VATSIM Board of Governors
Quarterly Meeting of 3 April, 2005

AGENDA:

1) Call to Order
2) USA-SE Server Upgrade
3) VATSIM Convention
4) Communication between BOG / EC
5) SB3/FSINN
6) Supervisors
7) EUBook/EURoute
8) FIS/OCC suffixes
9) Elections
10) Old Business
11) New Business

Mr. Schroeder served as the chair of the meeting.
Mr. Clark served as secretary.

Meeting called to order at 1915Z by Mr. Schroeder.

Roll Call:

Harv Stein
Mike Bevington
Mike Zazula
Richard Jenkins
Tom Schroeder
Roland Collins
George Marinakis
Jeff Clark

Mr. Stein held a proxy for Rob Phillips.
Mr. Jenkins held a proxy for Ed Hemsley.

Total votes = 10.

2. USA-SE Server Upgrade:

In light of the recent upgrade of the USA-SE server by the BOG, Mr. Schroeder inquired on the status of the USA-W server, and whether the BOG was aware of any servers which may be in danger of being removed from service.

Mr. Jenkins reported that the USA West server was secured at least through February 2006, as PMDG had made a donation to pick up ½ of the operating costs for this server. The USA-S1 server however was felt to be a problem as it was consuming a large amount of money which was being paid for by just a few people.

Mr. Schroeder noted that as this server was very important to the network, Jonathan Reid should be consulted to enquire how much cash it was consuming, and to investigate ways of keeping the server running.

At this time a motion was made by Tom Schroeder to move the meeting into executive session. The motion was seconded by Richard Jenkins.

Voting:

Mr. Stein: FOR
Mr. Bevington: FOR
Mr. Zazula: FOR
Mr. Schroeder: FOR
Mr. Marinakis: FOR
Mr. Collins: FOR
Mr. Jenkins: FOR
Mr. Phillips (proxy)   FOR
Mr. Hemsley (proxy)   FOR

With 7 votes in favour and none against, the BOG entered executive session.

On return from executive session, the BOG moved onto the next agenda item.

3. VATSIM Convention:

Mr. Schroeder provided the BOG with a summary of actions taken before the meeting in an attempt to determine a location for the VATSIM convention, including difficulties finalizing a suitable bid from the VATNA region. As a result of the short time available to organize a convention the BOG had decided via the BOG's mailing list to directly take responsibility for this year's convention.

Mr. Clark enquired as to which dates were now being envisioned for the convention.

Mr. Schroeder confirmed that the preferred time frame appeared to be August or September 2005.

(Mike Hayden joined the meeting at this time, 19:34Z)

Mr. Jenkins reported that he was still waiting to receive RFP's from hotels in Miami and Los Angeles, but that most of the information needed had been received from Washington D.C.

Mr. Jenkins reported that the Washington hotel was put on his shortlist because it was closer to the main population of VATSIM members, and offered many attractive features for tourists, including the National Air and Space Museum's new annex at KIAD. The hotel quoted a rate of USD85.00 per night for rooms, and USD1000.00 a day for meeting space for the weekend of August 19th. The cost of the banquet at IAD would be USD45.00 per person. Speakers would still need to be lined up for this venue, although Joel DeYoung had indicated that he would be interested in coming to this venue, as well as another developer.

The hotel at Los Angeles quoted a rate of USD100.00 per night per room but would only reserve 60 rooms for the convention. Meeting space would cost USD500.00 per day. Mr. Jenkins estimated the cost at the nearby "Proud Bird" restaurant to be approximately USD30-40 per person for a buffet dinner.

Mr. Jenkins reported that the hotel at Miami was likely to quote rates similar to the ones given us by Washington D.C.

Mr. Schroeder indicated that he was still working on securing an RFP from a hotel in Atlanta, but suggested that the BOG settle on a date at this time.

Mr. Clark stated that as he is off work in August, he would be able to provide in-person assistance in organizing the convention wherever it was located.

