

MINUTES
SEC-AAAE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
SEC-AAAE Annual Conference & Exposition
March 17, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Sheraton Birmingham, Ballroom 1
Birmingham, Alabama

I. Welcome..... Travis Crilly, AAE, President

President Crilly welcomed the Board and guests to the beautiful City of Birmingham and the SEC-AAAE Board of Directors' Meeting. President Crilly introduced Ron Mathieu, Chairman of the 2024 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference who received an ovation for his conference committee's good work.

II. Approval of Minutes..... Lenard Robinson, AAE, Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Robinson presented the Board Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2024 held in Orlando, Florida. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was presented, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice.

III. Treasurer's Report..... Lenard Robinson, AAE, Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report ending February 28, 2024, showing an ending balance of \$241,293.09. He asked for a motion to approve the report. The motion was received, seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Secretary..... Bob Brammer

Mr. Brammer had nothing to report.

2023 Finance & Administration

Conference..... Rufus James, AAE, Madam Vice-Chairman
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Mr. James reported there were 250 people in attendance at the conference representing a new record attendance. He added the location was great, topics were good, there were dynamic presenters, and all-in-all, it was a very successful event.

2024 Annual Conference..... Ron Mathieu, AAE, Chairman

Mr. Mathieu noted there were 515 individuals registered and 15 walk-ups were expected to total 530 in attendance. This is a new record attendance. College students in attendance sponsored by the Conference Committee totaled 22. Mr. Mathieu reviewed agenda events and assured a good time would be had by all. Mr. Mathieu received an ovation of his efforts.

2025 Annual Conference..... Jack Christine, AAE, Chairman

Mr. Christine noted the 2025 Conference would be held in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 22-25, 2025, and he played a short video promoting the event. Mr. Christine expressed excitement and noted Charlotte is looking forward to your attendance.

Professional Education Committee..... Judi Olmstead, AAE, Madam Chairman

Ms. Olmstead noted one individual received his AAE status at this conference and she introduced Mr. Chris Stipo, AAE, from Tri-Cities Airport in Tennessee. Ms. Olmstead noted that the SEC-AAAE had more AAEs than any other chapter of AAE and more candidates “in the pipeline” than any other chapter.

Membership Development

**Committee..... Roger Allen, AAE, Chairman
Alex Nutt, C.M., Vice-Chairman
Nathan LUCE, PE, Vice Chairman
Dave Long, Vice-Chairman**

Mr. Allen provided an update on the success of the Membership Development Committee and it was noted the Chapter currently has 760 members.

**Corporate Liaison Committee..... Ryan Sisemore, PE, Chairman
Benjamin Goebel, AIA, Vice-Chairman
Edward Wessel, Vice-Chairman
Kevin Wu, AAE, Vice-Chairman**

Mr. Sisemore provided an overview of the Corporate Committee Meeting that took place this date and he noted the success of this year’s awards program and added that the awards were ready for presentation. Mr. Sisemore thanked the DBE firms – CERM, Aulick Engineering, and Goode Van Slyke Architects – that gave presentations during the Corporate Committee Meeting.

**Conference Site Selection Committee..... David King, AIA, Chairman
Judi Olmstead, AAE, Madam Vice-Chairman
Patrick Wilson, AAE, Vice-Chairman
Terry Blue, AAE, Vice-Chairman
Jack Christine, AAE, Vice-Chairman**

Mr. King noted there was one solicitation by Sanannah for the 2026 conference. He recommended concurrence by board and board did in fact concur. A new RFP will be issued for 2027 and 2028 in January of 2025.

**Conference Financial Oversight
Committee..... Robert Campbell, AAE, Chairman**
Basil Dosunmu, AAE, Vice-Chairman

No report.

Young Professionals Program..... Brendon Washburn, AAE, Chairman
Cody Bauman, Vice-Chairman
David Sconzo, Vice-Chairman
George Groh, AIA, Vice-Chairman

No report.

General Aviation Committee..... Keith Holt, CM, Chairman
Judith-Ann Jarrette, AAE, Madam Vice-Chairman
Shaun Germolus, AAE, Vice-Chairman
Greg Heaton, Vice-Chairman

No report.

Goal Digger Workshops..... Judi Olmstead, AAE

Ms. Olmstead noted the next Goal Digger would be held June 28, 2024, in Charlotte, NC.

Marketing & Communications..... Glen Thomas, C.M., Chairman
Becky Huckaby, AAE, Madam Vice-Chairman
Zach Nelson, Vice-Chairman

Mr. Thomas noted the committee was in the early stages of web site redesign, and recommendations were welcomed.

Resolutions & Bylaws..... Bob Brammer, Chairman

Mr. Brammer asked the Executive Committee to stand by after the meeting to endorse resolutiuons.

Diversity Committee..... Andrew Jones, AAE, Vice-Chairman
Hollie Baron, AAE, Madam Vice-Chairman
Thomas Wallace, AAE, Vice-Chairman
Cameron Thompson, ACE, ASC, Vice-Chairman
Kenneth Weeden, Vice-Chairman

No report

Nominations Committee..... Perry Miller, AAE, Chairman
Judi Olmstead, AAE, Vice-Chairman
Patrick Wilson, AAE, Vice-Chairman

It was noted a name would be released later in the conference.

V. Old Business

Nina MacPherson, Madam Chairman of the Ad Hoc Strategic Committee, noted progress on the following issues:

- 1. Executive Secretary immediate pay increase of 8% this year followed by a minimum a CPI increase annually thereafter.**
- 2. Work on the Nominating Committee Policy has completed. Committee members shall be past presidents, actively employed in the airport management business, and active in the Southeast Chapter - AAAE. A motion was received to approve the policy. The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the motion was adopted by unanimous voice.**
- 3. Ms. MacPherson noted details surrounding the disaster relief initiative were still in play.**

President Crilly asked Ms. MacPherson and her committee to develop a policy pertaining to the disposition of Conference profits and how those profits were to be retained and dispersed by the Chapter. Ms. MacPherson accepted the challenge.

VI. New Business

Ms. Megan Atkins Thoben, AAE, noted she was reviewing Chapter Records Retention and was awaiting additional information.

VII. Announcements:

President Crilly asked if there were any students or five year employees. One was recognized.

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Crilly asked the attendees to remain seated for the SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc., Board Meeting, and he adjourned the SEC-AAAE Board of Directors' Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenard Robinson, AAE
Secretary/Treasurer

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