



**February 6, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
601 South 12th Street Arlington, VA 22202**

Meeting Minutes

Summary

Issues discussed at this meeting included the air cargo threat environment, air cargo compliance initiatives, and status reports from the working group and subcommittees: Airport Employee Access Control, General Aviation, Commercial Airports, International Aviation, Security Technology, and Air Cargo. The agenda for this meeting is provided as Attachment A.

Meeting Comes to Order

Dean Walter, the ASAC Designated Federal Official (DFO), called the meeting to order. This meeting was closed to the public and only ASAC members and Federal officials were allowed to participate.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken during the committee member introductions. Attachment B provides a complete list of meeting attendees.

Committee Leadership Remarks

Victoria Newhouse, the TSA Executive Sponsor; Steve Alterman, ASAC Chairman; and Ken Dunlap, ASAC Vice-Chairman, each made brief opening remarks and welcomed members.

General discussion items included:

- Government furlough preparations.
- The draft TSA Administrator's Intent and TSA Strategic Plan documents are currently going through the industry comment adjudication process. The tentative date of release for the final documents is March 7.
- The TSA Capital Investment Plan is under development.
- There are no further updates on the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2017 (H.R. 2825) at this time.
- The Federal Register Notice for ASAC has been approved, which now allows for the publication of ASAC membership applications and subject matter experts (SMEs) for the ASAC committees. The notice will publish on February 12 and will be open for 21 days.
- There have been several news article related to TSA performance evaluations. Is there an ASAC role on performance issues?
- Should ASAC be involved with issues related to unmanned aircraft systems?

Cargo Threat Brief

TSA provided an overview of the air cargo threat environment. Threats to aviation, as well as aviation infrastructure, continue to be a major concern. Other areas of concern include: homegrown violent extremists, improvised explosive devices, insider threat, ISIS, the use of air cargo to carry out terrorist attacks, chemical warfare, and unmanned aircraft systems technology.



Cargo Compliance Activities

A Sensitive Security Information (SSI) overview of the domestic cargo security plan was provided. The 2018 multi-pronged security activities will consist of: increasing inspections, negotiating civil penalty cases, enhancing cargo screening policies and requirements, increasing the number of multi-mode inspections at high cargo volume locations, and incorporating Air Cargo Advanced Screening procedures into security programs.

Subcommittee Updates

The co-chairpersons for each subcommittee and working group provided an update, covering initiatives to date and focus areas going forward.

- **Airport Access Control Working Group**

The subcommittee reported that 4 of 28 recommendations remain open: #02 Airport Employee Screening Risk Model, #10 Airport Worker Badge Database, #11 Airport Employee Vetting Portal, and #12 Security Threat Assessment Enhancement. The group will continue to work with TSA to monitor progress on these recommendations. The Working Group is also looking at next steps, specifically expanding the 2015 study to include broader insider threat issues. Also, it is looking at best practices and gaps that can be extracted from the Advanced Threat Local Allocation Strategy (ATLAS) program. The Working Group will reconvene in a February 6 afternoon session to discuss development of a 2018 work plan.

- **Commercial Airports Subcommittee Update**

The subcommittee reported that it has been actively supporting the Airport Access Control Working Group. The subcommittee is working on a guide consisting of practical applications to address vulnerabilities on the public side of the airport. The group will work with the Security Technology Subcommittee on development of the Computed Tomography (CT) deployment planning. ASAC members suggested this group continue to monitor and develop best practices for its areas of focus.

- **International Aviation Subcommittee Update**

TSA introduced its new Subcommittee chair. It is currently working with the Security Technology Subcommittee on intel screening alignment. The subcommittee would like to work with TSA to provide input on international policy documents before they become, such as International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) papers. Also, can TSA bring an industry representative into the ICAO Council Meetings, similar to how other countries operate? Other topics included an update on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2309, and the possibility of forging relationships with other agencies to discuss international aviation security initiatives. The subcommittee is currently not assigned to any projects.

- **General Aviation (GA) Subcommittee Update**

TSA introduced its new Subcommittee chair. The GA subcommittee has not met since the December 2017 ASAC meeting, but intends to schedule its next meeting once TSA provides responses to the TFSSP/PCSSP recommendations that were approved in September 2017.