Mr. Collins indicated that his holidays were not until September.

Mr. Hayden stated that he felt either August or September were good dates.

Mr. Marinakis reminded the BOG that a convention held in September would conflict with the AVSIM convention which is likely to also attract our membership. He also pointed out the school holidays in North America would make August a better option. Mr. Jenkins agreed with this point.

Mr. Schroeder suggested that earlier in August would be better than late August for similar reasons.

Mr. Bevington agreed that August seemed better, and also agreed with the idea of scheduling our convention further away (timewise) from the AVSIM conference.

Mr. Zazula enquired if it were possible to post an informal survey of the membership to see their preferred dates and/or locations for a convention.

Mr. Bevington argued that such a survey would have to be completed by the end of the week as there was little time remaining to come to a decision.

Mr. Schroeder expressed concern that opening a member-wide discussion on the location would cause some problems with such a short timescale.

Mr. Zazula withdrew his proposal to survey the membership.

Mr. Jenkins stated that if we went back to original hotels asking for quotes on alternate dates, it may "close doors" to the existing quotes we've obtained.

Mr. Schroeder agreed that it was best to now decide dates, and to agree a location later, via the BOG e-mail discussion list and online voting system.

After a brief informal poll of governors, **Mr. Schroeder moved that the convention date be set for the weekend of August 12th, commencing on Friday, and going through Sunday. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bevington.**

Voting:

Mr. Stein: FOR
Mr. Bevington: FOR
Mr. Zazula: FOR
Mr. Jenkins: FOR
Mr. Schroeder: FOR
Mr. Collins: FOR
Mr. Marinakis: FOR
Mr. Hayden: FOR
Mr. Clark: FOR
Mr. Phillips (proxy held by Mr. Stein):   FOR
Mr. Hemsley (proxy held by Mr. Jenkins):   FOR

With 11 votes in favour, and none against, the motion was carried.

Mr. Schroeder suggested that the BOG finish gathering information on prospective cities and set a deadline for Friday, April 8th for this purpose. Mr. Jenkins stated that he should have the necessary information by this time for all cities.

(Roberto Bazzano joined the meeting at this time, 20:00Z)

Mr. Clark provided the BOG with information regarding the Udvar-Hazy annex of the National Aeronautical and Space Museum, which would be of interest should Washington be chosen as the convention city.

Mr. Jenkins noted that an inexpensive shuttle is also provided by the NASM between KIAD and the main museum on the national mall.

Mr. Marinakis enquired if the BOG might be able to determine a location at this time as many governors had expressed an interest in Washington as the location. Mr. Jenkins stated that he wished to wait a few more days to get information on all possible cities.

Mr. Bevington expressed concern that the automated BOG voting system would delay a decision further because of the time it takes.

Mr. Schroeder suggested a deadline of Friday April 8th for the vote to be implemented to help address Mr. Bevington's concerns.

4. Communication between the BOG and the EC.

Mr. Schroeder advised that this item was on the agenda because of concerns from VATSIM's Executive Committee (EC) that communication between the BOG and the EC was not timely, and that the EC did not feel well-informed about the activities of the BOG.

Mr. Collins stated that he had been in communication with the EC who had indicated that they would be happy to receive fortnightly communications from the BOG on our

activities, but that they did not feel they had enough activities to warrant frequent reports from the EC on their own activities.

Mr. Bevington suggested that sending the EC with updates of our activities (voted on by the BOG) may be a good way to go, but that he suspected the EC would still have questions which he suggested should be channeled through Mr. Collins, who would prepare proposed responses to the EC for the BOG to vote on, which should reduce some of the time it takes to formulate and then communicate answers back to the EC.

Mr. Jenkins agreed with Mr. Bevington's comments and expressed concern that this issue needed to be addressed promptly and not postponed any longer.

(Mr. Hayden left the meeting at this time, 20:15Z)

Mr. Collins recommended that the EC receive regular updates, and that existing channels of communication be more fully utilized.

Mr. Schroeder enquired if monthly updates would suffice.

Mr. Jenkins expressed concerns about whether or not the EC would reciprocate by providing their own updates to the BOG. Mr. Schroeder indicated that he also would like the EC to reciprocate, at least by providing information on what was happening at the regional level.

Mr. Jenkins again enquired if monthly updates would be a good interval. Mr. Clark reported that this would be acceptable, and that he would prepare these updates for the BOG to vote on before sending to the EC.

Mr. Schroeder indicated that he preferred a shorter, bullet-pointed version of the update provided to the BOG before the meeting by Mr. Clark. Mr. Jenkins concurred.

Mr. Clark asked how BOG members would flag up e-mail messages that were not to be included in the activity report, in a similar way that topics discussed in executive session were identified as too sensitive to include in minutes (for legal or other reasons).

Mr. Jenkins suggested that BOG members clearly identify such posts by noting that they were not to be included in summary to EC in the first line of their emails.

Mr. Bevington and Mr. Schroeder also indicated that this method, along with the use of some common sense would help provide the correct information to the EC.

Mr. Schroeder also reiterated the point that the EC should reciprocate with information about what is happening at the regional level, and suggested that both parties exchange monthly bullet-point summaries.

Mr. Jenkins suggested we direct the EC to provide us with these reports.

Mr. Schroeder suggested that Mr. Collins propose the exchange of information with the EC and return with their response to the BOG.

Mr. Zazula made an alternate suggestion that the BOG simply provide their own summary to the EC and not wait for their agreement to reciprocate.

Mr. Bevington suggested that "negotiations" with the EC on this topic were unnecessary, as sharing of information was the right thing to do.

Mr. Collins noted that the monthly reports would help to make the RD's more accountable.

Mr. Schroeder indicated that this (accountability) was why he also wants to see the EC reciprocate with a report, and made the following motion:

Motion: The BOG provides a bullet-point list of discussion points for the BOG on the last day of the month, and in return, a bullet-point list from the EC and/or Regions is provided to the BOG on the last day of the month. Roland Collins to be directed to make this proposal to the EC, and to provide them with an example bullet-point list no later than Friday.

The motion was seconded by Rich Jenkins.

Roland Collins proposed an amendment to the motion to state that the BOG provide a monthly update, made available to the EC on the last day of the month, and the EC is asked to make a similar update on the same timeframe.

Mr. Schroeder stated that he wants to amend the motion to indicate that the EC must return their regional updates on the same time frame, and amended the language of the motion to the following:

MOTION: The BOG will produce a monthly update sheet, and make it available to the EC on the last day of the month. The EC will return a similar, regionally based update sheet within the same time-frame, and that the BOG will send the EC an example of this format no later than the end of this week.

Mr. Clark enquired as to whether we will unilaterally start sending the update, or if we will only do this if the EC agrees to reciprocate. Mr. Clark suggested the following alternate motion:

MOTION: The BOG authorizes Roland Collins to propose to the EC that the BOG prepared a monthly update delivered on the last day of the month, in exchange for a monthly report prepared by the EC. This will be contingent on the EC accepting this proposal. If they accept, Roland Collins to report back and the updates will commence immediately.

Mr. Bevington commented that this revised wording went against what he was originally saying.

Mr. Clark indicated that he also agreed that the BOG should be more transparent, but that the same should be expected from the EC and that we should ask for reciprocity.

Mr. Collins felt that the BOG should start doing their reports now, and noted that the BOG could ask the EC to do this anyway.

Mr. Zazula stated that he felt that the BOG should make its monthly report and then leave it up to the EC to decide if they will follow up.

Mr.Collins noted that the RD's were accountable to the BOG in any case, and that the BOG could direct the EC to make a monthly report.

Mr. Schroeder noted that this appeared to be Mr. Bevington's point as well, that the BOG would produce a report, and state that it expects the EC to follow up.

Mr. Schroeder clarified his motion as follows:

MOTION: The BOG will, on the last day of the month, make a bullet point list for the EC. The EC will produce, no later than the last day of the month, a bullet point list of what is happening at each region. Mr. Clark to provide a "sample" report for the EC no later than Friday.

Mr. Bevington seconded the motion.

Voting:

Mr. Stein:	FOR
Mr. Bevington:	FOR
Mr. Zazula:	FOR
Mr. Jenkins:	FOR
Mr. Schroeder:	FOR
Mr. Collins:	FOR
Mr. Marinakis:	FOR
Mr.Clark:	FOR
Mr. Bazzano:	FOR
Mr. Phillips (proxy held by Mr. Stein):	FOR
Mr. Hemley (proxy held by Mr. Jenkins):	FOR

With 11 votes in favour, and none against, the motion was carried.

5. SB3 & FSINN:

Mr. Clark noted that the new clients had been released for a few weeks, and was interested in whether or not rumours found on newsgroups about the network not being able to handle the strain had any element of truth or not. If the network was in fact having no problem at all with the new clients, it might be good for the BOG to publicly state this to enhance the public's perception of the system.

Mr. Bazzano noted that except for the day of the initial rollout of SB3, the network seemed to be coping well with the strain.

Mr. Jenkins noted that at the time of the meeting, there were a large number of people online, but that the Uk server might be a little overloaded with 200 users just on that server.

(Mr. Joel Lesser joined the meeting at this time, 2100Z)

Mr. Marinakis noted that there were some problems with SB3 was released because VATSIM was hosting the download of the new client, and suggested that this wasn't what caused the initial problems. He noted that BOG members were attempting to dispel rumours of poor network performance, but that sadly, there are always some users on the newsgroups who always seem to think they know more than we do about how to run the network.

Mr. Bevington noted that a possible additional drain on the S1 server might have been the unusually high number of users on PRC, as that program was running at 10 times normal volume due to the large number of new users.

Mr. Bazzano noted that there were new changes made to each of the new clients to help make them download less data from S1 and USA-W, which would be released soon.

Mr. Bevington suggested that it would be fitting for the BOG to formally thank Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Critz and Mr. Bazzano for their efforts in making the rollout go as smoothly as it has.

Mr. Schroeder agreed that it was a monumental task, and thanked Mr. Jenkins for the task of coordinated the translation of the manuals.

MOTION; Mr. Schroeder moved that the BOG officially thank Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Critz and Mr. Bazzano for all their efforts in rolling out SB3 and FSINN.

Mr. Bevington seconded the motion.

Voting:

Mr. Stein:	FOR
Mr. Bevington:	FOR
Mr. Zazula:	FOR
Mr. Jenkins:	ABSTAIN
Mr. Schroeder:	FOR
Mr. Collins:	FOR
Mr. Marinakis:	FOR
Mr. Clark:	FOR
Mr. Bazzano:	FOR
Mr. Phillips (proxy):	FOR
Mr. Hemsley (proxy):	FOR

With 10 votes in favour, and none against, the motion was carried.

6. Supervisors

Mr. Schroeder explained to Mr. Zazula (for whom this was his first meeting), that this agenda item appears regularly on the BOG agenda, and that this was traditionally a time where the VP Supervisors would provide a report on activities with regards to supervisors.

Mr. Zazula reminded the BOG about written documents sent via the e-mail list about his plans for supervisors. He indicated that in the next week, approximately 5 additional supervisors would lose their ratings because of inactivity, which would conclude the initial round of downgrades. An additional 20 supervisors were placed under "close watch" and were given 1-2 months "final chance" to improve their activity. He was now in the process of trying to identify new supervisors, and was trying to see how many supervisors were needed.

Mr. Clark advised that he had been approached by many members who had enquired about how to become supervisors, and said that he felt that there was a real need for increased numbers of supervisors on the network, especially in the USA region.

