



VATSIM Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Session Meeting, 3rd Quarter 2016

January 21, 2017

I. Call to order

Chairman Nicola Felini (NF) – North America Region Director called to order the Normal Session of the VATSIM Executive Committee (EC) at 2107z on January 21, 2017 on TeamSpeak. The special session was held in accordance with the VATSIM Code of Regulations §3.08, sub-section B. The meeting was requested by Chairman Nicola Felini.

II. Roll call

A. Present:

Regional Director Thomas Mathieu (**TM**) – Africa & Middle East Region
(minutes)

Regional Director Anastasios Stefopoulos (**AS**) – Asia Region

Chairman Nicola Felini (**NF**) – North America Region

Regional Director Federico Navarro (**FN**) – South America Region

Interim Regional Director Ray Lang (**RL**) – Oceania Region

B. Apologies:

Regional Director Apostolos Damkalis (**AD**) – Europe Region (Proxy AS)

C. Auditors:

President Kyle Ramsey (**KR**) – Board of Governors

VP Regions Jackson Harding (**JH**) – Board of Governors

Deputy Regional Director Brayden Manzella (**BM**) - North America Region

D. Presenters:

Alan Cooke (**AC**) – West Asia Division



III. General and New Business

A. Approval of minutes stemming from the last meeting - FN

- Approval requested for previous special meeting of the EC as published.

MOTION – FN SECOND – TM

None opposed: MOTION CARRIED

- Minutes accepted as published.

B. Hit Squad – CONTINUED - FN

- Coordinator job posting:
 - Job posting has been posted.
 - No new applications received. The board discussed reposting the ad.
 - NF and TM recommendations for potential strong candidates to assume the role. Both are from NA Region.
 - Topic will remain open through the next regular meeting.

C. GRP Audit Team – NF

- Audits are underway but TM did not have an update or feedback available from the audit teams.
- Surveys from VATUK and VATME Divisions have been received and briefly discussed.
- No issues reported so far and Divisions have been very receptive to the audit teams.
- Motion to enter executive session – TM Second – FN, none opposed
 - Executive session entered at 2117z
- Motion to exit executive session – FN Second – NF, none opposed
 - Executive session ended at 2126z
- Topic will remain open through the next regular meeting.



D. Proposal for new FSS service for West Asia Division - **AC**

- A written proposal was submitted by AC for discussion and approval.
- Discussion of training and logistics were discussed.
- The FSS would provide services above FL245 as submitted.
- The countries covered will be Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka/Maldives, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal and Afghanistan above FL245 when underlying controllers are not connected.
- Concerns about inter-fir cooperation and geo-political implications were discussed. All are in agreement with the proposal.
- NF advised the EC of the FSS policy and trial period of new FSS position.
- NF submitted a motion to approve a network trial of the new FSS service in VATWA as proposed per GRP 7.1.
- **MOTION – NF SECOND – FN**

TM – Aye
AS – Aye
AD – (AS proxy) Aye
NF – Aye
RL – Aye
FN – Aye
MOTION CARRIED

E. Selection of Chairman of the Executive committee for 2017 - **TM**

- The committee was queried for interest for the position of Chairman
- A motion was made appoint NF to the Chairman position.
- **MOTION – TM SECOND – FN**

TM – Aye
AS – Aye
AD – (AS proxy) Aye
NF – Abstain
RL – Aye
FN – Aye
MOTION CARRIED

F. Review of Transfer policy – NEW – **TM**

- Discussion tabled for special meeting TBA.

G. Region Director power, per the CoR – NEW – **TM**

- Discussion tabled for special meeting TBA.



H. IVAO Membership Help – NEW – NF

- Discussion about how IVAO handles member issues vs. how VATSIM does.
- NF addressed concerns about the difficulty communicating with members, especially for support issues.
- BoG updated the EC on the progress of network administration IT updates.
- Topic will remain open through the next regular meeting.

I. Executive session requested - FN

- Motion to enter executive session – NF Second – TM, none opposed
- Executive session entered at 2158z
- Motion to exit executive session – NF Second – FN, none opposed
- Executive session ended at 2202z

J. Region Reports – NF

- Africa Middle East - **TM**:
 - TM announced the appointment of Deon Mathews as new Division Director for Africa Division. TM also thanked George Condes for his excellent service as he retires, but continues to advise and work with Deon during the transition.
 - First regional town hall meeting with Deon and his division members will be held on February 5th.
 - For Israel Division, a new DCRM was appointed and undergoing orientation.
 - Israel is exploring integrating their forum and website in SSO and perhaps joining the Regional HQ training management system.
 - Middle East Division announced a new website for Iran vACC. Iran is an area of interest in growth for members and has great participation with real world controllers from the country.
- Asia – **AS**:
 - Reported stable quarter.
 - The staff in West Asia Division retired and opening up the airspace per FSS proposal presented earlier to ensure continuous ATC service.
 - Looking to develop India and West Asia in the near future.
 - South East Asia is doing very well and training, events and member participation going well.
- Europe – **AD**:
 - Apologies, report will be published at a later date.



- North America – **NF**
 - No major changes reported for North America.
 - New Region staff announced and new projects detailed.
 - New publications planned for members.
 - Canada Division suffered a web attack. USA IT stepped up and helped restore services with minimal disruptions.
 - BM has completed the P2 program for North America. Advertising is underway to attract students.
- Oceania – **RL**
 - Growth in membership reported.
 - VATNZ has reported the most growth in the quarter, exceeding all previous records.
 - VATPAC has many projects underway. Australia is working on many programs and mapping to show enhanced online activity.
 - New policies in VATPAC were put in place to reduce incidents in Team Speak chat channels.
 - Traffic levels increased in the Region in the quarter.
 - New controllers coming online saw a remarkable increase in the quarter as well.
- South America – **FN**
 - FN reports remarkable increased online activity and events. Goal is to have at least 1 event per Division monthly.
 - Divisional development efforts have increased in several Divisions and FN noted increased virtual airline participation and help.
- Board of Governors (BoG) Report – **JH**
 - JH and Tim Barber joined the BoG in the quarter and Gunnar Lindahl moved from VP Supervisors to VP Marketing.
 - JH reported that the ATC sub-committee a special meeting and will forward recommendations to the EC based on those discussions for improvements in ATC re-certifications and trials for new policies.
 - Code of Conduct review has been completed and recommendations have been forwarded to the Founders for ratification.
 - VATSIM 2017 convention has been announced and they are hopeful for a strong senior staff presence at the event. New website for event is online.
 - World Flight 2016 was a great success with a lot of money for charity raised.
 - Supervisor and membership ticket systems are fully up and running good.



- A briefing of the Regional Directors ability to assist the membership department (MD) was discussed. KR responded to the EC's concerns with an updated of the current operating procedure of the MD.
- Motion to enter executive session – FN Second – NF, none opposed.
- Executive session entered at 2217z
- Apologies, FN who needed to depart meeting.
- Motion to exit executive session – NF Second – TM, none opposed.
- Executive session ended at 2236z

IV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting submitted by NF, Seconded by TM and none opposed.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Nicola Felini adjourned the meeting at 2236z.

Minutes submitted by: Region Director Thomas Mathieu

Minutes approved on:

Minutes approved by: