



*Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group
Board of Directors Meeting
3/3/26*

I. Call to Order

RTAG President Karla Werning called to order the Board of Directors meeting of the Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group at 5:32 PM, Tuesday, March 3th, 2026, at Atlantic Aviation, 655 S Rock Blvd, Reno, NV 89502.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was not conducted. The following officers, directors, and special guests were present:

Karla Werninghaus - President
Kari Inda - Vice-President
Jack Woods - Secretary
Steven Patin - Treasurer
Keegan McCormick - Director
Trygve Inda - Director
Kurtis LeMay - Director
Cory Green - Director
Tina Ho - Prospective Director

III. Business

1. Airport User Group Meeting Summary
 - a. RWY 26 closed for potentially months
 - i. Karla expressed displeasure with how this will affect GA. Other options:
 1. Temporarily shorten the runway (2,000ish feet)
 - a. Mather shortened 22L during the summer of 2025
 2. Stop construction to allow runway use if there is a "weather event"
 - a. A "weather event" could be a 15kt crosswind component
 3. Free overnight tie down parking at Stead, if RWY 26 is closed and pilots are unable to land at RNO
 - ii. The board prefers a temporarily shorter runway vs. the alternatives
2. Scholarships
 - a. Applications are coming in.
 - b. Guillemot Foundation / Pathways to Aviation provided the money.
 - c. Jack will generate a QR code that links to our scholarships page
3. Fly Outs
 - a. Trygve planning Saturday, March 21st to Willows - Nancy's Restaurant for brunch
 - i. Should we curate a list of open seats?
4. Educational Programs
 - a. Kurtis knows a balloon pilot that launches off of houseboats - possible presenter
 - b. Jack has a possible presenter also
5. Fundraising Team

- a. Auto-renew membership system is working
 - b. Paid members should receive an invoice and auto-pay notification via Paypal
- 6. Tech + Social Media
 - a. Keegan created a QR code for the scholarship
 - b. Keegan will post on FB for the UNR Glider event & RTAG events.
- 7. Standing Finance
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Second bank account through an FDIC-insured web-based bank
 - i. Allows us to give/receive Zelle payments
 - c. Mini scholarships - determine a system for tracking mini-scholarships
 - i. Scholarship awards must have an expiration date and an "issued" date
- 8. Special Events
 - a. Need Banquet RSVP list 7 days prior to the event
 - b. Kari knows an astronaut who can headline the event (Loren Acton)
 - i. He worked at Lawrence Livermore Lab - scientist/astronaut
 - ii. He's eager to do it for free (he says "the taxpayers already paid for it")
 - c. Price
 - i. Price was \$59ish last year
 - ii. Board previously discussed half-price meals to student pilots and young members
 - iii. The price should include covering half-price and discounted tickets
 - d. Sponsors
 - i. Sponsors pay \$1,000, get table & logo on printed + digital materials, social media
 - ii. Guillemot provided scholarship money, but technically did not sponsor RTAG
 - iii. Sponsorships can be paid through the website
- 9. Pathways to Aviation
 - a. April 7th, event is focused on Gliders
 - b. At least two directors (Jack and Kurtis) will attend
- 10. Job Fair for Aviation - Idea from Tina
 - a. Lots of companies are hiring
 - b. Tina has discussed with many organizations
 - i. Pathways to Aviation / Tom Hall - focused on getting kids excited/involved
 - ii. Airport-based businesses are struggling to hire line techs, fuelers, bag handlers mechanics, FBO front desk people, etc
 - c. AACT may be able to provide a venue (the school)
 - d. Possible locations:
 - i. Stead airport - might be too far from RNO
 - ii. AACT - small facility fee
 - iii. Reno Town Mall - employer hub (if a facilitator) would cover the facility fee
 - e. Participation requirements:
 - i. Businesses with active jobs to fill
 - ii. People actively seeking employment in the aviation field
- 11. RTAG Meeting Space
 - a. BLFS is happy to have us again.
 - b. AACT is a possible backup space - Kari and Tina to collaborate on this
- 12. Meeting Raffle Idea - raffle off one free RTAG membership to non-members

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jack Woods.