Mr. Zazula said that any prospective supervisor needs to have their application backed by their RD for him to consider them. He indicated that he believed that an ideal number of supervisors for the network would probably be about 100.

Mr. Stein noted that many supervisor who he had not seen online had suddenly seemed to now be logging in, but he was concerned that they simply logged in to get their 10 hours of online time (to keep their rating), but were not actually at the keyboard.

Mr. Zazula stated that he was aware of this problem, and requested to be notified of anyone suspected of doing this. He also indicated that he was investigating other ways of checking on supervisor activity with Roberto Bazzano.

Mr. Schroeder suggested that BOG members should check in with supervisors when they're online to help make sure they're actually at the keyboard.

Mr. Bazzano noted that he was working with Mr. Zazula to draft some queries to help him.

Mr. Zazula noted that they were also looking at creating 3 new levels of ratings, which was also of interest to Mr. Bevington.

Mr. Bazzano said that they were considering splitting the ATC and pilot ratings from a new rating describing jobs/functions on the network.

Mr. Zazula suggested that they would have a proposal ready with respect to ratings at the next BOG meeting, and would continue this discussion via the e-mail group.

Mr. Bazzano also agreed that this discussion should continue on the e-mail list and that Mr. Critz be requested to help develop a technical solution with respect to ratings.

7. EUBook/EURoute:

Mr. Clark noted that he had recently been impressed by developments made by the programmers of the EUBook and EURoute system, and recounted the good work done by Ian Elchitz and others on the flight planning system in use by some parts of VATUSA.

Mr. Clark enquired as to whether or not, when technology permitted, the BOG should consider adopting an "official" flight planning system, and directing ARTCC's and VACC's to move towards implementing it, to help provide a better service to our pilots.

Mr. Zazula noted that moving towards a "single" system would reduce the number of websites and programs needed for training and planning. He felt that at the moment, VATSIM was too complicated, and agreed that a single flight planning system would be one solution for this.

Mr. Jenkins agreed that one simple flight planning system would be a good thing, and noted that at the moment VATSIM has Mr. Elchitz' system, and a few competing systems in Europe. He noted that he was under the impression that Mr. Critz was working on a plan for a method of sharing flight plan data between the existing systems so they could share information.

Mr. Bazzano noted that any single system would have to be carefully designed, because rules for routes would be different in the US than in Europe (and other parts of the world). A local front-end could be designed, but the design would be difficult.

Mr. Schroeder noted that any further discussion would need to take into account Mr. Critz' report of what he was working on.

Mr. Clark proposed that the BOG ask Mr. Critz to share developments on this point via e-mail. Mr. Schroeder agreed, and this item was tabled, for discussion via e-mail.

8. FIS/OCC Suffixes:

Mr. Schroeder noted that some regions were asking to use FSS as a recognized suffix, and others were requesting new suffixes (FIS/OCC) to be added to the network.

Mr. Collins noted that Mr. Critz had indicated that it would be possible to include new suffixes, but that the BOG needed to be clear as to which new callsigns would be adopted.

Mr. Clark asked if we were talking about only 2 new suffixes, or whether this would open the floodgates for new suffixes to be added.

Mr. Collins said the intention was to replace FSS with OCC (for oceanic control), and to introduce FIS to provide a local flight information service.

Mr. Bazzano noted that before the discussion went any further, he needed to clarify a few points with Mr. Critz, as he was unclear about how the new suffixes would interact with ASRC.

Mr. Collins noted that Mr. Critz had already agreed via e-mail for the new suffixes to be implemented.

Mr. Schroeder asked what the problem was with using the FSS suffix?

Mr. Bevington noted that there was a large area (Europe?) that was not using the FSS callsign, and that was the basis for the FIS suffix in the first place. He stated that he was not aware why the BOG could not approve the new callsigns now, and entertain additional callsigns later.

Mr. Jenkins noted that Mr. Critz's email seemed to suggest that only one new suffix could be implemented at this time.

