

THE AIR POWER LEAGUE

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Meeting of the Executive Board of Managers

A meeting of the Executive Board of Managers was held at 4:30 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time in the Portrait Room, Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Hall, American Museum of Natural History on July 7, 1947, pursuant to notice.

Present:

Executive Board of Managers

Messrs. Bell
Carroll
Davison
C. S. Jones
Pogue
Sullivan
Weatherhead
Wilson

Absent: Mr. Rickenbacker

Board of Governors

Messrs. Echols
Kettering
Vandeburg

Present by Invitation

Messrs. Kerlin
Smart
Squier
Miss Swann

Mr. Wilson presided and Miss Swann acted as Secretary. The Chairman stated that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly organized. The Chairman called attention to the balance sheet of the League as of June 30, 1947, which was reviewed by the Board and ordered filed with the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Davison was called upon to discuss election of new officers to the Executive Boards of Managers and Governors. He stated that Mr. Lovett and Mr. D'Olier had not become members of the Executive Board of Managers and that there was a vacancy on the Executive Board of Managers. He then moved that Mr. L. Welch Pogue, Chairman of the Board of the National Aeronautic Association be elected to the Executive Board of Managers and that Admiral Emory S. Land, President of the Air Transport Association be elected as a Governor of the League. After discussion, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that L. Welch Pogue be, and he hereby is elected to the Executive Board of Managers of the League.

RESOLVED, that Emory S. Land be, and he hereby is, elected to the Board of Governors of the League.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. Sullivan to give a report on his conference with General Doolittle regarding Air Force Association's affiliating with the National Air Council.

Mr. Sullivan gave an account of his discussion with General Doolittle and stated that General Doolittle had approved the Constitution and By-laws of The National Air Council, subject to minor modification in Article II(5) of the Constitution. He stated that General Doolittle felt that the words "civil and military aviation" covered all branches of aviation. After discussion the Board unanimously agreed that Article II(5) should be revised to read as follows:

"To encourage research, experimental and developmental activities in fields of importance to both civil and military aviation of the United States."

Mr. Sullivan requested authority to extend to the Air Force Association a formal invitation to become affiliated with The National Air Council and recommended that General Doolittle be requested to serve as a member of the Executive Board of Managers.

Mr. Carroll pointed out that the By-laws of the League would have to be changed to provide a vacancy on the Executive Board of Managers which could be filled by General Doolittle and it was agreed that the By-laws should be changed at the next meeting of the Board, to provide such vacancy and that General Doolittle should be invited to fill such vacancy.

Mr. Carroll stated that all other changes in the Constitution and By-laws which had been agreed upon could be made at the next meeting.

Mr. Wilson expressed appreciation for Mr. Sullivan's effective work in bringing about the affiliation of Air Force Association.

The Chairman requested Mr. Carroll to explain to the members the action necessary to effect a change in name of The Air Power League to the National Air Council. Mr. Carroll explained that the change could be effected by a Certificate to be signed by two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board of Managers such Certificate to be recorded with the Register of Deeds in the District of Columbia. Mr. Carroll submitted a Certificate of Change of Name which was signed and returned for filing.

The Chairman requested Colonel Smart to explain to the Board the request of the Civil Aeronautics Administration for funds to defray part of the cost of a survey to be made by the Harvard School of Business Administration. Colonel Smart reported that the Air Coordinating Committee had requested the Harvard School of Business Administration to conduct a research project into the fees charged at public-owned airports with the object of determining practices that might be recommended for general adoption by those responsible for the management and operation of public-owned airports. The cost of the project was estimated to be approximately \$30,000, of which amount the League was requested to furnish all or part of the \$15,000 deficit which could not be met

from CAA funds. After general discussion it was agreed that while this was a worthwhile undertaking which undoubtedly should be carried out, the responsibility for financing it should remain with an agency of the federal government and it should not be underwritten by the League.

Mr. Kettering was then next called upon to present his recommendations for educational projects to be undertaken by the League and to submit his estimate of the costs of the projects which he recommended. Mr. Kettering, with the assistance of Mr. Squier, made a presentation covering the implementation of all of the recommendations he had previously submitted to the League. He estimated that the total cost of the program outlined would be \$50,000 per annum. After general discussion the Chairman suggested that Mr. Kettering's recommendations be distributed to the members of the Executive Board of Managers and the Board of Governors, for their detailed study prior to the next meeting. This recommendation was unanimously approved. General Davison stated that copies of Mr. Kettering's recommendations would be distributed to the Managers and Governors.

General Davison then pointed out the urgency for an early selection and election of an executive vice president of the League. He stated that a number of men had been informally considered but that he was not prepared to recommend any individual at this time. He stressed the necessity for the appointment of a vigorous and accomplished person to this important position and requested that all present give thought to the matter and send recommendations to General Davison prior to the next meeting. Mr. Bell concurred in the necessity for selecting a superior person and suggested that each person present be prepared to recommend three possible candidates within a period of ten days.

The question of salary of the executive vice president of the League was then discussed. General Davison stated that the first executive vice

president received a salary of \$20,000. He reiterated the importance of engaging the proper type of man and suggested that the Board consider first finding the man who could fill the position and then determine the salary that he would receive. This suggestion was unanimously agreed upon.

Mr. Davison asked when the members of the Board would like to hold their next meeting. Mr. Wilson replied that the importance of the activities of the new organization was such that no time should be lost and suggested that not more than a month elapse before the next meeting. Mr. Kettering suggested Monday, August 4th, which was agreed upon and the Secretary was instructed to send appropriate notices.

Mr. Davison asked Mr. Jones to discuss the League's participation in Air Force Day. Mr. Jones gave an account of the plans for the celebration and expressed the belief that the League should certainly cooperate in making the celebration a success. He expressed the belief that the League might agree to underwrite the cost of a luncheon. He explained the luncheon would in all probability be self-supporting but if it should not the deficit should not be more than \$250 to \$300. After discussion, it was, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, that the proper officers of this Corporation be, and they hereby are, authorized to underwrite to the extent of \$300 any deficit in the luncheon on Air Force Day to be held in New York City.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion adjourned.


Secretary.

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Notice of Executive Board of Managers Meeting The Air Power League - July 7, 1947

A meeting of the Executive Board of Managers of The Air Power League will be held at 4:30 P.M. Monday, July 7, 1947:

- (1) to hear a report by Mr. C.F. Kettering on methods of implementing the programs to be undertaken by the League as a result of the educational survey conducted under his direction; and
- (2) to take action with respect to the proposed affiliation of National Aeronautic Association, Aircraft Industries Association and Air Transport Association with The Air Power League.

Managers and Governors will meet in the Portrait Room, Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Hall, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York City.


Jeanne Swann
Secretary