- **Security Technology Subcommittee Update**

TSA continues to implement the recommendations of the Checkpoint of the Future Report, which provides actions for checkpoint security improvement in the next five to ten years. To



date, 17 recommendations are complete and 18 are being implemented. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for February 20 to discuss/review the following: technology capability gaps, the TSA Pre✓[®] Program, joint programs with S&T, biometrics efforts, canine screening, rapid acquisition, and funding requirements.

The Third Party Canine Program is close to full implementation. Canine trainers and certifications are in place. Operationally, it will require minor modification of the TSA security program.

The Air Cargo Security Technology Working Group intends to meet in March.

- **Air Cargo Subcommittee Update**

The subcommittee provided updates on administrative issues and changes. Since the December 2017, the subcommittee has held two conference calls and three working group meetings to discuss committee efficiency and to review past and current recommendations. The subcommittee shared two areas of focus to improve cargo screening: (1) improving performance with better threat-specific training, testing, and selection of screeners, and (2) improving equipment. These focus areas led to the development of potential recommendations that include: (1) capacity of current screening equipment, and (2) working with TSA to determine the best path to improve security.

The subcommittee is also establishing a second working group to focus on supply chain and database risk assessment capabilities. In addition, the subcommittee established a quarterly update meeting to discuss ICAO cargo- specific recommendations. Conference calls will be held on a monthly basis to discuss canine activities.

Administrative Discussion

- The next ASAC meeting is scheduled for May 14 or May 22, 2018. A poll will be taken to determine the May 2018 meeting date.
- Future recommendations should be sent to Dean Walter two weeks before a scheduled ASAC meeting in order for working groups and subcommittees to become familiar with them before their presentation at ASAC meetings.
- A centralized location is needed to update subcommittee recommendations. Also, we need to ensure that the correct personnel attend meetings when recommendations are being developed.

Adjournment

The Chairman asked for any last comments, and with none received adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.



Summary of Action Items

- Schedule May meeting. (*Walter*)
- Provide all recommendations two weeks prior to ASAC meetings. (*All*)

Certification of Detailed Minutes

I hereby certify that this is an accurate record of the activities of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee on February 6, 2018.



Stephen A. Alterman
Chairman



Attachment A: Meeting Agenda

- Meeting Opening & Call to Order
- Chairman's Opening Remarks
- Vice-Chairman's Opening Remarks
- TSA Executive Sponsor Opening Remarks
- Roll Call & Member Remarks
- Cargo Compliance Activities
- Recommendations Updates
- Subcommittee Update:
 1. Airport Access Control
 2. Commercial Airports
 3. International Aviation
 4. General Aviation
 5. Security Technology
 6. Air Cargo
- Administrative Discussion
- Closing comments and adjournment

Attachment B: Meeting Attendees

Name	Organization	Status
Steve Alterman	Cargo Airline Association	Member- Chairman
Chris Bidwell	Airports Council International – North America	Member
Alan Black	DFW	Member
Bill Cason	Coalition of Airline Pilot Associations	Member
Colleen Chamberlain	American Association of Airport Executives	Member
Michael Cintron	IAPA	Member
Joe DePete	Airline Pilots Association	Member
Ken Dunlap	Airports	Member-Vice- Chairman
Brandon Fried	Air Forwarders Association	Member
Tony Graziano	NADA	Member
Lorraine Howerton	U.S. Travel Association	Member
Glenn Johnson	Victims of Pan Am Flight 103	Member
TJ Schulz	Airport Consultants Council	Member
Craig Spence	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	Member
Eric Thacker	A4A	Member
Chris Witkowski	AFA-CWA	Member
Myah Coleman	DHS/TSA	Federal
Tamika Elhilali	DHS/TSA	Federal
Kevin Knott	DHS/TSA	Federal
Kim Le	DHS/TSA	Federal
Dan McCann	DHS/TSA	Federal
Victoria Newhouse	DHS/TSA	Federal - Executive Sponsor
JC Nolan	DHS/TSA	Federal
Allan Paterno	DHS/TSA	Federal
David Ross	DHS/TSA	Federal
Marc Rossi	DHS/TSA	Federal
Michael Rucinski	DHS/TSA	Federal
Dean Walter	DHS/TSA	DFO