



# **VATSIM Executive Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Regular Quarter 4 Meeting

January 30, 2016

### **I. Call to order**

Chairman Nicola Felini (NF) – North America Region called to order the Regular of the VATSIM Executive Committee at 2114z on January 30, 2016 on TeamSpeak.

### **II. Roll call**

#### **A. Present:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **B. Apologies:**

Regional Director Jackson Harding (**JH**) – Oceania Region

*Voting proxy - **RL***

#### **C. The following members audited the meeting:**

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

Deputy Director Tim Barber (**TB**) – North America Region

Deputy Region Director Mahmoud Fadli (**MF**) – Africa and Middle East Region



### III. Approval of minutes stemming from the last meeting

- A. The minutes, having previously been circulated, were presented to the committee.
- **A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented**

**MOTION – FN**

**SECOND – TM**

**TM – Aye**

**AS – Aye**

**NF – Aye**

**FN – Aye**

**AD – Aye**

**RL – Aye**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### IV. Old business

- A. Selection of a Chairman for 2016
- The meeting was turned over to **FN**
  - The committee was queried for interest for the position of Chairman
  - **A motion was made appoint NF to the Chairman position**

**MOTION – FN**

**SECOND – AD**

**TM – Aye**

**AS – Aye**

**NF – Aye**

**FN – Aye**

**AD – Aye**

**RL – Aye**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- The meeting was turned back over to **NF**
- B. Solo validations
- **TM** discussed the difficulty in keeping the student certification file updated for Supervisor review
  - **FN** discussed that solo validations should be maintained at the Division level
  - **NF** discussed future implementation into CERT
  - **KR** recommended speaking to the web staff concerning CERT
  - **NF** asked if solo validations should be removed from the GRP
  - **AD** stated that it is widely used in the Europe Region



- All regions, with the exception of Europe Region, were in favor of removing solo validations from the GRP
- It was noted that Europe Region call create a region policy to continue to support solo validations
- **NF** appointed **AD** to lead future discussion on solo validations.
  - **AD** will return to the next regular meeting with a recommendation for a vote on its removal from the GRP
  - The recommendation will be based upon discussion from all Region Directors

#### C. CERT usage and statistical analysis

- **KR** discussed the usage of such data
- At this time, additional functionality would not improve the needs of the committee
- **Topic closed**

#### D. Status of Africa and Middle East Region – **TM**

- *See region report*
- **Topic closed**

#### E. Region NOTAMs – **NF** for **Mark Richards**

- **KR** - Currently, this system does not exist
- There are no plans for the near-future
- **Topic closed**

### V. New business

- Pilot rating reciprocity from IVAO – **TM**
  - **KR** - No reciprocity system in effect and no current plan to implement one
  - **Topic closed**
- CoC modernization – **KR**
  - Nine out of ten suspensions are for unattended connections
  - Moving section A9 to pilot section of the CoC
  - Are we spending too many resources on unattended connections?
  - Why are pilots connecting to the network but then leaving the computer?
  - Relaxing the observer inactivity time
  - The Executive Committee may be allowed to participate in the CoC modernization committee



- Supervisor Application System – **TB**
  - Supervisor senior staff is asking Regional Directors to complete their references

## **VI. Reports**

### **A. Regions**

- Africa and Middle East Region - **TM**
  - Merger between North and South Africa
  - Africa will now be one Division with two vACCs
- Asia Region – **AS**
  - Steady increase in controllers between quarters
  - A major event was held today, and it was a success
  - Regular events are being held every two weeks
- Europe Region – **AD**
  - New Director in VATUK Division
  - Several members transferring between Europe Region and Africa and Middle East Region

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- North America Region – **NF**
  - New Director in VATCAN Division
  - Ira Robinson selected as Strategic Development Director (VATNA4)
- Oceania Region – **RL**
  - New Region Director, Jackson Harding
  - Several Division staff changes
  - Changes to the RCRP
- South America Region – **FN**
  - South America and Brazil are working well
  - Central America has a new team to revitalize the Division
  - VATSIM Hit Squad had been requested to assist VATCA, however they went unresponsive
    - Requesting assistance from the Executive Committee
    - Previous discussion on the authority over the Hit Squad
    - **NF** – Discussed the previous meeting when the Hit Squad came up



- Discussed that the Hit Squad should be under the authority of the Executive Committee
- The Executive Committee should start their own Hit Squad if this is not possible
- This would be a team of webmasters, sector file professionals, training professionals, and project managers
- **TM** – The Executive Committee exists to promote the Regions and continuity of the network
- **NF** – Will investigate and work towards making such a group
- Asked **KR** to discuss the Hit Quad with the Board of Governors

#### B. Board of Governors - **KR**

- FlightSimCon 2016 – Hartford, CT, USA
  - VATSIM will participate
- Looking to have a page on the website to list live events and programs
- Each department giving updates at each meeting
- Supervisor team update from Gunnar
- Membership retention strategies being discussed
- Changes in Membership Department leadership
- Board of Governors position descriptions to be re-written
- VATGOV10 replacement discussion
- **FN** – Asked the board to discuss having videos for recruitment and new members

### VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Nicola Felini made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 2243z.

**MOTION – NF**

**SECOND – FN**

Minutes submitted by: Chairman Nicola Felini

Minutes approved on:

Minutes approved by: