



# **VATSIM Executive Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Regular Quarter 1 Meeting

April 29, 2017

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

Chairman Nicola Felini (NF) – North America Region called to order the Regular of the VATSIM Executive Committee at 2009z on April 29, 2017 on the North America TeamSpeak 3 server.

### **II. Roll call**

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

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

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

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

Regional Director Joel Richters (**JR**) – Oceania Region

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

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

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

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

#### **C. Auditors:**

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

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

A. The minutes, having previously been circulated, were already approved via E-Mail

### **IV. General Business**

#### **A. Executive Committee Audit Team (NF for TM)**

- Teams were deployed, however they remain in the factfinding stage



- There has been a bit of a stall due to availability issues and some staff changes
- Surveys were completed by the Division Directors of the two Divisions being audited
- The forms and framework have already been developed and published
- The forms are hosted on a secured area of the VATNA website
- TM will be coordinating efforts in the near future
- Additional report to follow via E-Mail

B. Hit Squad (FN)

- The coordinator position was posted on at least two occasions
- The position will be reposted as the E.C. has an interest in continuing the program as previously presented

C. West Asia FSS (NF for AS)

- Final approval required for FSS – currently in GRP required trial period

**MOTION BY NF – AMEND THE GRP TO INCLUDE THE WEST ASIA FSS AS A FULLY AUTHORIZED FSS**

**SECOND BY FN**

**FN FOR TM – AYE**

**AD – AYE**

**NF – AYE**

**JR – AYE**

**FN – AYE**

**MOTION CARRIED – TOPIC CLOSED**

D. S1 transfer trial

- The trial period has ended a while ago
- VATNA has been having issues recently with controllers abusing the policy
- No other Regions have been experiencing such an issue
- No other Region Directors had an issue reverting to the old system
- This would require Region Director to manually approve the transfers

**MOTION BY NF – EDIT THE TRANSFER AND VISITING CONTROLLER POLICY TO ALLOW S1 RATED CONTROLLERS TO TRANSFER, WITHOUT RESTRICTION, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE APPROPRIATE REGION DIRECTOR. ALL OTHER S1 TRANSFERS**



**WILL ONCE AGAIN BE GOVERNED BY THE CURRENT TRANSFER PROVISIONS OF THE POLICY**

**SECOND BY AD**

**FN FOR TM – AYE**

**AS - AYE**

**AD – AYE**

**NF – AYE**

**JR – AYE**

**FN – AYE**

**MOTION CARRIED – TOPIC CLOSED**

**E. Oceania FSS**

- **JR** would like the following sectors added to the GRP under Oceania FSS
- These sectors would be used mostly during events
- As these are sectors of an existing FSS, no trial period will be needed

ML-INE_FSS	Melbourne Radio (Indian East)
ML-INS_FSS	Melbourne Radio (Indian South)
BN-HWE_FSS	Brisbane Radio (Howe)
BN-FLD_FSS	Brisbane Radio (Flinders)
BN-COL_FSS	Brisbane Radio (Coral)

**MOTION BY JR – EDIT THE GRP TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED SECTORS IN THE OCEANIA FSS SECTION**

**SECOND BY FN**

**FN FOR TM – AYE**

**AS FOR AD - AYE**

**AS – AYE**

**NF – AYE**

**JR – AYE**

**FN – AYE**

**MOTION CARRIED – TOPIC CLOSED**

**F. Joint EC – BoG meeting**

- Topics warranting a joint meeting
- Status of the Code of Conduct revision



- Continue the discussion via E-Mail, however do not hold up setting a meeting date
  - The EC offered a date of May 13, 2017

## V. Reports

### A. Regions

- Africa and Middle East Region - **TM**
  - To be released via VATSIM.net
- Asia Region – **AS**
  - Normal operations
  - Alan Cooke retired
  - New Region staff postings forthcoming
  - West Asia FSS officially up and running with success
  - West Asia efforts are so-so due to low staff numbers
  - New Division Director coming to India
  - Lots of events posted
  - Hong Kong and Taiwan started a monthly event
- Europe Region – **AD**
  - To be released via VATSIM.net
- North America Region – **NF**
  - No noteworthy trends in membership
  - No major leadership changes
  - All four Divisions have long-standing Division Directors

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL/MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

- Oceania Region – **JR**
  - VATPAC had a very successful town hall meeting
  - **JR** created Core Values for the Region, which should be shared with the network
- South America Region – **FN**
  - Brazil has a new team in place, doing a good job
  - VATSA sharing server resources to cultivate Region
  - Central America still on the radar, awaiting a new team to be put in place
  - DCRM positions are vacant
  - Central America lacking a DCRM
  - Referrals expiring without intervention



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

- Pilot sub-group
  - Adding pilot ratings
  - More visibility to pilot ratings
  - Exploring a pilot help desk
  - Network survey
  - Connecting better to pilot members

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – BOG MATTERS**

- Convention planning in progress
  - EC would like to see a conference hosted in the United States
- Request for proposal from EC – transfers in future technology plans
- Region Directors providing membership functions – still no progress
  - **JR** agrees that Administrator rated members should be able to provide these functions by virtue of rating
  - **NF** agrees
- **NF** – Membership Managers should be members of the Region they are serving. Impartiality is not an issue
  - New Membership Manager initiative – not assigned to their home Region
  - Each Region has membership staff, however they do not have membership authorization
  - IVAO has a much better customer service system – all services completed by Region membership manager
- Supervisor availability in the high 80's
- 10,000 pilot ratings issued
  - P9 and P7 in progress
- New server in Russia
- New web system forthcoming



## **VI. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Nicola Felini adjourned the meeting at 2217z, second by **FN**.

Minutes submitted by: Chairman Nicola Felini

Minutes approved on: 10 May 2017

Minutes approved by:

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