

## **April 28, 2018 AAMS Board Meeting**

Date: May 25, 2018  
From: William Fort, AAMS Secretary  
To: AAMS Officers and Board of Directors  
Subject: April 28, 2018 AAMS Board Meeting

The meeting was held at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel. AAMS President Lee Downer led the meeting.

### Attendees:

- Lee Downer, President
- Dan Gribbin, Vice President
- William (Bill) Fort, Secretary
- James Graue, Immediate Past President
- David Crotty, Director
- Jon Krupnick, Director
- Don Jones, Director
- Ken Sanford, Advisor
- Allan Klein, Advisor
- Don Lussky, Auction Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

### Welcome & Introductions

President Downer welcomed attendees and specifically thanked Jim Graue, Steve Reinhart and Ken Sanford for their long service. He advanced the idea of a funds drive to help with AAMS finances.

### Website Status Report

David Crotty led a discussion on the website and the advantages of having a members-only area. A members-only area would support electronic publication of the Airpost Journal and member surveys, as examples.

He described the current software as antique and in need of updating if we are to have the members-only capability. David estimates that the cost of a third party rebuilding the website in total would likely be tens of thousands of dollars. However, he believes he could do it for much less, suggesting six months and about \$2400.

The website is well-used, and it comes up as the third page in Google. David gets monthly usage reports that he will forward to the board.

### Publications Status Report

Jim Graue summarized AAMS recent publication activity. He stated that the Airpost Journal is the number one reason for membership and highlighted the publication awards garnered by the Journal. However, it is expensive to publish and mail. Publication of the 7<sup>th</sup> Editions of the American Airmail

Catalog is on track with CAM, FAM and Transoceanic volumes to finish. The monograph on crash mail is in preparation. A deal has been completed to include the foreign crash information for Merink, which will make the volume a worldwide one. It will be published as a compact disk.

#### Approval of Officers

The Board present approved Dan Gribbin as AAMS Vice President and David Ball as Director at Large.

#### Financial Advisory Council

President Downer briefly discussed current finances of the AAMS. He stated that Steve Reinhard has indicated that he will eventually step down as Treasurer and will need to be replaced. He authorized an audit of the books. Steve Reinhard will direct. The suggestion was made to solicit a member to conduct the audit, and an appeal will be made via an email blast.

Lee appointed a council of Board members with the tasks:

- Advise on a forward financial plan, investments, etc.
- Identify a replacement Treasurer.
- Find and direct a financial advisor.

Members include Bill Fort (lead), Jim Graue and others to be named. Authorized budget: \$5,000. Progress report by October 1, 2018.

#### Website Modifications

The Board approved creation of a members-only area on the AAMS website with the capability to support on-line publication, member application, etc.

Members include David Ball (lead) and David Crotty. Authorized budget: \$5,000. Full capability by 1 October, 2018.

#### On-Line Airpost Journal

The Board approved making new issues of the APJ available on-line to members only.

#### Publications Committee

The Board approved a Publications Committee to examine all aspects of APS publications.

Members include Dan Gribbin (lead), Ken Sanford, Don Jones and David Crotty. Progress report by August 2018.

#### Member Survey

President Downer expressed the desire to conduct a member survey, the last one having been done in 1989. No action taken.

#### Endorsement of the National Airmail Museum

The Board voted not to endorse the museum at this time.

The meeting was closed at 10:00 am.