Palmer, serves at the pleasure of the board.

- V. Committee Designations and Assignments. Discussed the members of each committee, Shelli was going to send and updated list to board members. Ray Sief was interested in being on the Membership Committee

- VI. Committee Updates.
 - a. Conference Committee. Scott Wagner and Matt Jacobs were on a call on Tuesday with Bradley Christopher to discuss joint conference possibilities with KAA and SCAAEE conference next May 19 to 22nd. Bradley is going to take Scotts and Matt’s questions from the meeting back to their next SCAAEE meeting scheduled in September. Questions presented were whether there were any revenue sharing opportunities for the conference since this is KAA biggest revenue generator. Also, the question of whether the conference would run simultaneously or back-to-back. Brian had concerns that AAAE focuses more on commercial airports and not necessarily GA airports. So, they may not get the same draw from the GA airports that they are

expecting and that KAA conference is the big money maker for KAA not holding it could be a concern for next year's revenues. Ray Sief suggested that that if we do have joint conference to do it like a book end one organization starts and one finishes with all the vendors in the middle. This way someone can attend everything if they want to, but they do not have to if they do not want to. Bob Brock offered that KAA has done a such a heroic job at getting our local Kansas airport to the table he would hate to lose that by takin it to the national lobbying efforts of SCAAAE that he was not sure the smaller airports would have the same interests in that conference as the would the KAA conference. He thought that inviting the vendors might be a good option to get more vendors. Scott mentioned we do have our RFP out for the KAA conference so the group can decide the timing of the KAA meeting. Brain mentioned concerns with sponsors and their efforts with KAA. Bob mentioned the possibility of asking some speakers to present at the KAA meeting if it occurred across town or another location. Shelli mentioned a lot of pros and cons to hosting the event at the same time. At this time, she felt like she would have to be convinced to hold the conference at the same time just because she was worried that the attendees and the sponsors would miss out on what KAA offers them. There is not a lot of time to plan this event since it is already September, and their conference is in May. Scott mentioned lots to think about as we try to decide what to do.

b.

i. 2024-2026 Conference Selection Process

c. Nominating Committee. Mark said there were no updates at this point.

d.

e. Legislative Committee. Scott asked about funding the efforts for next year. Corey mentioned that he had a conversation with Brad Waller at 4 States and he thought Brad would be on board to propose another funding effort for this year if needed. Brain was concerned how it would be funded next year. Brain hoped that the joint task force committees would motivate and inspire the secretary of transportation to increase KAIP funding for airports. Shelli mentioned that the contract with BHL ended at the end of this year and the need for a discussion with Travis Lowe to determine if it was necessary to do another year for 2024.

d. Scholarship Committee. Shanna Walker

She will chair, Jon Oswald will help. Will hop on a call with John tomorrow she is hoping to get the applications out in the next few weeks. Roger reported on a short meeting at Four States that discussed a few language changes for the application process. John wrote all those down.

e. Membership Committee. No updates Corey was going to follow up with Mark.

VII. KDOT Update.

a. Bob Brock gave an update on the task force work. Has a very welcome audience with the Secretary right now. Asked for help sending the crew out to 43 airports for the next two weeks starting Monday 5010 Airport Master record updates activities. All public use airports that are not commercial should have an email to login to perform updates. Build Kansas fund Scott participated in a webinar with KDOT folks. Wondered if there would be more information coming out on the program. Bod did not have any information but would find out and follow up.

VIII. Treasurer's Report.

a. Brian Palmer provided the treasurer's report. Gave an update at Four States. Six to eight weeks away from 2024 invoices. Pretty much the same since 4 States.

IX. BHL Updates.

- a. Brad Parker of BHL provided an update of this period's activity on KAA's behalf. KAA has 70 member's total. Shelli mentioned that there is possibly 72 or 73 now due to BHL efforts on RFP email blasts.
- b. Shelli mentioned the need to schedule a time for a governmental affairs contract review. Next 30-45 days. Brad mentioned Travis would be In touch with Shelli next week.
- c. Blast to note KAA conf materials.
- d. Increase to Wild Apricot for subscription numbers. \$900 now for 250 (Brian Palmer reports \$675), \$1,680 for 500 contacts. Runs sept to sept two-year date. \$1,350 paid for the next two years of service. Shelli made a recommendation to increase Wild Apricot. Corey made a motion to approve upping wild apricot to the next level Shelli seconded and the motion passed.
- e.

X. Upcoming Events.

- a. Fly Kansas Air Tour – October 4-7

XI. Other Business.

- a. Shanna Walker mentioned her student club events she will be sending out flyers to the board to post in their airports – Girls in Aviation Day September 30 She will be sending flyers to help promote the events. Scott asked about an events Callander hosted on the website as another possible benefit to the members.

XII. Next Meeting – November 2, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.