



Aviation Management Council

Attn: Pat Moore, Executive Secretary
3833 South Development Avenue
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AMC Meeting April 27, 2001

PRESENT - Bob Martin (Chair - FS), Mike Martin (OAS), Lynn Findley (BLM), Mick McCurry (OAS), Bob Galloway (OAS), Tony Kern (FS), Rich Denker (FS), Kevin Hamilton (BLM), Jon Rollens (FS), Ed Stone (FS), Asher Williams (FS) and Leslie Laraway (substitute secretary).

1. **PREVIOUS MEETING** - The meeting minutes of March 5, 2001 were approved. Minutes will be added to the Web site (<http://www.oas.gov/hq/director/amc/amc.htm>). Topic updates included:

- The proposal for a centralized aviation office for PL4 has been drafted. An interagency agreement with the MAC will establish the relationship. Will provide further updates at the June meeting.
- NAFTA: FS discussed using Canadian operators at RAO meeting; they have no issue considering them on upcoming bids.
- FS/OAS MOU: Sam Stivison and Bob Comb are rewriting.
- 720 vs. 760 FREQUENCY: nothing done as yet.

2. **IHOG** - The new IHOG proposals were discussed. The FS has previously routed them through their approval process; however, DOI Aviation Managers still need written concurrence from their bureaus. Modifications include:

- a. A change in minimum daily staff requirements of standard category helicopters used in a limited status.
- b. The use of one manager to manage two Type I or II restricted category helicopters.
- c. More guidance for helicopter managers on appropriate bucket sizes.
- d. Use of unimproved landing areas on recurring basis with limited improvements.

3. **IHOP** – IHOP responded to a request from National MAC group to use National Guard crew chiefs as helicopter managers. Request should have come through AMC for response. It was decided that:

1. Response letter will be retrieved,
2. Charter will be reviewed to ensure the lines of communication are clear,
3. Future recommendations will go to operations oversight team, then be forwarded to AMC,
4. Appropriate protocol will be reviewed with National MAC Group Chairman.

IHOP Chair presented a new Charter for Operations Oversight Team review.

4. **AVIATION TRAINING** – Three letters were presented to the AMC for review and

approval. The issues addressed included:

1. Stocking of interagency aviation training modules in the fire cache,
2. Change in 310-1 for dispatchers,
3. Change in FS 5107-19 requirements.

The SLAM Committee is addressing the critical need for a senior-level aviation training program. Too many lower-level employees are attending classes meant for higher-level management personnel. OAS may need to develop additional courses, to be available at the ACE, and geared toward District Line Managers and Associate State Directors.

5. TEAM REPORTS

Operations Team Report –

1. Bell 214 issue – 10 years ago it was decided not to use 214s for standard passenger- carrying operations due to their safety record. Recently, 214s were the low bid on a FS contract, raising the issue again. There is no current policy prohibiting their use and. CDF currently uses this aircraft. The FS (JP Johnston) will gather additional data on their mishap rate over the last 10-15 years before a decision is made. Fuel capacity of the 214 is also a problem.
2. PC-7 Lead Planes in Alaska – A SAFECOM was filed on a PC-7 returning after dark from the Lower 48. BLM employees will be in these aircraft, which do not meet night or IFR requirements, this upcoming season. The dispatch system needs to be notified that this aircraft should not be dispatched on late afternoon flights.
3. Flight Following – an RFP is out for equipment. FS Region 1 will operate as the test region.
4. Interagency Aviation Training Manager – position will be advertised again as a temporary detail. OAS funding is adequate through FY'02. To convert to a full-time, permanent position OAS will have to find funding for future years. FS has already funded this position through FY'03.
5. National Guard Pilot Standards – There is a discrepancy in the Adjutant General's attitude on allocating their assets to National issues. A national standard needs to be set for all National Guard agreements.

Business Management Oversight Team Report –

1. IRM working team still needs an FS representative.
 2. Barbara Mahaffey (OAS) will replace Mike Martin on the Business Oversight Team while he chairs the AMC.
6. **OTHER** – TCAS budget request submitted. First of the money should show up next year. Airtanker equipment is anticipated to be significantly cheaper than was expected
 7. **ACTING FS AMC MEMBER** – Ed Stone will become the new FS AMC member.
 8. **OVERSIGHT TEAM MEMBERS** – Lately there have been requests for membership in the oversight teams. The AMC Charter cites that members are appointed by the AMC,

however, no policy exists determining team size or membership term length. It was suggested that invitations to attend upcoming meetings be sent to those interested, but that membership not increase at this time.

9. **CHAIR ROTATION** – Mike Martin, the new AMC Chair, will replace Bob Martin who is retiring in May. Mike thanked Bob for an outstanding job.

10. **NEXT MEETING** - scheduled for June 4, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. in the OAS A-wing conference room.