Mr. Collins noted that the original FSS callsign was disapproved for widespread use, and now is only used for oceanic controlling.

Mr. Bazzano agreed that FIS should replace FSS as the oceanic callsign, but noted that this still required a change of software.

Mr. Clark suggested that this decision be moved onto the e-mail list for discussion and vote later.

Mr. Schroeder also concurred, as this would give Mr. Critz the opportunity to get involved with this discussion.

9. Elections:

Mr. Marinakis provided the BOG with a history of Article V of the COR, and noted that VATSIM's Founders had taken the decision approximately two years ago that there should be no election of BOG members by the general membership. Their reasons were that this would inhibit/limit future plans for the network.

Mr. Marinakis explained that in the future, the founders may wish to decide on a different and/or more formal organizational structure, and if a commitment to elections for the BOG was made, it would limit their options on how VATSIM was structured in the future. He noted that although there was an intention originally to hold elections, it hasn't panned out over time.

Mr. Marinakis further noted that there had also been a plan to have some level of elections for lower levels of staff, including RD's, DD's and possibly the EC, with the idea that as members generally interact more with these lower levels of staff, it would make more sense for them to be elected than the upper levels. This hasn't been done yet because it involves changes to multiple sections of the COR, which hasn't yet been done.

Mr. Marinakis reported that he has prepared revisions to large sections of Article II, and is currently working on Article III, but hasn't yet started any changes to Article V. This has simply been because of a lack of time and the changes require a massive re-write of the COR.

Mr. Schroeder noted that a number of position on the BOG are very specialized, such as the network developers on the board, and that when it comes to things like non-disclosure, positions like these could not realistically be opened up to be elected posts.

Mr. Marinakis concurred that this was also one of the Founders' reasons for not having an elected BOG.

Mr. Collins stated that Article V was idealistic, but that the idealistic way doesn't always have the best results. If people aspired to positions on the BOG, they could reach it by working hard at the local level, and moving up the ranks.

Mr. Marinakis took this opportunity to stress that the Founders are *not* considering taking VATSIM "for profit". They instead wanted to keep certain other options open which would be closed off if the BOG were elected. He noted that this decision has been taken by the Founders, who are the owners of VATSIM, and further noted that at some point in the future, the BOG may end up being directly appointed by the Founders.

Mr. Zazula noted that avenues shouldn't be closed off, but expressed a desire for the founders to eventually decide this.

Mr. Marinakis noted that the decision was a large one, and there were a lot of factors that were considered when the decision to not have an elected BOG was taken.

Mr. Zazula stated that in his opinion, the lack of elections was not the real problem with the BOG, but rather the fact that the membership of the BOG appeared to be fixed, and that if someone on the BOG was not doing their job well, there was no clear mechanism for removing them.

Mr. Schroeder disagreed, and stated that the COR has a mechanism for removing a BOG members to be replaced. He also noted that there has been a large turnover of personnel on the BOG.

Mr. Marinakis added that there was likely to further turnover later this year.

Mr. Schroeder also pointed out that the BOG had in fact removed members for not doing their jobs.

Mr. Collins noted that approximately ½ of the BOG were placed on the BOG via an open application, and that the BOG was going down the proper path.

Mr. Zazula stated that the membership needs to feel that the BOG is there for them, and not the other way around. He stated that he felt that the membership had the impression that the BOG was totally split off from the general membership, and that

was backed up by a lack of formal regulations on elections and other ways of showing that the BOG cared about the concerns of the membership.

Mr. Marinakis stated that the BOG certainly did care about the membership, and that the vast majority of the BOG shared those concerns. He added that it was unrealistic though for someone who had been on the network for only six months to have ambitions for the BOG. It was more realistic to expect them to work their way up through the ranks.

