



Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group

*Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2020*

I. Call to Order

RTAG President Dr. Bob Larkin called to order the General Meeting of the Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group at 5:07pm on December 2, 2020 at CAP Headquarters, 2890 Vassar St., Reno, NV 89502.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was not conducted. The following officers, directors, and special guests were present:

Dr. Bob Larkin – President
Sandy Munns – Vice-President (via Zoom)
Karen Inda – Secretary
Jim Dudzinski – Director (via Zoom)
Trygve Inda – Director
Bob Meurer – Director
Francisco Magana – Chair of the Educational Programs Committee

III. President's Update

February is RTAG election month. Those who would like to be RTAG Directors should apply. You can contact any of the RTAG Officers to discuss Directorship by clicking the “Contact” buttons on this page: <https://www.renoaviation.org/contact>

RTAG is now accepting applications for the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship. We are offering three scholarships this year (Private, Advanced, and Rusty) and we need all of you to help spread the word. Click here for more information: <https://www.renoaviation.org/scholarship>

IV. RTIA User Committee

RTAA CEO Daren Griffin attended the meeting via Zoom to discuss changing the format of the RTIA User Committee meetings. In all of his experience at other airports, he has never before encountered an “airport management-specific” structure like the RTIA User Committee here at RNO. He envisions changing these meetings from trustee-led to CEO-led. They would still be quarterly meetings, but they would have a more direct connection to the CEO. The GA community would be the biggest stakeholder and Trustee Richard Jay, who currently leads the meetings, would move to a liaison role. This change would take the



meetings out of the public domain. Implementing this change requires a Board of Trustee action and it can be voted on as early as next Thursday.

Anyone who has specific questions or comments about this issue should email Dr. Bob Larkin before the next RTIA User Committee Meeting, which will take place this Monday, December 7th, from 4:30pm via Zoom. Dr. Bob Larkin's email address is: bob@romeosierra.com

V. WINGS Credit Program

Francisco Magana led his first WINGS Credit Program for RTAG. The subject was Cockpit Management and Aeronautical Decision Making. He discussed the acronym IMSAFE (Illness, Medication, Stress, Alcohol, Fatigue, Eating) as a list of things you should consider before climbing into your airplane. Other things you should consider are dangerous attitudes, such as anti-authority, impulsivity, invulnerability, machismo, and resignation. He reminded us to not rely solely on ATC for heading information, but to do our research and look out the window in order to avoid CFIT (Controlled Flight into Terrain).

VI. Conclusion

Dr. Bob thanked CAP for allowing us to use their building for this meeting. If anyone has questions, comments, or suggestions for future meetings or events, please contact the appropriate RTAG officer or director.

For suggestions about fly-outs, contact Fly-Out Committee Chair Sandy Munns.

<https://www.renoaviation.org/flyouts>

For suggestions about future WINGS Credit Programs, contact Educational Programs Committee Chair Francisco Magana.

<https://www.renoaviation.org/educationalprograms>

The Chili Cook-Off is still scheduled for January 23rd in Tom Hall's heated hangar at Stead. The alternate location will be Stellar Aviation.

Those who attended this meeting, whether in person or via Zoom, should receive WINGS Credit. Karen compiled a list of attendees and will submit that list to Larry Cheek.

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Bob Larkin adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Karen Inda.