

TARPA Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 2015

Conference Call

Conferees:

President

Dusty West

Senior Director

Charlie Wilder

First V.P.

Mike McFarland

Topics Editor/Past President

Bill Kirschner

Second V.P.

Bob Kavula

Director of Hospitality

Bob Dedman

Treasurer

Ed Madigan

Convention Planner

Vicki McGowen

Web Master

Bob Willcutts

1400EDT: A phone conference of the TARPA officers and directors was called to order by President Dusty West. A quorum was established.

President's Report

Captain Dusty West

1. Bill Kirschner and I are members of the Grey Eagles and TARPA. As such, we attended the AA Grey Eagles convention in Las Vegas October 5-12, 2014. We were well received. The event was well planned and executed and very enjoyable. As you know, we are having our first joint convention alongside the AA Grey Eagles. This will take place while cruising to Bermuda aboard Celebrity's "Summit" the 23rd – 30th of August. Vicki, our convention planner, has put together a really nice package for us.
2. Passes: I'll continue to pass on current information as it is received. All up dates will be put on our website and TARPA TOPICS. Also, you can check Jet Net for the American Airline point of view.
3. Captain Bob Willcutts assumed the position of Web Master January 1, 2013. He has done a magnificent job maintaining the message board and the entire web site. Bob is also keeping us up to date regarding the "Flown West" information. I was able to contact Timothy Campbell, Sr. V.P. AA's Air Ops and was successful in convincing him to allow us to get both the TWA and AA Pilots

Death Notices e-mailed weekly to our Capt.'s Ed Madigan, Bob Willcutts, John Bybee and myself. This comes directly from Wendy Drake.

4. Bill Kirschner, Past President, stepped forward and volunteered to "Run" TARPA TOPICS. With the assistance of Cathy Gillespie, he has done an excellent job of producing "The Pride" of the Airline World's Retirement community publications—Thank You – Bill K.
5. Since going to a new format of TOPICS and publishing two issues a year we are well within our budget. Again, thanks to Bill Kirschner.
6. Last year we published a "Flown West Check List". In case you miss placed the hard copy, it is the first item on the menu when you go to the TARPA.com web site. PLEASE NOTE: As a result of AA Benefits Services Center being moved to Charlotte, NC this past January, the form was recently updated (03/19/2015). New contacts, phone numbers and addresses now apply.
7. In 2016 a joint TARPA/Grey Eagles convention will be held Sunday October 30 through Friday November 4th. We've chosen the Hotel Monteleone, in New Orleans—the French Quarter's most historic hotel. Again Vicki has set up a great venue. Vicki, Lee and I along with AA's Fred and Caroline Landbeck and Melanie Jarve went for a site inspection March 22-26, 2014. We were very impressed and feel it will be a great success.
8. In preparation for Bob Dedman asking to retire from his and Ilse's many years of wonderful service as Hospitality Director, I asked Captain Gene York and his lovely wife, Gail, if they would volunteer to take over that position following the Bermuda cruise. They both were very excited and pleased to accept. Therefore, at the General Membership Meeting on our Bermuda Cruise, I will nominate Gene York to assume the position of Hospitality Director. I have talked to both Gene and Gail several times and they are really looking forward to jumping into the "New Orleans 2016 Joint Convention"! All who know Gene York realize how friendly and personable he and Gail are. They are eager to serve! Although it will be hard to fill Bob and Ilse's shoes, I feel certain they will serve us all very well.

First V.P. Report

Captain Mike McFarland

I attended the annual TWA Seniors convention which was held in Las Vegas at the Riviera Hotel. I had a wonderful time meeting new friends and renewing old acquaintances. Paris and Lisbon were represented as well as coast to coast here in the states. I highly recommend participating in the Seniors both on a local level as well as the annual convention.

Second V.P. Report

Bob Kavula

Nothing to report at this time.

Director's Report:

Captain Charlie Wilder

Charlie voiced his concern that some of our retirees seem to “drop out” and only rejoin when there is a convention (such as the Reno Air Races) or some issue which is important to them. He knows of two such members; he indicated that if he knows two, there must be many more. He asked everyone to try to get anyone they know with such an inclination to press them to maintain their membership. He then mentioned that he had been keeping a list of “Flown West Members” by the year in which they are remembered at our annual meeting, but with the new reporting procedures, he has been unable to keep it up. Charlie indicated he had been maintaining the list as a back-up, not as the primary list. It was simply a way of making sure we would have a list to read at our AGM.

Webmaster Report:

Captain Bob Willcutts

I have been working hard to keep the TARPA Website up to date. Primary activates have been updating the “FLOWN WEST” list, the “IN REMEMBRANCE” list, and Main DIRECTORY. I was able to get an additional function of our Directory to work and you will find that in the “IN REMEMBRANCE” page. A form displays where you can select a specific year from 0 to current year and then “submit” to display the names of ALL flight deck crewmembers who have passed in that year. This list is generated directly from the MAIN Directory and may not be up to date or accurate, but it should be accurate for the past 3 or 4 years.

The Convention Page is updated as soon as I receive the updates from Vicki.

The “FLOWN WEST CHECKLIST” (upper left menu item on Home Page) has been a great help to those who have used it. Thanks Capt. Kirschner, for developing this and keeping it up to date.

I would like to remind everyone of the importance of BACKING UP your files. I recently suffered a hard drive mechanical failure and fortunately had the important files on a backup source. Had I needed to send it in for attempted recovery, it would have cost a minimum of \$700!!

That is all I have to report today, Thank you.

Treasurers Report:

Captain Ed Madigan

Cash on Deposit, March 20, 2015

C.A.C.U (CD’S)	\$ 26,004.70
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Convention Account	\$ 5,094.39
Checking Account	\$ 40,185.57
Savings Account	\$ 19,928.15
Balance March 20, 2015	\$ 94,607.63

Membership: 862

Hope you can make the cruise this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Madigan

TARPA/ Treasurer

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TOPIC'S Editor & Past President's report:

Captain Bill Kirschner

Our TARPA TOPICS Magazine is doing very well, indeed. Cathy Gillespie is very talented and great to work with along with Ed and Susie Madigan. I have enough material for the next two issues and I'm planning on working on the November issue in August. Since our November issue along with this past May issue we have sold \$2,401 worth of medallions and FOBs. I expect more sales from our upcoming November issue as we get closer to Christmas. The items were very popular at that time last year. The majority of any profits made from the sales of these two items is donated to the 800 memorial and the TWA museum.

Event Coordinator:

Vicki McGowen

Vicki provided us with an update regarding the Bermuda cruise as well as an update on our 2016 convention to be held in New Orleans.

1500EDT a motion to conclude the meeting was made by Bill Kirschner.

Seconded by Bob Willcutts.

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Mike McFarland