Mr. Bevington noted that VATSIM is not owned by the members – they are instead the customers of the organization, and that the BOG has been appointed by the owners of the organization (the Founders) to run VATSIM for them. In his view, the BOG's job was to increase the amount of business and grow the network, so the BOG serves both members, and founders. But in terms of accountability, the BOG was accountable only to the founders, and not the members.

(Mr. Marinakis left the meeting at this time, 2110Z)

Mr. Jenkins noted that members of the BOG have a responsibility to show that they care about the membership, and to project a "caring image". In his view, it is imperative that governors treat members kindly and respectfully, and never be condescending to people. At times in the past, BOG members have been rude, which is not doing a service to VATSIM.

At this point, Mr. Zazula requested that the membership be informed of the Founders' decision with regards to elections to the BOG.

Mr. Clark noted that as the discussion was being minuted by him, the members would probably become aware of this decision when the minutes were published in a few weeks' time.

10. Old Business:

Mr. Collins noted that the EC were asking about the status of the FSD update, and when it would be implemented.

Mr. Jenkins asked if they meant the change to how 7600 codes were handled?

Mr. Collins said yes.

Mr. Jenkins stated that Mr. Critz had indicated it would be turned on before the SB3 release, so it was likely to already be live.

11. New Business:

There was no new business.

12. Adjournment:

Mr. Schroeder moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jenkins.

Voting:

Mr. Stein:	FOR
Mr. Bevington:	FOR
Mr. Zazula:	FOR
Mr. Jenkins:	FOR
Mr. Schroeder:	FOR
Mr. Collins:	FOR
Mr. Clark:	FOR
Mr. Bazzano:	FOR
Mr.Phillips (proxy)	FOR
Mr. Hemsley (proxy)	FOR

With 10 votes in favour, and none against, the meeting was adjourned at 2128Z.

Appendix 1: Record of votes held between meetings of the Board of Governors.

The following votes were taken by the Board of Governors between the quarterly meeting of October 9th, 2004 and April 3rd, 2005:

Approval of previous minutes
On November 4th, Jeff Clark moved that the minutes of the October 9th, 2004 BOG meeting by approved and published. The motion was seconded by Ed Hemsley. The voting was as follows:

Jeff Clark	For
Ed Hemsley	For
Mike Hayden	For
Richard Critz	For
Richard Jenkins	For
Michael Bevington	For
Roberto Bazzano	For

With 7 votes for the motion and 0 votes against, the motion was carried.

Amendment to the Code of Regulations
On November 19th, 2004, George Marinakis moved that paragraph 6.06 of the Code of Regulations be amended to extend the duration of the automated "temporary suspension" from 48 hours to 5 days, to allow conflict resolution personnel more time to consider cases. (See below for the actual text of the amendment).

(Here follows the text of the proposed amendment)

VATSIM CODE OF REGULATIONS

ARTICLE VI. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF VATSIM.net MEMBERS

§6.06 Temporary Suspension of a Member

A member of VATSIM.net may be temporarily suspended by an authorized individual under Article VI., §6.04 when it is determined by such authorized individual that the member's conduct is of a nature which warrants a formal suspension and/or expulsion.

A. ~~Maximum~~ Length of Period of Temporary Suspension: The period of temporary suspension imposed by an authorized individual under Article VI., §6.04 above ~~may not exceed forty-eight (48) hours~~ SHALL BE FIVE DAYS in length. In computing time under this rule, the ~~time period~~ TEMPORARY SUSPENSION shall commence ~~on the date of the alleged violation~~ AT THE TIME OF IMPOSITION BY THE AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL.

Commentary: This is proposed by George Marinakis. The purpose of the change is to extend the Temporary Suspension period from the current 48 hours to five days. The underlying reason for this proposed change is to lessen the number of expirations that take place. It is my opinion that the current 48 hours is not sufficient time in many instances for a DCRM to be assigned, particularly in cases where the member has not selected a region and its left to the EC Chair to refer the matter to an appropriate DCRM. Given that the vast majority of referrals to DCRMs (temporary suspensions) are for conduct of pilots, this change would be beneficial in preventing member reinstatement prior to referral as a result of the expiration of the 48 hour time period. It is my opinion that five days should be more than adequate.

