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FEBRUARY 13, 1979

MINUTES OF THE 36th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was held in Conference Room 6200, NASSIF Building, Department of Transportation, Washington, D. C., and convened at 10:00 a.m. The following Directors and members were present:

Bahar Uttam
Carl Andren
Jim Van Etten
Leo Fehlner
Lloyd Higginbotham
Ed McGann

The following discussions took place before the formal agenda was adhered to.

Bahar Uttam announced that the Transportation System Center's Civil Radionavigation User's Workshop would be held on October 9 - 11, 1979 in the Greater Washington Area. Concern was raised whether this would conflict with the WGA Annual Convention on October 17 - 19, 1979.

Mr. Uttam discussed the DOT/DOD/OMB Navigation Council which meets once a month. It was suggested that WGA contact either Mr. Lloyd Money of DOT or Mr. Paul Abramson of TSC to inquire who the WGA can help. Mr. Uttam to follow up with Mr. Abramson.

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Other areas of continued interest were suggested for WGA support.

1. U. S. Coast Guard Cost - Benefit study for Alaska, Hawaii and the Caribbean area.
2. DOT - Capt. William Mohin is currently talking to State Governors about the mid continent chains. It was suggested that WGA members send letters and follow up with the Governor's Rep about Loran's potential use in their area.
3. Federal Aviation Administration upcoming contract for a low cost Airborne Loran. FAA contact - Mr. George Quinn.
4. Great Lakes users - U. S. Steel is considered a potential user in their ore carrier operations.
5. Offshore Helicopters - Current FAA interest in Loran C uses and the need for WGA to identify the potential users.
6. Commuter Airlines are expanding with the cutback on Amtrak. It is estimated that there will be an additional thousand airports opening with the potential for using Loran C due to the lack of Terminal Navigation Systems at these airports.

Mr. Uttam stated that he would task Mr. Vernon Weihe to help support Mr. Money, to determine who needs WGA's support like U. S. Steel and who the WGA should contact like USCG study, U. S. Steel etc.

Reference was made to the upcoming International Transportation Show to be held in Hamburg, Germany on 18 - 20 June 1979.

Agenda Item 1 - Call to order.

President Uttam called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of the 35th Meeting.

Mr. Uttam reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and called for exceptions or additions to them. Minutes were reviewed, corrections made and accepted.

Agenda Item 3 - Reports.

- a) President's Report - Mr. Uttam had presented his report as part of the discussions that took place before the formal agenda.
- b) Secretary's Report - Mr. Abraczinskas was absent. Report was deferred.
- c) Treasurer's Report - Mr. Andren submitted the Treasurer's Report to be distributed with the minutes. Mr. Andren advised the Board that he would be invoicing for a second time those companies that were still in arrears for their 1978 Journal Ad.
- d) Convention Chairman's Report - Mr. Jim Van Etten/Vern Johnson reported that the 1978 proceedings were in printing at ITT on a time as available basis. It was his estimate that they should be out by mid March.

Mr. Fehlner suggested forming an Editorial Committee to select the best papers and publish them in the Journal. Mr. Uttam suggested a list of the best papers was more appropriate. This item was deferred to the Radionavigation Journal Committee. It was suggested that next year the WGA mail the proceedings to only those who attended the convention. The board deferred the matter and suggested that it was a topic for further discussion.

- e) Standing Committee Reports.
 - 1) Executive - no meeting was held

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- 2) Constitution - Mr. Fehlner reported that nothing was new.
- 3) Membership - Mr. Higginbotham gave the board this report -

A major revision to the WGA membership listing was submitted to CDSI on 5 January. This revision was received on 10 February and according to the computer account consisted of 114 add records, 371 change records and 88 delete records. In reviewing the new master copy he found that the membership listing was correct with two or three exceptions. However there was a gross inaccuracy in the updating of the dues status. Many cases on the action list, CDSI could not locate the person but Mr. Higginbotham found the listing in CDSI's print out. There is some confusion as to what items CDSI charges the WGA, i.e. 1159 transactions were listed as 573 record changes. Mr. Higginbotham believes that the mailing could be accomplished except for the fact that dues status is in error and a couple of change of addresses did not get incorporated. Since 5 January WGA has added 10 new members and has answered 6 to 8 inquiries on membership. Mr. Higginbotham will provide the Journal Chairman a list of individuals to whom he has already given the 1978 copy. Total to date - 38.

- 4) Historical - Mr. Dean was absent - no report.
- 5) Awards - Mr. Hilbun was absent - no report.
- 6) Nomination and Election - Mr. Dean was absent - following report was submitted -

Terms of President Uttam and Directors Abraczinskas, Higginbotham, Pankopf and Polhemus expire this year. Uttam, Abraczinskas and Higginbotham have expressed desire to run for another term. We therefore need at least one additional candidate for president and six for director, before the end of March.

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Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the February 13 BOD meeting, but I will be calling all directors for nominations. All please think hard about a candidate to oppose Bahar.

f) Special Committee Reports -

- 1) Congressional Liaison - Mr. McGann reported no new action.
- 2) FAA Certification - Mr. Polhemus was absent - no report.
- 3) System Characterization - Mr. Van Etten distributed the corrected draft of the letter to be sent to Admiral Stewart covering the WGA's recommendations on the Loran C Signal Specification. Mr. Fehlner congratulated Mr. Van Etten on the fine work he had done. Mr. Fehlner proposed some changes to the enclosures to the letter. Discussions of the changes by the board could not be resolved at this meeting and it was suggested by the board that a meeting of the committee be held before the end of February and the final copy of the letter with enclosures be sent to Mr. Uttam.
- 4) Spectrum Clearance - Mr. Fehlner advised that nothing was new.
- 5) Publicity - Mr. Beukers was absent - no report
- 6) Radionavigation Journal - Mr. Uttam advised that the 1978 Radionavigation Journal would be sent to CDSI for mailing.

Agenda Item 4 - Other business

- a) Recommendations for candidates for the Board of Directors were discussed. It was suggested that candidates could be sought from a Major Marine Distributor, Transportation System Center and the Canadian Ministry of Transport. Board members to bring their recommendation to the next board meeting.

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- b) Mr. Uttam advised the board that CDR Feldman, USCG, stated that a data base exists on the question of E-Vector Primary Field Pulses as a function of Antenna current characteristics. Mr. Fehlner to discuss with CDR Feldman.
- c) No new discussion on Wild Goose working together as a division of The Institute of Navigation. Copy of the ION by-laws was distributed.
- d) The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 1979 at USCG Headquarters, Room 6200, Washington, D. C.

Raymond J. Abraczinskas
Secretary