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## MINUTES OF THE 38TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was held in Conference Room 6336, USCG Headquarters, Washington, D.C. and convened at 9:30 AM. The following Directors and members were present:

Bahar Uttam  
Vern Johnson  
Carl Andren  
Ray Abraczinskas  
Lloyd Higginbotham  
Vern Weike  
Jim VanEtten  
Leo Fehlner  
Paul Abramson  
Bill Royland

### Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

President Uttam called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

### Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of 37th Meeting

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

### Agenda Item 3 - Reports

- a) Mr. Uttam discussed, and will send a WGA Information position paper to DOT on the Mid-Continent Chain.

Mr. Jim VanEtten to temporarily act as acting chairman of WBA Issue and Position Papers committee.

Mr. Uttam read and distributed a copy of a letter from Mike Mayo, Juneau, Alaska, commenting on LORAN in Alaska. Mr. Uttam will reply to Mr. Mayo on behalf of the WGA and send a copy of Mr. Mayo's letter to the USCG. The subject also prompted a suggestion of a "User Comments" column in the WGA Newsletter.

Mr. Uttam appointed V. Johnson as Awards Committee chairman (H. Hilburn resigned).

- b) Secretary's Report - Report was deferred. Recognition and thanks to Carl Andren for ably assisting in the Secretary's absences due to sickness and business conflicts.
- c) Treasurer's Report - Mr. Andren submitted the Treasurer's Report to be distributed with the minutes. Previous balance \$4,390.55; Receipts \$3,069.00; Expenditures \$1,795.22 yielding a balance of \$5,664.33.

Mr. Andren also emphasized there was \$645.00 in outstanding ad monies to be collected and would send a third notice to the three companies in arrears.

A discussion of costs and services for WGA membership mailing resulted in the continuation of Computer Data Systems, Inc. services.

- d) Convention Chairman's Report - Mr. Higginbotham submitted the Convention Committee report to be distributed with the minutes. Mr. Uttam has made arrangements for speakers as follows:

- Thursday luncheon speaker - Jim Constanino
- Friday luncheon speaker - Bob Richardson, American Helicopter Assoc.
- Banquet speaker - to be determined

Discussion of Convention Information Mailing to publicity houses needing to be mailed soon resulted in Paul Abramson making up a list for mailing; Mr. Uttam to get envelopes made up for Mr. Abramson.

- e) Standing Committee Reports:

- 1) Constitution - Mr. Fehlner had nothing to report.
- 2) Membership - Mr. Higginbotham gave the following report and a basic pricing breakdown for the Membership Processing System services of CDSI.

The last printout received from CDSI on 19 April contained 603 membership listings. Since that time we have enrolled 16 new members and have had 167 renewals. To date there are 318 members paid up through 1979, 204 through 1978 and 97 through 1977.

Quite a number of the above renewals were from the 1977 status list. The cost of keeping inactive members on our listing is 1 or 2 cents each time the list is exercised by CDSI. (See attached price list).

Article IV, section 5a of our by-laws states that only members in "good standing" shall be allowed to vote. Neither the constitution or the by-laws define "good standing". It has been my practice to purge the membership list of those whose dues are two years in arrears as of 1 January. If the board agrees I (or my successor) will continue this practice and purge those with 1977 status at the end of this calendar year.

Mr. Higginbotham pointed out that "good standing" is not defined but recommended leaving names on the list until the end of the year. Mr. Fehlner pointed out 1 April date of dues-in-arrears is "poor standing".

A discussion of the membership mailing service revealed not all members have received a 1979 dues notice and one member in California hadn't received WGA info in years. No decision.

- 3) Historical - Mr. Dean was absent. Report was deferred.
- 4) Awards - Mr. Johnson reported the awards committee organization comprised of the following members:

V. L. Johnson, Chairman  
Capt. J. Culbertson, USCG  
L. F. Fehlner  
L. D. Higginbotham  
CDR W. Mooney, USCG  
R. A. Pasciuti  
J. P. VanEtten

Mr. Johnson expressed a concern over the procedural aspects vs the time element to accomplish nominations and requested recommendations from Board Members. The Awards Committee will assemble recommendations for the next WGA Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded considering the Medal of Merit which requires unanimous approval by the Committee Members in that in the event a member of the Awards Committee is nominated he may abstain from voting and the unanimous vote of the remaining committee members is required.

- 5) Nominations and Elections - Mr. Dean was absent. A report was supplied that all ballots were sent out.
- f) Special Committee Reports
- 1) Congressional Liason - Mr. McGann was absent. No report.
  - 2) FAA Certification - Mr. Polhemus was absent. No report.

- 3) Loran-C Specifications - Mr. VanEtten gave the Board the following report and read a letter-of-thanks to the WGA from USCG Admiral J. P. Stewart.

As reported at previous Director's Meeting in April, the official WGA recommendations resulting from the panel discussions held at the Seventh Annual WGA Technical Seminar in New Orleans in October, 1978, were provided to the USCG by the President's letter dated March 7, 1979. Rear Admiral J. P. Stewart, Chief of Staff USCG, responded to that letter on May 2, 1979, and advised that internal review of a revised Loran-C Signal Specification would be completed by late May 1979.

In discussions with Cdr. Paul Pakos, I am told that the Specification and supporting Advisory documentation are now largely complete. Weekly review and coordination meetings are being held at USCG Headquarters. Cdr. Pakos is quite optimistic that the internal reviews will be completed by the end of June. At that time the USCG field offices and the Wild Goose Association will be asked to comment on the total documentation.

I understand that the mechanism and timing for finally promulgating the Specification and the Advisory information has still not been finalized. (Admiral Stewart had previously indicated that it would be published in the Federal Register by about this time.)

- 4) Spectrum Clearance - Mr. Fehlner had nothing new to report.
- 5) Publicity - Mr. Higginbotham covered earlier.
- 6) Radionavigation Journal - Mr. Rowland reported on the on-going process to update charts (DMA) and updating receiver data via solicitations to manufacturers for information.

#### Other Business

- 1) Paul Abramson and Joe Gutman were voted to the Board on a motion by L. Fehlner and seconded by J. VanEtten.
- 2) A short discussion occurred on the activities of the ION and the Navigation Committee activity on the FNP response to Congress by the IMARSAT Bill.
- 3) Mr. Uttam reminded all to consider candidate for awards and a WGA banquet speaker.

Mr. Fehlner moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. VanEtten.

Raymond J. Abraczinskas  
Secretary