



**DP3 Minutes**  
**February 11, 2009**  
**O'Hare Room, Renaissance Hotel, Atlanta, GA**

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Will Buergey, Vice Chairman Wendell Lewis, Secretary Roger Ross, Treasurer Bill Wirth, Members Jim Bomar, Bill Caiazza, John Mills, and Jeff Pickett

**Board Members Participating by Speakerphone:** Tom Seever

**Others Present:** Attorney Dean Booth

**1000** Tom Seever joined by telephone.

**1011** Chairman Buergey opened meeting with general comments, briefly covering:

- New board member Bill Caiazza was introduced to the board and to Mr. Booth.
- HCTC issue and contact with a former 1114 Committee attorney.
- The USAir Soaring Eagles case and overview of recent phone conversation with Tom Davis of Soaring Eagles.
- Remainder of Chairman's update tabled until after legal briefing.

**1018** Board moved into closed Executive Session for legal update by Booth. A brief summary of topics discussed:

- Contact with Soaring Eagles legal team.
- Difference between USAir and Delta contracts and legal issues involved.
- Ongoing discussions with the PBGC.
- Lookback calculation methodology.
- Changes in leadership at the PBGC and the Departments of Commerce, Treasury and Labor.
- 6 bankruptcy creditor cases remain on appeal. Timeline for final distribution still undetermined.

**1157** Dean Booth Departed and Executive Session completed.

**1158** Seever gave R&I committee update.

- Discussion of DP3 proposal regarding the Akaka legislation.
- Discussion of splitting R&I into two separate committees. Issue was tabled.
- Buergey discussed additional details of contact with 1114 committee attorneys, who indicated that the company should annually amend the list of retired pilots eligible for HCTC. Board will follow up with Delta.

**1210** Seever Departed. General discussions continued during working lunch.

**1228** Reconvened. Buergey resumed Chairman's update.

- Buergey announced his election to the NRLN board of directors. NRLN conference call from last week briefed. Main subject of the NRLN call was the pending Delphi bankruptcy and an attempt to terminate medical and insurance coverage. Buergey is working on white paper for NRLN to share the Delta pilot's experience in bankruptcy with this issue.
- Wirth gave Treasurers report:
  - Last quarter's income and expenses.
  - The balance of the M&M account.
  - Reported number of annual dues checks received to date and new Honor Roll members.
  - Discussion of membership fees, fundraising, legal fee issues.
  - Caiazza suggested publishing a date certain deadline for HR membership and eligibility for representation before the PBGC. General discussion of strategy in funding future legal efforts. Decisions deferred to subsequent meeting as legal case develops.

- DP3 tax returns have been filed.
- Membership correspondence received with dues checks were circulated for review by the trustees.
- Ross gave Secretary's Report and Communications Committee Report:
  - Motion by Wirth to approve Minutes of last two conference calls; Mills second. Passed unanimously.
  - Ross presented new Web Page design proposal and led discussion of design criteria and the goals and objectives for new site. The BLOG will be recharacterized as the primary question and answer communications vehicle, as the main web site transitions from a document posting site to a news and information site which has similar capabilities to the old BLOG format. Mills suggested beta test of new site with members of the strategic planning committee prior to release; date to be determined for switch to new site. Wirth made motion to accept new site design and give Ross discretion in further refinement using the currently proposed design as the template. Bomar seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Pickett volunteered to re-write the DP3 history and policy statements, as the old documents currently posted on the web site discuss pre-bankruptcy issues and are no longer relevant to DP3's current post-bankruptcy focus.
  - Ross solicited updated bio information from trustees for inclusion on new web page.
- Lewis gave Legislative Committee Report.
  - Further discussion of work on DP3 proposal for the Akaka legislation.
  - Discussion of DP3's attendance at Delta's annual meeting in April. General consensus to attend in some manner, primarily to promote the DP3 concerns that former NW pilots will get their full qualified and non qualified pensions while most retired Delta pilots will get neither benefit in full.
  - DP3 will solicit proxies from DP3 members to bring to meeting, as a show of unity and DP3's continuing commitment to protect or restore our lost benefits.
  - Discussion of using Dave Smith (former DP2 board member) and his media contacts to promote retired pilot issues.
  - Discussion of using USAir Captain Sullenberger's experience to bring some attention to how airline pilots are treated in retirement under current law.
- Mills gave Strategic Planning Committee update:
  - Discussion of committee function and means of providing guidance.
  - Discussion of committee makeup... Where can DP3 find volunteers for committee or trustee work? Buergey reminded of earlier survey responses with a few names that might be contacted.
  - Announcement of upcoming nominations for board election, noting that April 15 is the deadline for nominations, and June 1 the end of the election for new terms beginning July 1, 2009. Ross and Mills are up for reelection, and Caiazza must stand for election per bylaws.
  - Discussion of possibility of seeking a survivor to add to the list of nominees for board membership. One such candidate was mentioned as a possibility due to their previous work on the 1114 Committee.
- New Business:
  - The date for the next meeting will be May 6, 2009. Pickett tasked with setting up meeting space.
  - The date for the next conference call will be March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am EST.
  - Discussion of how the NRLN will use the DP3 email list. Buergey will confirm the emails will be limited to CapWiz alerts based on targeted legislators. Last year, the NRLN averaged less than one CapWiz alert per week.
  - The next Chairman's letter will advise the membership of their partial name and address information being provided to the NRLN for CapWiz purposes only, with the understanding that a DP3 member may opt out of the mailing list at any time by clicking "unsubscribe" on the NRLN emails.
  - Discussion of using the CapWiz system to find media contacts in an effort to provide some PR for DP3 issues.
  - Motion by Pickett to send the redacted database (name, address, zip and email only) to NRLN after Chairman's letter. Bomar second. Passed unanimously.
  - Discussion about posting NRLN messages unrelated to issues directly affecting retired Delta pilots on the DP3 web page.

**1414** Motion made and second to adjourn; passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned.