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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AVIATION OFFICIALS

The second Annual Meeting of the National Association of State Aviation Officials was held at Nashville, Tennessee, on December second and third with over one hundred delegates present and representing some thirty states and the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce.

Friday morning, President Reed G. Landis delivered the presidential address upon the subject, "The National Association of State Aviation Officials: Its Utility and Function" (which address appears in this issue of the JOURNAL). Hon. J. D. Brock, of Missouri, presented a paper on "Developments and Regulation of Airports," and was followed by Hon. John C. Cooper, of Florida, who spoke on the subject, "Some Legal Aspects of Gasoline Taxation as Affecting Aviation" (published in this issue of the JOURNAL).

Friday afternoon, Hon. Paul Wright, of Transamerican Airlines, discussed the subject of "State Aids to Aviation"; Hon. John E. Edgerton, of Tennessee, presented a paper on "Transportation and Its Relation to All Industry," and Hon. Felix Smart, of Arkansas, detailed the developments in "Registration and/or Licensing of Aircraft and Airmen."

The speakers at the Annual Banquet included Major Rutledge Smith, President Landis, Col. Harry H. Blee and Major Longacre, of the Department of Commerce, Hon. Luther Bell, of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, Major James Doolittle, and others.

On Saturday, following an address by Capt. Roy W. Pixler, of West Virginia, on "Aviation Instruction," the Association adopted the following resolutions of particular importance to those interested in aeronautical law:

III. WHEREAS, this Association as now constituted has an outstanding opportunity to assist in accomplishing necessary uniformity of Aviation rules, regulations and standards, but that this opportunity cannot be fully realized without every state being duly represented in our membership now Therefore be it RESOLVED that it is the sentiment of this meeting that one of the primary objectives during the forthcoming year should be the accomplishment of a full 100% membership of every state as a duly accredited member. Be it further RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Governor now in office, as well as those who may take office after January 1st, 1933.

IV. WHEREAS, it is highly desirable that there be uniform licensing standards throughout the several states, now Therefore be it RESOLVED that the Association go on record as favoring the state adoption of all current effective Federal licensing standards, and be it further RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Governor now in office as well as those who may take office after January 1st, 1933.

V. WHEREAS, this Association believes in and appreciates the splendid program organized and executed by the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce, now Therefore be it RESOLVED that the Association hereby endorses and favors the continuance of the present policies of the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce and, further, expresses its appreciation of the highly constructive and effective work done by the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce during the formative period of aviation.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: *President*, Hon. R. S. Boutelle, Director of the Division of Aeronautics of Tennessee; *Vice-President*, Hon. John C. Cooper, of Florida, Chairman, American Bar Association Committee on Aeronautical Law; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Prof. Fred D. Fagg, Jr., member Illinois Aeronautics Commission; *Legal Counsel*, Hon. George B. Logan, of Missouri, formerly Chairman, American Bar Association Committee on Aeronautical Law.

The Regional Vice-Presidents of the Association, as elected, are: (1) *North East*, Major John D. Sullivan, of New York; (2) *South East*, Hon. Steadham Acker, Manager, Birmingham Municipal Airport, Alabama; (3) *East Central*, Col. Floyd Evans, Director of Aeronautics, of Michigan; (4) *North Central*, Hon. Fay Harding, State Railroad Commissioner, of North Dakota; (5) *South Central*, no election; (6) *South West*, no election; (7) *North West*, Hon. A. C. Blomgren, Airways Engineer, Department of Public Works, of Idaho.

F. D. F.

AMERICAN BAR COMMITTEE NEW MEMBERS

Announcement of the American Bar Association Committee on Aeronautical Law, as appointed by President Clarence E. Martin, has just recently been made.

The new committee is headed by Mr. John C. Cooper, of Florida, who succeeds Mr. George B. Logan as Chairman. Mr. Cooper has served as a member of the committee for the past two years and is particularly well qualified for the responsibility. As Vice-President of the National Association of State Aviation

Officials and as a member of the American Delegation on the Comité International Technique d'Experts Juridiques Aériens, he has a close contact with both the national and international aspects of aeronautical encouragement and control.

The committee members include Mr. George B. Logan, of St. Louis, who has done some very constructive work during the past two years in elaborating tentative drafts of a uniform aeronautical code and a uniform airports act; Mr. Randolph Barton, Jr., of Baltimore, and of the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; Dean John McDill Fox, of Catholic University of America; and Mr. Paul M. Godehn, of Chicago, attorney for United Air Lines.

It is to be hoped that, if any uniform code is developed by the committee for state adoption, it will cover not only substantive law provisions, but will offer some comprehensive study of the administrative law features associated with commission regulation. Any such code should, of course, be drawn in the alternative to meet the needs of those states whose regulatory program does not include a special aviation commission but is, instead, entrusted to some already existing body.

The close connection between the present American Bar Association Committee and the National Association of State Aviation Officials would seem to promise much for the continued development of uniform regulation during the next few years.

F. D. F.

MICHIGAN STATE AIRWAY TOUR

A tour of the Michigan State Airway system was held during the period from October 25 to 28 inclusive, to inspect the various state airports, seventeen of which were completed during October.

The personnel of the tour included representatives from the Department of Commerce and four states, as follows: *Department of Commerce*, A. Pendleton Taliaferro, Jr., Chief of the Airport Section; *Michigan*, Representative Tracy Southworth, of the State Legislature; Dr. A. L. Haight, State Board of Aeronautics; Col. Floyd E. Evans, Director, Department of Aeronautics; S. B. Steer, Inspector, Department of Aeronautics; Sid Erwin, Attorney General's Office; Harold Fuller, Auditor General's Office; Lieut. Carl Russel, of Detroit; and Russell Cone, of Stinson Aircraft Co.; *Ohio*, Capt. Fred Smith, Director of Aeronautics; and *Illinois*, Major Reed G.

Landis, Chairman, Illinois Aeronautics Commission; Fred D. Fagg, Jr., Member, Illinois Aeronautics Commission; and Elwood B. Cole, Secretary, Illinois Aeronautics Commission; *Wisconsin*, Mr. Westphal, of Westphal Airways.

The tour started at Lansing and flew to Crystal Falls by way of Alma, St. Ignace and Manistique. The second day was spent entirely on the upper peninsula and covered the western airports, returning to Marquette by way of L'Anse. The return on the final day covered the northern route and flew to Detroit by way of Munising, Newberry, St. Ignace, Bay City and Pontiac.

Michigan is one of the few states that has provided for definite means of encouragement to the aviation industry—by permitting the expenditure for the construction and maintenance of airports, airways and facilities. The funds used for such purpose are derived from the collection of a state gasoline tax on aviation fuel.

The State of Michigan, its Board of Aeronautics, and Col. Evans and Inspector Steer are to be congratulated upon the splendid developmental program they have so ably instituted and maintained.

F. D. F.