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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Notice of Meeting

A luncheon meeting of the Executive Board of Managers of the National Air Council will be held on Monday, September 18, 1950, in Room 237-H of the Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C. at 12:30 P.M.

All Managers and all members of the Board of Governors are cordially invited to attend and an early response will be appreciated.

Charles D. Frazer
Executive Vice President

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Robert J. Smith, president of the National Air Council, was recently appointed Vice Chairman of the National Security Resources Board by President Truman and has already assumed the duties of that office.

As a consequence, Mr. Smith has submitted his resignation as president of the Council, to take effect immediately. Election of his successor will take place at the meeting of the Executive Board of Managers to be held on September 18.

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Meeting of the Executive Committee, National Air Council June 5, 1950

Proceedings

A meeting of the Executive Board of Managers of the National Air Council was called for June 5 at the Wings Club, New York City. Since a quorum of the Board was not present, the meeting was constituted as a meeting of the Executive Committee and was called to order at 12:30 P.M.

Present

Present by Invitation

Messrs. Carroll

Jones

Meigs Sewall Smith Messrs. Frazer Kerlin

In the absence of the chairman Mr. Smith presided and Mr. Frazer acted as secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to the members present and ordered placed on file for subsequent approval by the Board of Managers. A financial statement was also submitted and tentatively approved.

Mr. Smith then reported that two members of the Executive Board of Managers had tendered their resignations, namely Mr. Finletter and Mr. McCone, who had been appointed Secretary and Under Secretary of the Air Force respectively. The Executive Committee accepted the resignations with regret and discussed the names of possible successors. The President was requested to explore informally the availability of several individuals and to extend, in behalf of the Committee, appropriate invitations to become members of the Board.

Mr. Frazer then reported on arrangements made for the removal of the Council headquarters from New York to Washington, to take place prior to July 1, 1950. These plans were approved.

On motion made and seconded, the members present voted unanimously to continue the awards made in previous years by the Council to representatives of the Air Force and Navy air arm who had been considered by their own services to have contributed most in the preceding year in the field of aviation experiment and research. The secretary was instructed to request the secretaries of those two services to nominate candidates for the awards and to arrange a suitable ceremony.

Mr. Jones then reported on the meeting held by the special committee of the Council to consider means by which closer cooperation between the Council and the National Aeronautic Association might be established. Mr. Jones stated that he and Mr. Bell and Mr. Parks had met with an NAA Committee headed by Mr. Crawford and that a thorough discussion of the topic had taken place but that no definite results could be reported until the annual meeting of NAA, scheduled for June 12-15, had been held. It was agreed that the Council should offer to provide its publication, the National Air Review, to NAA members at a cost basis and the secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Crawford as to such costs.

Mr. Smith described to the Committee the efforts being made to establish a Conference of National Aviation Organizations and said that the Council was taking an active part in this Conference and providing all possible help, in the belief that greater unity and cooperation between leading air organizations might be brought about.

At the suggestion of Mr. Smith, the Executive Committee elected Mr. Frazer Executive Vice President of the Council at the salary previously established for that office.

The Committee fixed the date of the next meeting of the Executive Board of Managers for Monday, September 18 and recommended that it be held in Washington, D. C.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Charles D. Frazer
Executive Vice President

NOTE:

The Conference of National Aviation Organizations referred to above was held at the Carlton Hotel, Washington, on July 17-18, and was attended by representatives of fifteen leading organizations. It was considered by all those taking part as being extremely successful and the Conference was established on a permanent basis.

Mr. Smith was one of the principal speakers at the Conference, acting as discussion leader of the topic, "Relationship of Military and Civil Aviation". Mr. Frazer, who served as temporary secretary of the first Conference, was elected permanent secretary and treasurer of the organization for the ensuing year.