(End of proposed amendment)

The motion was seconded by Michael Bevington. The voting on the proposed amendment was as follows:

George Marinakis	For
Michael Bevington	For
Jeff Clark	For
Richard Jenkins	Against
Richard Critz	For
Roland Collins	Against
Harv Stein	For
Ed Hemsley	For
Tom Schroeder	For

With 7 votes in favour, and 2 votes against, the amendment did not receive the required 2/3 majority, and was not passed.

Election of new VATGOV11

On January 3rd, 2005, a vote was opened to fill the vacancy of the position for VATGOV11 – Vice President – Supervisors.

The results were as follows:

Michael Zazula	7 votes.
Robert Hooley	3 votes
Lluis Del Cerro	1 vote
Norman Blackburn	0 votes
Chris Barham	0 votes

New Supervisors

On January 24th, 2005, Michael Zazula moved that the following people be appointed supervisors:

Roman Toporkov, Colin Billing, Hans Utne, Norman Blackburn, Joerg Haensel, Jim Preston, Thomas George and Ruth McTighe.

The motion was seconded by Roberto Bazzano.

The voting was as follows:

Michael Zazula	For
Roberto Bazzano	For
Richard Jenkins	For
Jeff Clark	For
Tom Schroeder	For
Mike Hayden	For
George Marinakis	For
Ed Hemsley	For
Roland Collins	For
Richard Critz	Abstain

With nine votes in favour and none against, the motion was passed.

New RD: Asia

On February 17th, 2005 Roland Collins moved that William Woo be appointed to the position of Regional Director for the Asia Region. The motion was seconded by George Marinakis. The voting was as follows:

Roland Collins	For
George Marinakis	For
Roberto Bazzano	For
Michael Bevington	For

Mike Hayden	For
Tom Schroeder	For
Jeff Clark	For
Michael Zazula	For
Harv Stein	For
Richard Critz	For
Richard Jenkins	For

With 11 votes in favour and none against, the motion was carried.

Kees Leune

On the 24th of March, a motion was made by Richard Critz to downgrade Kees Leune from the rating of Administrator to his previous rating. The motion was seconded by Robert Phillips. The voting was as follows:

Richard Critz	For
Robert Phillips	For
Harv Stein	For
George Marinakis	For
Ed Hemsley	For
Michael Bevington	For
Tom Schroeder	For
Jeff Clark	For
Roberto Bazzano	For
Mike Hayden	For
Richard Jenkins	For
Michael Zazula	Abstain
Roland Collins	For

With 12 votes in favour, none against and one abstention, the motion was carried.

Squawkbox 3

On March 24th, 2005, Richard Critz moved that the BOG approve the unrestricted use of the new Squawkbox 3 client on the network. The motion was seconded by George Marinakis. The voting was as follows:

Richard Critz	For
George Marinakis	For
Richard Jenkins	For
Harv Stein	For
Robert Phillips	For
Ed Hemsley	For
Roland Collins	For
Jeff Clark	For
Michael Zazula	For
Michael Bevington	For
Tom Schroeder	For
Mike Hayden	For

Roberto Bazzano   For

With 13 votes for the motion and none against, the motion was passed.

FSINN

On March 27th, 2005, Richard Critz moved that the FSInn client be approved for unrestricted use on the VATSIM network. The motion was seconded by Richard Jenkins. The voting was as follows:

Richard Critz   For
Richard Jenkins   For
Harv Stein   For
Tom Schroeder   For
Roberto Bazzano   For
Jeff Clark   For
Mike Hayden   For
Michael Bevington   For
Robert Phillips   For
Ed Hemsley   For
Michael Zazula   For
Roland Collins   For
George Marinakis   For

With 13 votes for the motion and none against, the motion was carried.