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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Title:	ALPA Governing Bodies: Executive Committee
ID:	LR002245
Date [inclusive]:	1953-1992
Physical Description:	7 Linear Feet (7 SB)
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	<p>The Executive Committee (EXCO) was established in 1951 as part of the organizational restructuring of ALPA, with the first meeting occurring in 1953. The Committee worked with the president in a consultation role and was designed to execute policies made by the Board of Directors (BOD) and Executive Board (EXBD) as well as recommend policy to both bodies. In addition the Committee also determined the organizational structure of the home office, ratified staff members, and was a trustee for ALPA business and funds as well as scheduling BOD and EXBD meetings. The Committee consisted of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Vice Presidents (later Executive Vice Presidents). The Committee covered Association issues such as: Budget, Negotiations, Contracts and Mergers, Membership and Staff, Insurance and Retirement, Engineering and Air Safety, Public Relations, and Affiliations. In 1992 the Committee was abolished and replaced by the Executive Council. The records of the Executive Committee covers the period of 1953-1992 and include Agendas, Minutes, Transcripts, Reports and Correspondence.</p>

Citation Style

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History

The Executive Committee (EXCO) came about as part of the 1951 organizational restructuring of ALPA. On a recommendation from the Executive Board (EXBD) Organizational Study Sub-Committee the Association, Constitution and By-Laws of ALPA were restructured and a new managerial board was created in 1952 with the Executive Committee beginning to function in 1953. The Committee worked with the president in a consultation role and was designed to execute policies made by the Board of Directors (BOD) and Executive Board as well as recommend policy to both bodies. In addition the Committee also determined the organizational structure of the home office, ratified staff members, and was a trustee for ALPA business and funds. The Committee also set the date, location, schedule and agenda items for the BOD and EXBD meetings, as well as created committees within these meetings. The Executive Committee covered Association issues such as: Administration, Budget, Negotiations, Contracts and Mergers, Membership and Staff, Insurance and Retirement, Engineering and Air Safety, Public Relations, and Affiliations.

The Executive Committee was originally made up of the President, First Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Regional Vice Presidents. In 1974 the form of the committee was reworked, and regional vice presidents were abolished in favor of Executive Vice Presidents, elected from the BOD membership at the biannual meetings. The Committee met every three months, with a provision that special sessions could be called as needed. The role of the Executive Committee changed over the years, in the early days, the Committee, as the main administrative body of ALPA, was heavily involved in organizational structure, and managing the Association, by the 1980s however, it's work was largely financial and administrative. In 1992 the BOD replaced the Executive Committee with the Executive Council, which was largely the same as the Committee in many respects but the ability to recommend policy was removed.

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Scope and Content

The Executive Committee records covers the period of 1953-1992, and the presidencies of C. N. Sayen (1951- 62), Charles Ruby (1962-70), J. J. O'Donnell (1970-82), Henry Duffy (1982-1990) and J. Randolph Babbitt (1990-98). Included are Agendas, Minutes, Transcripts, Reports and Correspondence. General subjects included are: Accident Investigation, Mergers, Awards, Air Traffic Control, Seniority Lists, Professional Standards, Civil Air Regulations, Physical Standards, Noise Abatement, All-Weather Flying, Non-Ambulatory Passengers, Pilot Liability, Liquor on Flights, In-Flight Voice Recording, Flight Time/Duty Time Limitations, Racial Discrimination, 3-Engine Ferrying, Cockpit Safety, IFALPA and Hazardous Cargo. Specific subjects include: ALSSA/Stewardess and Stewards Department (1960-61), Southern Airlines strike (1960-62), Home Office Transfer (1968), Organizational Restructuring, Communist Infiltration/Loyalty Investigation (1962), Establishment of Local Councils, Mutual Aid Association, Credit Union, 3rd Crew Member/Crew Complement, Turbo Prop and Jet Transport,

American Airlines 8 Hour Dispute (1954), Other Than Airline Pilot Recruiting, FEIA/IAM/AFL Dispute (1953-59), American Airlines Split (1963), and Flight Engineer Affiliation Dispute.

Important Subjects: Air traffic control; Airline pilots; Airlines Collective bargaining; Airlines—Employees—Drug testing—United States; Airlines—Employees—Labor unions Airlines Hijacking; Airlines—Mergers; Airlines—Safety measures; Airlines—Safety regulations; Airlines—Security measures; Airlines—Strikes and lockouts; Airlines—Technological innovations—United States; Airlines—United States—Management; Airplane Airworthiness; Airplanes—Noise; Airplanes—Piloting; Airplanes—Piloting—Safety measures; Civil Aeronautics Board (U.S.); Federal Aviation Administration; Pilots and pilotage; Terrorism

Important Correspondents: Anderson, W. W.; Babbitt, J. Randolph; Duffy, Henry; O'Donnell, J.J.; Ruby, Charles; Sayen, Clarence; Spencer, Francis

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Arrangement

PLEASE NOTE: Material in this collection has been arranged by series ONLY. Folders are not arranged within each series – we have provided an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout several boxes within any given series.

The collection is arranged in chronological order from 1953-1992.

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Acquisition

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Processing History

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Access

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