

THE NATIONAL AIR COUNCIL

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Meeting of the
Executive Board of Managers
March 23, 1950

MINUTES

A meeting of the Executive Board of Managers of The National Air Council was held in the Wings Club, Hotel Biltmore, New York, on March 23, 1950. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P. M.

Executive Board of Managers

Present

Messrs. Bell
Carroll
Finletter
Jones
Leverone
Parks
Smith

Absent

Messrs. Wilson
McCone
Meigs
Sewall

Board of Governors

Present

Admiral Land

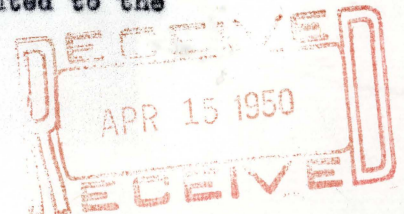
Present by Invitation

Messrs. Frazer
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In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Smith presided, with Mr. Frazer acting as secretary. It was announced at the opening of the meeting that a quorum was present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to all present and approved.

A financial report as of February 28, 1950 was then presented to the



members of the Board. This was approved and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Smith, President, then made his report on the progress of the fund-raising program. He described in detail the letters which had been sent out over his name and that of Messrs. Wilson, Bell, Davis, Hearst, Jones, McCone and Parks, and also discussed the various personal efforts by Board members to enlist the support especially of the aircraft industry. Mr. Smith then presented to the Board the names of those corporations which had responded favorably to the Council's request for funds.

In this connection, there arose the question of whether it would be appropriate for the Council to publish the names of those corporations and individuals presently underwriting its program. On motion made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved the publication of those names, providing that individual members in good standing were included in the list, and specifically ordered such a list published in an early issue of The National Air Review.

Mr. Smith then reported on the meeting held on the West Coast under the sponsorship of General Eaker and, following discussion, it was the opinion of the meeting that appreciation should be expressed to General Eaker, and that efforts should be made to hold similar gatherings in other important centers throughout the country. Mr. Parks offered to arrange a meeting of that kind in the St. Louis area and Mr. Bell stated that he would follow up with a similar luncheon or dinner in Buffalo.

Mr. Smith then requested that the Board consider nominations for the election of a Treasurer to supervise the fiscal affairs of the Council. On motion made and seconded, Mr. C. S. Jones was unanimously elected to that office.

Mr. Smith then called upon Mr. Bell to describe the talks he had had with

various members of the Board of the National Aeronautic Association, with a view toward developing a closer working arrangement between the two groups or perhaps to merge them. After considerable discussion, Mr. Jones moved that the President appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee representing the National Aeronautic Association and to make a subsequent report to the Board. This was duly seconded and approved and Mr. Smith appointed as members of that committee Messrs. Bell, Jones and Parks.

Mr. Smith then presented to the Board his views and suggestions as to the general policy the Council should adopt in its activity program. He recommended that the Council strive mainly to supplement and complement the existing programs of other organizations in aviation, serving largely as a coordinating agency in the establishment and support of national air policies. This view was unanimously approved by the Board and, in this connection, Mr. Finletter proposed that all future policy statements by the Council be submitted to Board members well in advance of meetings, so that unanimity of opinion might be obtained. It was the sense of the meeting that this should be done. It was also suggested that future meetings be held on an established quarterly basis, with advance distribution of an agenda and data pertaining thereto.

Mr. Smith then requested the opinion of the Board as to the advisability of moving the headquarters of the Council to Washington. After a brief discussion, on motion made by Mr. Parks and duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed that the Council should undertake that move, when and as practicable.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Charles D. Fraser
Executive Secretary