

VATSIM Board of Governors

Q3 2014 Meeting Minutes

Oct 18, 2014 2000z

Open Meeting, Record Attendance and Proxies

Opening Business

- Record adhoc votes since last meeting - Kyle
- Selection of VP Web Services Nominee - Steven
- Pilot Training Update – Kyle
- Regions Update - Peter
- VAVSOA Update – Roger
- Team Update – Steven

Attendees:

Steven Cullen (SC)

Peter Nielsen (PN)

Kyle Ramsey (KR)

Roger Curtiss (RC)

Norman Blackburn (NB)

Apologies: Luca Benelli (LB) and Justin Friedland (JF) proxy to KR; Gunnar Lindahl (GL) proxy to NB

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 2006z by SC

KR recorded there were two BoG votes since the Q2 2014 BoG meeting:

- Minutes for the Q2 2014 BoG meeting were approved unanimously
- SC was unanimously elected to a second two year term as VATSIM President

Selection of Kieran Hardern as VP Web Services – SC -

- SC has vetted Kieran through the normal process and all is a green light.
- NB motion to select KH as new VP Web Services, seconded by RC
- Motion carried unanimously

Pilot Training Update – KR -

- John Wiesenfeld has stepped up as acting VP Pilot Training. The staff remains working and committed to the department's plans and goals.
- Pilot Training Academy's P1 program is running well and capable of delivering the P1 Pilot Ratings to hundreds of pilots each month with very low human action required. Reports from pilots who have gone through it remain very positive at the speed and information provided.
- _CFI callsign suffix is ready to go in the Pilot Training world, Max Lye working with LB to iron out the server side to make sure it works.
- First class of P9 future VATSIM Certified Flight Instructors is in the queue and will be the first to use the _CFI callsign, so integration goes on with GL's supervisors as well, with planned communications for regions as well. This designation is not to be confused with the lead instructor pilot of an ATO, the Chief Flight Instructor.

Region Update – PN -

- EC meeting follows this meeting, PN solicits input from BoG members in attendance regarding GRP2 improvements and major airports options being discussed in the EC.
- PN reiterates needs for regular data feeds on membership participation to help EC examine trends.

VA/VSOA Report – RC –

- The new web platform continues to perform nicely.
- Issues continue to arise around VSOA operations – what's in VSOA, what's out of VSOA. Boils down to what can “non-VSOA” pilots do on the network that does not tread into VSOA regulations?
- VSOAs are required to provide and maintain a very high degree of training and expertise to fly complex military operations on our network.
- Supervisors need training on how to enforce VSOA regulations as they are getting calls more often and need tools to help them see where the line is drawn so they can effectively enforce the regulations we have without being burdensome to the already busy task cycle they have when online.
- Pilots and ATC also need more information in simple formats to explain the

difference between VSOA activities and those not regulated by the VSOA documents.

- RC and GL to work on proposals to produce these training and information documents.

Team Update – SC -

- Thanks for the whole team and specifically KR and NB for helping cover departments while we transitioned new VPs into place and coverage for absences.
- TYPO3 web platform issues discussed. New VP Web Services has a new platform in the wings that should solve these problems to be released near the holidays.

Meeting was adjourned at 2045z per SC, seconded by KR.