

*Georgia Airports Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Augusta Marriot Hotel & Suites
October 24, 2007*

CALL TO ORDER—Mike Van Wie, President, 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Van Wie and seconded by Bob Holliway to accept the minutes as written from the July 24, 2007 Board of Directors meeting held at Augusta Marriot Hotel & Suites. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Van Wie took a few minutes to introduce and welcome Yvette Aehle, Airport Director of Southwest Georgia Regional Airport who has agreed to take over as Secretary for GAA for the coming year. Mike Van Wie also indicated that the official vote for new officers by the membership would take place during the conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Mathews distributed and discussed the Financial Report dated October 24, 2007. A motion was made by Mike Van Wie and seconded by Greg Kelly to split with Mike Mathews the repair cost of GAA computer by having Mike work twelve (12) hours free for the association. The motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made from Tim Weegar and seconded by Greg Kelly to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007 Conference - Mike Van Wie handed out the GAA 2007 conference agenda briefed board members that he expected the conference to be good. Mike Van Wie also briefed board members that he had a great legislative line-up who will speaking at Friday's breakfast. Some of these include Representative Carl Rogers, Vice Chairman for Economic Development (Appropriations); Representatives Vance Smith and Ben Harbin; and Senator Chip Person. Some board members expressed how impressed they were with the number of exhibitors and sponsors getting involved with GAA. Mike Van Wie agreed and mentioned some of the reasons being the larger amount of GDOT funding available and the positive exposure of

GAA. Lastly, Mike Van Wie commented that he was hoping to bring in around \$22,000 to \$23,000 from the conference.

2008 Conference - John Crosby briefed board members that he has a locked in 170 rooms at Callaway Gardens for the 2008 conference to be held October 2-3, 2008. John indicated that room rates will vary depending on if you stay at the old lodge, new lodge or cabin. John Crosby also mentioned that golf had been locked in for two courses and soon he would be making the final decision on which course GAA would be playing. Lastly, John mentioned that he would be starting early with locking in exhibitors and sponsors.

AIRPORT SECURITY

Lee Rimmel passed out information on Senate Bill 243 from several years ago, requiring Airport Managers to receive initial security training and recurrent training annually. Lee Rimmel noted that Senate Bill 243 is still a state law however the State has zero money to conduct the training and there is no longer a place to hold training. Lee Rimmel provided a historical review of this topic in detail. There was much discussion from various board members on how to proceed with this issue. Vernon Lee agreed to get with some of our Legislatures and start a dialog on how this issue should be dealt with.

GDOT

Ed Ratigan briefed board members that he had recently received a call from the Governor's Budget and Planning Office indicating that GDOT's 11.2 million dollars in the State Aviation Airport Aid programmed for physical year 2009 would be reduced by 5 million. The reason given was that last year it was a one time enhancement and the 11.2 million would not be continuing budget for years to come. Vernon Lee commented that he had just been with several of our key Legislatures within the last 24 hours and that no one was aware of this. Vernon noted to board members not to worry because there is an ongoing political divide with House members and the Governor and the fact that once the Legislature approves the budget the Governor can not touch it. Vernon also indicated that GDOT was not one of Governor's veto issues. Ed Ratigan was surprised because this information contradicts what had been discussed and approved by the State Legislature. On a different topic Ed, briefed board members that Air Georgia would be meeting on November 7th in Macon to accept applications on four (4) for new projects. Lastly, Ed indicated the Air Georgia Grant program had

completed three projects with one (1) under construction and everything with the program was going good.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mike Van Wie nominated to the nominating committee John Crosby for President, Tim Weegar for Vice President and Yvette Aehle for Secretary for the 2008 GAA Officers. Greg Kelly made a motion and seconded by Bob Holliway to submit to the membership the names as nominated by Mike Van Wie. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Van Wie in the absence of Vernon Lee facilitated a discussion with board members in regards to Vernon's lobbying success for GAA during the past year. Mike Van Wie made a motion and was seconded by Tim Weegar to approve a \$4,000 raise for Vernon Lee. The motion passed unanimously. Lastly, Lee Remmel reported that the FAA is still operating under a Continuing Resolution and he is staying in close contact with all of the aviation alphabetic groups who are all working together in sending a message to the Federal Government to "kill user fees".

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:35p.m.