



VATSIM Board of Governors'

Meeting Minutes

11th July 2009

I. Call to order

David Klain called to order the regular meeting of the **VATSIM Board of Governors'** at **1400z** on **11th July, 2009** online **via TeamSpeak**.

II. Register

Steven Cullen took a register. The following persons were present:

David Klain
Luca Benelli
Roland Collins
Mike Evans
Steven Cullen
Norman Blackburn - left at 1418z
Kyle Ramsey
Florian Harms
Michael Zazula - joined at 1435z
George Papanikolopoulos

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous minutes not tabled. – Approved and distributed 19/01/2009

IV. Open issues

a) Mitre Project Update (Dave K). David discussed his recent interaction with the staff of MITRE, and gave a summary of the upcoming projects.

- (1) MSFS mission based activities with members offline
 - (2) Centre Controller tool to help plan conflict resolution
 - (3) UAV – seeking to see how stray/uncontrolled effect TMA and centre operations.
- Florian is looking at finding the Finland vACC staff member for MITRE scenery integration.

b) Central America Region (Dave K, Roland C) RD position remains unfilled, and has been made redundant. Talks held with affected divisions have resulted in the mutually agreeable moves as listed.

Mexico – VATNA
Caribbean – VATNA
Central America – VATSA

It is stressed that divisions will remain intact, and these moves are to align the divisions with a region for the purpose representation at the EC. We lose a RD position, no other change to operations.

George M is making the required changes to the CoR and it should be available for vote shortly.

c) **VATSA RD (Norman B, Kyle R)** Norman left at this time. Kyle explained short list had been completed. Discussions centred around candidate with simple query regarding RD position. Debate held over for Norman's return. Norman to make contact with candidate to confirm interest.

d) **Global Controller Rating Policy Review Update (Roland C, Kyle R)** GRP started slow, picking up pace now. S2 approval has gone ahead. Roland meeting with EC to discuss. GRP2 is being accepted better than previous version due to member involvement in review process. Mike Evans stated the VATSIM systems are ready for the rollout. Vote called for by David Klain to have S2 implemented by the divisions within 30 days from receipt of notification with the requirement to report back to VP – Regions on completion of the implementation, seconded by Roland Collins. Michael Zazula holds Norman Blackburn's proxy vote.

Poll taken 10 votes YES; 0 votes NO. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting entered **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 1445z

Executive session ended at time 1512z

1509z – Norman Blackburn returns to meeting.

e) **New VATSIM website Update (Florian H, Mike E)** On track for rollout. Current target date end of August 2009.

Point C reopened – Norman to email candidate and will re affirm members desire to apply for RD position.

f) **Revised Supervisor Guidelines (Michael Z) Michael** explained his revised document was ready for implementation, and sought a BoG vote on the new SUP CoC. Roland Collins mentioned he thought there was a clause left over from a previous version regarding DCRM and SUP conflict of interest. MZ left to check the document.

1530z – Norman Blackburn left session

g) **Pilot Ratings Status Report (Kyle R)** Kyle explained P1 test was almost ready only a few more weeks. Currently working on structure of ATO. VATSIM to define what an ATO is, maintain the quality/requirements of rating and ATO to carry out instruction. Building a bank of P1 100 questions, 60 general, 20 FAA, 20 ICAO. P1 will be a pre-requisite for the higher ratings, but it is stressed that no rating will be mandatory.

An expression of thanks and appreciation was put forward by Florian to Kyle for stepping in and taking control of P1.

V. Open issues

a) **BoG Vacancies (Dave K)** - NOTAM calling for applications for VP – Operations. Hope to have the position filled by month end. Vote within the next 2 weeks. VP - Development will be a closed recruitment. VP – Pilot training to be advertised by NOTAM after VP- Development filled.

b) **Network Architecture/VATSIM Technical Flightplan Update (Luca B, Mike E)** Server issues have been identified. GSM is involved from the founders. UK server issue identified, Luca is working on it.

- c) **CERT Upgrade Update (Mike E)** Cert server backed up daily. Stats removed from Cert. Major changes coming, emails to be sent to see what is needed. Database projects have been marked as being the most important tasks at hand. All to support Mike Evans in any manner possible.
- d) **VATSIM Stats Review (Steven C)** Tabled a suite of tables and graphs showing member activity and new registrations for the month of May. This will be made available to all VATSIM staff each month, starting once June data correlated.

Norman Blackburn returns – 1607z

- e) **French Polynesia Brief (Dave K)** Started through VATPAC. Director left position. VATPAC and vACC France working together to reach compromise and form a partnership. Special visiting controller conditions for vACC France, VATNZ and VATPAC controllers to control in partnership.

Point f) reopened – 1617z vote Michael Zazula called for the acceptance of the new VATSIM Supervisors Code of Conduct. Seconded by Florian Harms. Vote 10 YES; 0 NO. Vote passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

David Klain called to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Steven Cullen**. Meeting adjourned at **1623z**. The next quarterly meeting is due September 2009. It is planned that the meeting will be held on or around the weekend of September 26th, 2009.

Minutes submitted by: **Steven Cullen**

Minutes approved by: **BoG vote**