

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
April 16 - 17, 2003**

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2), AS 08.62.030, and in compliance with the provisions of provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Marine Pilots was held April 16 - 17, 2003, 2003, in Juneau, Alaska.

April 16, 2003

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Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The Marine Pilot Coordinator (MPC) called the meeting to order at 1330. The MPC conducted roll call.

Members present constituting a quorum were:

Mr. Al Clough	-	Commissioner's Designee
Captain Tony Joslyn	-	Pilot Member
Captain Dave Anderson	-	Pilot Member
Mr. Les Cronk	-	Agent Member
Mr. Robert Arts	-	Agent Member
Mr. Jack Poulson	-	Public Member
Ms. Barbara Huff Tuckness	-	Public Member

Staff present was: Peter Christensen, MPC

Agenda Item 2 Elect a New Chairperson

The MPC solicited nominations from the Board for the position of chairman.

A motion was made by Captain Joslyn, and seconded by Ms. Huff Tuckness to nominate Mr. Poulson as the Chairman of the Marine Pilot Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Arts, and seconded by Mr. Cronk to nominate Mr. Clough as the Chairman of the Marine Pilot Board.

Following some discussion, a vote by ballot was conducted. On a vote of five to two Mr. Clough was elected as Board chair.

Agenda Item 3 **Review/Set Agenda**

The MPC proposed moving item agenda item 13 forward for consideration the afternoon of April 16, 2003 if time permits.

On a motion made by Mr. Cronk, seconded by Captain Anderson and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve the agenda as amended.

Agenda Item 4 **Declaration of Potential Conflicts of Interest/Recusals**

The MPC gave an explanation of the conflict of interest guidelines. No conflicts or recusals were declared.

Agenda Item 5 **Investigation/Litigation Update**

The MPC updated the Board regarding the Renwick litigation. The January 13, 2003, Superior Court decision in that case was distributed to the Board and the public in attendance.

The MPC stated that no new investigations had been opened since the last meeting of the Board

Agenda Item 6 **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes**

The Board discussed whether any changes needed to be made to the January 2003 minutes before their approval.

On a motion made by Mr. Cronk, seconded by Mr. Poulson and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve the January 2003 minutes as amended.

Agenda Item 7 **Business Items**

The MPC briefly reviewed the Board's Budget Report contained in the Board book.

A summary of the pilot license renewal status was given by the MPC.

The MPC gave a brief overview of the correspondence contained in the Board packet.

The MPC gave the Board an update on the pilot ID badges project. He passed around samples of how the ID badges will appear.

The MPC suggested April 14 - 15, 2004 in Juneau, Alaska. A discussion followed.

On a motion made by Mr. Cronk, seconded by Mr. Arts and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to hold the April 2004 Board meeting April 7 – 8, 2004

The Board agreed to schedule a summer teleconference meeting for July 1, 2003 in Juneau, Alaska and the associated examination application deadline of May 1, 2003.

The MPC reminded the Board that the Board's October meeting is scheduled for October 22 – 23, 2003 in Anchorage. The associated application deadline is August 25, 2003.

Agenda Item 8 **Public Comment (Other than Agenda Item 11)**

Jeff Baken – informed the Board that the Marine Safety Task Force met that morning and would be publishing a new Voluntary Waterway Guide.

Terry Bennett – stated he was interested in commenting on the proposed retirement regulation. He was told comment on that regulation proposal would occur tomorrow morning.

Agenda Item 9 **SARS Impact on Pilots**

The MPC introduced the topic. Captain Garay indicated that the point of having SARS on the agenda was to bring it to everyone's attention. Alaska State Pilots Association (ASPA) has discussed the issue and the American Pilots Association – Western States will discuss it at their annual meeting. Already two vessels that have come to the West Coast have had to be quarantined. A brief discussion of SARS followed.

Agenda Item 10 **RTM STAR Center Contract Replacement**

The MPC explained that the Board needed to appoint a committee to establish the necessary criteria for reviewing facility applications, since the Board decided to pursue the approval process for any additional facilities seeking approval to conduct simulator based marine pilot performance evaluations. The Board appointed Captain Anderson, Captain Joslyn and Mr. Cronk to a committee to formulate a plan. The goal was to finish the criteria by the October meeting. The MPC mentioned that a sample of the Dania database was given to Alaska Vo-Tech to check for system compatibility.

Agenda Item 13 **SEAPA - Proposed Changes to the Training Program**

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Captain Winter presented SEAPA's proposed amendment to their training requirements. Public and Board comment was solicited. No one voiced any objection to the proposal.

On a motion made by Captain Joslyn, seconded by Mr. Cronk and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve SEAPA's training program.

On a motion made by Captain Joslyn, and carried without objection, it was

RESOLVED to elect Mr. Poulson as the Alternate Chair.

1540

The Board recessed for the day.

APRIL 17, 2003

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Poulson called the meeting to order at 0837. The Marine Pilot Coordinator (MPC) conducted roll call.

Members present constituting a quorum were:

Captain Tony Joslyn - Pilot Member
Captain Dave Anderson - Pilot Member
Mr. Les Cronk - Agent Member
Mr. Robert Arts - Agent Member
Mr. Jack Poulson - Public Member
Ms. Barbara Huff Tuckness - Public Member (via teleconference)

Mr. Clough had an excused absence.

Staff present was: Peter Christensen, (MPC)

Agenda Item 7

Business Items - Revisited

It was brought to the Board's attention that they had set the April '04 meeting date in the week immediately preceding Easter weekend. Following a short discussion the Board unanimously agreed to move the meeting back to the original suggested date of April 14 - 15, 2004 in Juneau, Alaska.

Agenda Item 11

Public Comment on Proposed Regulation Changes

(The tape was inadvertently left off during roll call and the Board's discussion of the April meeting. It was switched back on at the beginning of Mr. Garay's remarks.)

Captain Garay - representing ASPA stated that ASPA had met with industry on the issue of the proposed retirement regulations and both parties had agreed that more discussion is warranted. Captain Garay suggested that the Board establish a committee to work on the issues.

Regarding the establishment of a committee, the chair solicited Mr. Berto's opinion as a representative of industry. Mr. Berto stated that he would like to echo what Mr. Garay had stated and that they had some momentum now to go forward and that their recommendation was to have the committee report back to the Board at the October meeting.

Mr. Poulson solicited additional public comment. None was forthcoming.

Noting that public comment period had to remain open until 9:30 a.m., Mr. Poulson suggested the Board use the time to discuss the idea of establishing a committee to discuss the proposed retirement regulation.

The Board held a short discussion of the issues. It was decided that a committee would be established comprised of three representatives of industry and three people representing the pilots. The actual committee members were to be identified later by Mr. Berto and Captain Garay respectively.

Agenda Item 12

Board's Consideration of Proposed Regulations

With the establishment of the committee, the Board had agreed to table any further action on the proposed regulation until the October Board meeting.

It was decided that the Board would recess while waiting to see if further public comment would be forthcoming and then adjourn when the oral comment period was complete. Mr. Poulson and Mr. Christensen remained until the end of the oral comment period.

Recess

Mr. Poulson announced on the record it was 9:29 am and that no further public comment had been made. Mr. Christensen solicited one more time for any public comment. Receiving no response, the oral comment period was ended and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter D. Christensen
Marine Pilot Coordinator

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2004.

Al Clough
Chairman, Marine Pilot Board