

VATSIM Board of Governors

Q2 2013 Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2013 2000z

Open Meeting, Record Attendance and Proxies

Opening Business:

Thanks to outgoing VATGOV6 Thomas George - Steven

Record adhoc votes since last meeting - Kyle

Old Business:

- * Regions Update - Peter

- * Pilot Training Update - Pan

- * VA/VSOA Update - Roger

- * VP Development, Web, and Marketing Replacement Update - Steven

- * Client Development Update - Kyle

- * Authority for Divisions - Kyle

New Business

- * Founder's Feedback - Steven

- * ATC and Pilot Hours Awards - Kyle

- * BoG-EC Voice Meeting - Kyle

Other Business

- * Questions from Members - All

Close Meeting and Adjourn

Attendees:

Kyle Ramsey (KR)

Peter Nielsen (PN)

Steven Cullen (SC)

Pan Lallas (PL)

Norman Blackburn (NB)

Apologies: Jim Johnson (JJ) proxy to SC, Jeff Turner (JU) proxy to NB, Luca Benelli (LB) proxy to PL, Roger Curtiss (RC) proxy to SC

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 20:28z by SC

SC gave thanks to Thomas George for his service to the BoG in Web Services

KR recorded there were no ad hoc votes since the last BoG minutes:

Regions Report – PN –

- 🕒 Two new RDs on board now, and thanks to Ilan Jones for his service for many years.
- 🕒 Asia continues to have a shortage of members and low traffic levels
- 🕒 EUR and USA remain busy, added a new DD in Mexico
- 🕒 The EC's request for automated stats to Rds and Dds remains a hot topic
- 🕒 Entered Executive Session at 2033z
- 🕒 Out of Executive Session at 2047z

Pilot Training Report – PL –

- 🕒 Over 2000 pilot ratings have been issued to date
- 🕒 The PTD team is still working to build a Moodle platform for the P1 ratings
- 🕒 The team expects to start the design work on the P6 rating this fall
- 🕒 Official ATO certificates have been sent to all ATOs; feedback has been positive
- 🕒 Lack of web infrastructure continues to be a hindrance to working with ATOs and future ratings
- 🕒 A question was raised about grandfathering IVAO ratings into VATSIM. The short answer is no, because they are not a one to one fit and they aren't designed on the same criteria. VATSIM ratings are designed to be performance based so if a person with a IVAO pilot rating (or anyone really) believes that have the skills to pass a specific VATSIM rating they need only find an ATO that will administer the final test.
- 🕒 KR said he wanted to pass his thanks, and other BoG members did as well, for the progress and advancements PL and his team have accomplished to date.

VA/VSOA Report – SC – The LinksManager upgrade has gone on hold again as the developer working on it has stopped making progress. RC is looking for a new project owner now.

VP Development/Marketing/Web Update – SC –

- ⌚ No update for Marketing.
- ⌚ SC and KR looking at a proposal for Development, will keep members informed via email as it unfolds.
- ⌚ Web interviews for a candidate have concluded with the Founders, candidate given access to the web to see the structure so he knows what he is getting into before he accepts

Executive Session Entered at 21:06z

Left Executive Session at 21:23z

Pilot Client Update – SC –

- ⌚ SC and KR met with the leadership of the pilot client team led by Sascha. Very impressed with their organization and how they have divided the tasks, along with the capabilities in people they have found and pulled together
- ⌚ They have requested a solution for them to be able to validate member Ids for the visual model system, SC reports a proposal is ready, waiting on the VP Web hire to complete as that person would have to implement it

EC Update – KR –

- ⌚ KR attended in PN and SC absence. Very enjoyable meeting, very good team of committed leaders
- ⌚ Discussed authority of divisions issue, current leadership did not feel they wanted to pursue it
- ⌚ Good discussion of progress challenges, and issues in each region
- ⌚ KR mentioned that Mark runs a very good meeting, good mechanics and procedure
- ⌚ Discussed procedural tower GRP changes, SC had questions about some specifics in the language, he will follow up with the EC
- ⌚ EC/BoG voice meeting was pushed until Sept due to vacations

Founder's Feedback – SC –

- ⌚ SC discussed details of forum attack, noted we lost 18 months of back up data
- ⌚ Making changes to procedures so we don't have a repeat loss of data and also making some security changes to prevent a similar attack in the future

🕒 SC noted forum leaders needed to update moderator lists

New Business

Member Questions – KR -

A question has come up about the pilot badges similar to the ATC badges. Also mentioned we need to update ATC badges since first release. KR to work with LB and SC to do this manually until we get an more automated function in place, will report back in next meeting.

SC mentioned his request for written reports from departments, reiterated he needs those for his Founder's report he sends prior to the BoG voice meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:54z