

**Aviation Advisory Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2018**

**Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 9:03 a.m.**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Board Members:** Jim Dodson, Tom George, Lee Ryan, Steve Strait, Gideon Garcia, Dennis Parrish, Earl Samuelson

**Excused Absence:** Marilyn Romano, Frank Neitz, Bob Hajdukovich, Mike Stedman

**DOT&PF:** John Binder, Troy LaRue, Richard Sewell, Linda Bustamante

**OTHERS:** Lyndsey Holmes, John Harris, Jim Curtis, Barry Santana, David Pearce, Kenny Williams, John Parrott.

**AGENDA and MINUTES** – Steve moved to accept agenda, Dennis seconded. Steve moved to adopt minutes. Earl seconded. Motions passed unanimously.

**Board Discussion**

At the last board meeting (January 24, 2018) an aircraft registration committee was appointed consisting of Tom George, Earl Samuelson, Bob Hajdukovich, and Lee Ryan. The board felt the need to work with DOT&PF on a revised registration proposal due to the significant amount of public comments. The board's concept for the Alaska Aircraft Registration Program included the following:

1. Provide an online registration, but with an option to print and mail in a form with payment.
2. Good for two years, with half of the renewal notices sent each year.
3. Multiple aircraft may be registered, by the same owner in a single application, for a single \$20 registration fee.
4. As an incentive for the first year of the program, offer one-time free registration for a period of 90 days (to allow time for notices to be received by mail).
5. Commercial operators required to comply with the *State of Alaska Certificate of Compliance Program* may report based aircraft and airport data at the same time, for no additional registration fee.
6. Aircraft registered may have free transient parking at any state operated airport, up to the consecutive number of days allowed at that airport.
7. Aircraft owners failing to register after six months are subject to a \$50 penalty, however the state may waive the fee for extenuating circumstances.

After reviewing the proposal Steve moved to adopt the board's recommendation, Jim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The recommendation will be forwarded to DOT&PF to consider as they develop a revised aircraft registration program and publish the proposal for public comment. It was suggested to include aviation stakeholder groups in the public notification process.

The board has requested an electronic voting policy for times when decisions are needed outside of a public meeting. Any vote taken would be included in written minutes and posted to the board's public website. Steve moved to adopt the policy and Jim seconded. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that this policy is subject to confirmation by the Attorney General's office.

There was discussion about 18 airports not in compliance with the FAA's requirement of based aircraft. The board recommends the Department obtain the needed information asap.

The board also felt the Department's communication efforts with the public needed to be improved especially after the public fallout regarding the aircraft registration program and the 13 slips no longer available at Lake Hood.

### **Public Comments**

Aviation pilots in attendance voiced some concerns about the aircraft registration program:

How will the state enforce the penalty?

Has the cost been looked at for gathering data for private airports?

Aircraft based at Lake Hood and Merrill Field are already paying a tax and aircraft information is already available. This is a duplication of efforts.

Next public notice should make the purpose and need very transparent to pilots. A better understanding of what information is needed and why it's being gathered is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.