

Legislative & Industry Support Committee

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Representation and Authority

The Legislative & Industry Support Committee shall be chaired by either an Executive Member appointed by the President or another member as recommended by the Executive Committee. The Chair shall select a Vice Chair and submit to the President for approval. Committee members shall be appointed by the Committee Chair and comprised of members from each of the States represented by SWAAAE. The Committee shall be responsible for providing the Board of Directors with details of significant pending legislation, industry issues and make recommendations regarding positions or actions to be taken by SWAAAE.

The President, 1st Vice President and Committee Chair shall serve as an Ad-Hoc Committee authorized to take appropriate action regarding proposed legislation or legislative issues impacting SWAAAE membership and requiring action before the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. If such action is taken, the Board of Directors shall be advised as soon as practical and such action shall be ratified (after the fact) by the Board of Directors at their next regular meeting.

In addition, the Chair shall brief the Executive Committee on emerging issues in the industry impacting SWAAAE membership and requiring action before the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. If such action is taken, the Board of Directors shall be advised as soon as practical and such action shall be ratified by the Board of Directors at their next regular meeting.

Program Areas

Monitoring - Monitor federal and state legislative and regulatory issues affecting SWAAAE membership.

Dissemination – After consultation with the President, provide Executive Director with details of pending legislation for dissemination to SWAAAE membership.

Advice - Recommend to the Board of Directors appropriate positions and/or actions to be taken regarding pending legislation or legislative issues.

Logistics

Committee Members - The Chair of the Committee select a Vice Chair and submit for approval by the President. In addition, the Chair shall appoint Committee members from among the membership in the States represented by SWAAAE. The Chair, after coordination with the State airports organizations (preferably the President), shall select committee members who actively participate in those State airport organizations.

Monitoring of Legislative Issues -Committee members shall monitor legislative activity in their areas and alert the Chair to legislative issues or proposed legislation affecting the SWAAAE membership. As an additional resource, representatives of State agencies overseeing aviation activities and members of State, regional or national aviation advocacy groups, whether or not serving as committee members, can provide valuable information regarding legislative activity in their respective jurisdictions.

Dissemination to SWAAAE Membership - The Chair shall report to the Board of Directors at their regular meetings on legislative activity and issues affecting airports and aviation in the SWAAAE region. The Chair shall also provide the President and Executive Director information regarding significant legislative proposals for dissemination to SWAAAE membership by appropriate means which may include email blasts, newsletters, and/or inclusion on the SWAAAE web page.

Advice on Legislative Issues - When deemed necessary by the Committee Chair, the Chair shall make recommendations to an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of the President, 1st Vice President and the Chair regarding appropriate actions or positions to be taken prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. In such event, notice of such actions or positions shall be brought to the Board of Directors as soon as possible and ratified (after the fact) by the Board of Directors at their next regular meeting.

Timeline

The Committee will act accordingly on legislation, industry issues, and identified positions effecting SWAAAE membership, as required.

Miscellaneous

This document was updated by 2nd Vice President Judy Ross, A.A.E., C.A.E.