

TARPA BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
SILVER LEGACY HOTEL, RENO, NV

Conferees:

President: Bill Kirschner

Treasurer: Ed Madigan

First Vice President: Dusty West

Director: Charlie Wilder

Second V. P. / Secretary: Mike McFarland

Hospitality Director: Bob Dedman

Past President: Guy Fortier

Event Coordinator: Vicki McGowen

Quorum established: 1000 PST

President's report: Captain Bill Kirschner

The following is an update regarding Captain Ed Betts' TWA memorabilia collection and ongoing saga concerning the attempt to make the transfer from AA's CR Smith museum in DFW to MKC. According to TWA museum Director, Pam Blanchum, the leadership at the CR Smith museum are again dragging their feet as far as transferring the collection to us. Pam continues to diligently address the problem. TARPA began the process of obtaining the collection but stepped back to allow interested parties a chance to resolve any conflicts they may have. We are being kept informed as to any progress and will advise you as information is received.

The TWA museum continues to have their anniversary celebration at 10 Richards Rd and encourages any and all to consider attending. They recently became a 501C3 Charitable Organization and truly appreciate donations.

Speaking of which, I would like to propose that TARPA make a donation of \$500 to the TWA Museum. Also, I would like to propose that TARPA make a donation of \$500 to the Flight 800 Memorial. In my opinion, both are worthy causes.

In 2015 our TARPA Convention will take place during a cruise to Bermuda in parallel with the annual Grey Eagle's annual convention. Vicki McGowen will have more information during her presentation. Captain Fred Landbeck, retired AA pilot and Grey Eagle's First V.P., is in attendance once again this year during our convention so as to continue acting as a Grey Eagle's emissary in the development of our mutual interests as airline pilot retiree's.

Information regarding our travel passes will continue to be passed along to the membership as it is received. In addition, Captain McFarland will have the latest information during his report. You can also check "Jet Net" for the AA point of view.

Another request for Membership will be published in all up-coming Skyliner's for members of all TWA organizations. Please contact past TWA employees and suggest they join a TWA affiliated retiree group of some kind so as to stay up to date and informed about current issues such as medical, passes, etc. Also, if you or they have not already done so, please be encouraged to contact MetLife at 800-440-6081 for a letter of "confirmation of insurance". May I have a show of hands of those that have already contacted them? By now, most of you know Judge Shawn Lane found in our favor. He not allowing AA to do away with Retiree Benefits.

Since taking over as Web Master on January 1, 2013, Captain Bob Willcutts is continuing to do a magnificent job. His professional expertise in maintaining the web site and message board is deeply appreciated. As always, Bob remains open to suggestions for improvement. After many years of wonderful service, TOPICS Editor, Captain Jeff Hill, stepped down following last November's issue. I have elected to give it a try. I hired a professional Graphic Artist to assist me in producing the recent June issue. She does such a great job. I hope you enjoyed your copy. Her level of expertise made my task so much easier. Additionally, I must also thank Captain Ed Madigan and his wife Suzy for always being there backing me up with many great suggestions and an ever watchful eye reviewing the text for mistakes and typo's. Considering these additional resources, I have elected to stay on as Editor of TOPICS.

After four years in office, I'm leaving the position of TARPA President. As people move up to various positions on the TARPA Board of Directors, the position of Second Vice President/Secretary will become vacant. Is there anyone out there that would like to volunteer? We really could use your help.

After instituting a new TOPICS format and the reduction to two issues a year, we find ourselves well within our budget. Treasurer, Captain Ed Madigan will discuss the money savings in detail during his report. I'm also happy to report Captain Madigan has elected to stay on as Treasurer. Thank you Ed for your long and expert tenure.

All too often, we discover that many of the member addresses on file are incorrect. It is incumbent upon each of us to keep our addresses up to date and to help the cause by encouraging our friends to do the same. If you are aware of any friends you can assist by forwarding their change of address and or current phone number it would be appreciated.

Last year, we published a "Flown West Check List". It is our hope that it will be of help for dependents/family members to avail themselves of when crew schedule calls you for your last Westbound Flight home. In case you misplaced your hard copy (suggest you keep it with other important papers) it may be located as the first item on the home page of the TARPA web site (www.tarpa.com). I keep researching the information in depth and will continue to keep it updated. If any of you have anything to add I would appreciate hearing from you. I hope this information will be helpful for any of your dependents/family members during a time of grief, or for that matter, for your use upon losing a loved one.

The Flown West Check List has been kept up to date by Web Master Captain Bob Willcutts in conjunction with information received from AA and our own Captain John Bybee. Thank you Bob and John.

“Verification of death” is required before a name is published in TARPA TOPICS Flown West section. A case in point: We have a gentleman at this convention that was erroneously reported as deceased. He was removed from all things associated with American Airlines a few years ago. Recently, he became aware of his own demise because of a mailing error and is just getting the situation resolved at this time! Finally, he has been restored to this life! So it goes. We must verify.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kirschner

First V.P. Report: Captain Dusty West

See the current President’s report contained the November TARPA TOPICS or on the TARPA web site.

Second Vice President’s/Secretary Report: Captain Mike McFarland

Mike agreed to provide a letter for dissemination to all TARPA members who are currently delinquent in their 2014 dues payment. The letter will be sent to each member as well as being published in the upcoming TARPA TOPIC’s magazine and shown on the TARPA web site.

Mike reviewed the basic’s regarding the new pass policy as it applies to the integration of AA/USAIR. Mike will also brief the members at the General Business Meeting.

Director’s Report: Captain Charlie Wilder

The TWA Flight 800 Memorial, located on Long Island, continues to need contributions so as to provide for its day to day as well as long term maintenance. If you recall, the local county officials promised to maintain the facility if it could be built. After they attended and praised the memorial when it was officially opened, their funding was withdrawn.

President John Seaman, representing the 501©3 organization, was able to get limited funding restored for a few years, but the only remaining support has been to provide the electricity for the lights. A drive to raise funding for perpetual support brought in a considerable amount of money but was far short of the amount necessary to maintain the memorial indefinitely.

We should continue to request funds from our members to remember the loss of so many of our friends and fellow TWA employees who died in that tragedy. I would like to see our organization donate annually to the fund as long as we can do so within our financial capability.

Therefore, I propose that we contribute \$500.00 annually as long as possible. Individual donations can be sent to:

The Families of TWA Flight 800 Association
P.O. Box 1061
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Treasurer’s Report: Captain Ed Madigan

Cash on Deposit:

Wells Fargo Bank	\$49,056.58
C.A.C.U.	\$29,301.03
Total	\$78,357.61
TARPA TOPICS July	\$7,500.00
Printed 950 copies	\$ 7.90/Copy
Membership	894
Delinquent on Dues	225

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Madigan

TARPA Treasurer

Past President’s Report: Captain Guy Fortier

Guy says goodbye as the Past President position is filled by Captain Bill Kirschner as he steps down from his current position as President of TARPA.

Hospitality Director’s Report: Captain Bob Dedman

Bob shared with us his delight and appreciation for the opportunity to serve his fellow pilots during his many years of participation on the board of TARPA.

(I know I speak for all of the TWA pilots including the board when I say, “Bob, we are all in your in debt for the many years of service in so many ways. You, and your lovely wife, Elsa, represent the very best as ambassadors of TWA and TARPA. Thank you from us all.)

Event Coordinator’s Report: Vicki McGowen

Please refer to information regarding the 2015 Bermuda cruise in either the TARPA TOPICS or the TARPA Web site.

DAP Report: Michelle Silberberg, Executive Director of the Directed Account Plan

Michelle provided us with an overview of the presentation she would give to the General Meeting and answered many questions from the Board.

If anyone who is a member of the DAP did not receive a letter explaining the change of our provider (from “Fidelity” to “Great-West Financial”) I suggest you refer to the TARPA web site and click on “DAP” which is located on the “home page” lower left side. You’ll find a comprehensive letter explaining all of the changes and the reasons there in.

Old Business: None

New Business: Due to the number of members who are delinquent in paying their dues, Captain Mike McFarland was asked to compose a letter to be mailed out to all members in arrears. It is intended to bring attention to the possibility they may have overlooked paying their dues and encourage them to get up to date so as not to lose their future copies of TARPA TOPICS. Also, the letter will be designed to remind each of them as to all the many positive things being a member of TARPA presents.

A motion was made and seconded to provide a contribution of \$500 to The Families of TWA Flight 800 Association.

A motion was made and seconded to provide a contribution of \$500 to the TWA Museum located at 10 Richards Rd. MKC.

Please forgive your humble scribe as my notes are missing concerning who made the motion and who seconded. Please forgive me.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30PDT.

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TARPA CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014
RENO, NEVADA
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Roll Call and Quorum established at 8:00AM

President's report: Captain Bill Kirschner

See B.O.D. meeting to access Bill's report.

First V.P.'s report: Captain Dusty West

See the [*current*](#) President's report located on the TARPA Web site as well as the November issue of TARPA TOPICS.

Second V.P. /Secretary report: Captain Mike McFarland

Mike asked everyone present to raise their hand if they had retired prior to American Airlines purchasing TWA. Most retirees present raised their hands (indicating their "pass classification has been TWR"). Mike then said, "Welcome to the level of passes a real retired AA employee has access to". A round of applause was heard throughout the hotel.

Mike went on to provide an overview of the passes while answering many concerns. His main point of emphasis was the availability of 4 one way "D1" vacation passes for the remaining year (2014). Beginning next year, 2015, 6 one way "D1" vacation passes will be available. Mike went on to say that 6 one way "D1" passes amounts to 3 round trips a year with the same pass class as everyone, active or retired employees. The "D2R" class, which is unlimited, is similar to our old "7R". Remember, coach is free. Enjoy your new travel freedom.

Director's report: Captain Charlie Wilder

See B.O.D. minutes.

Hospitality Director's report: Captain Bob Dedman

See B.O.D. minutes.

Past President's Report: Captain Guy Fortier

Captain Fortier solemnly read the names of all who have "Flown West".

Event Coordinator: Vicki McGowen

See Vicki McGowens' presentation regarding next year's cruise convention to Bermuda in the TARPA TOPICS magazine or on the TARPA web site.

DAP Report: Michelle Silberberg, Executive Director

Amy Fox, Great-West Financial

See DAP letter reproduced in the TARPA TOPICS magazine or on the TARPA web site.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Election of officers to the Board of Directors.

Captain Rufus Mosely proposed the following names:

Captain Dusty West	President
Captain Mike McFarland	First Vice President
Captain Bob Kavula	Second Vice President/Secretary
Captain Ed Madigan	Treasurer
Captain Charlie Wilder	Senior Director
Captain Bob Dedman	Hospitality Director
Captain Bill Kirschner	Past President

Captain Guy Fortier made a motion to elect the aforementioned people.

Captain Howard Hofmeister seconded the motion.

The membership voted unanimously to elect all of the aforementioned officers.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30PDT.

END OF REPORT
