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# Guide to the ALPA Governing Bodies: Central Executive Council Records LR002439

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Walter P. Reuther Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Air Line Pilots Association
<b>Title:</b>	ALPA Governing Bodies: Central Executive Council Records
<b>ID:</b>	LR002439
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1933-1946
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Linear Feet (1 SB)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Material entirely in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>The Central Executive Council (CEC) was formed by the Board of Directors in 1932 and consisted of the President, First Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and regional Vice Presidents. The council functioned mainly as an advisory body to the President, and also worked on policies, planning, and programs for ALPA. The records are made up of minutes of CEC meetings from 1933-1946. Many of the subjects focus on the Council's work interpreting and creating policies for the still new Association, such as membership acceptance, expulsion, and discipline; the salary, term, status and voting procedures for ALPA president; donation policies; correspondence forms and language; affiliations; incorporation; the Association emblem, and local council policies. The Council also concentrated on legislation issues; airport, airways, and aircraft development and guidelines; and government appointments and committees. Some other subjects from this time period dealt with war-time contingencies such as deferring the 85 hour per month rule, the status of active military and reserve pilots, crew complement issues and pay scale. In addition the council also reviewed and advised on air traffic control problems relating to weather, radio communications, and airport safety; strikes and strike breakers on Eastern Air Transport, Braniff Airways, and National Airlines; as well as organizing on Aerovias Centrales, Braniff Airways, Martz Airlines, and Pan American Grace. In 1947, the Council was abolished by the BOD and the Executive Board was created in its stead.</p>

### Citation Style

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## History

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The Air Line Pilots Association was formed in 1930 with the Board of Directors (BOD) as the decision making governing body. The BOD, however, only meets every two years and the Association soon became aware that another governing body was necessary to assist the President in fulfilling BOD directives and to take action on pressing matters in between conventions. In 1932 ALPA formed the Central Executive Council (CEC), which consisted of the President, First Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and regional Vice Presidents. The council functioned mainly as an advisory body to the President, and also worked on policies, planning, and programs for ALPA, though all major decisions were subject to BOD ratification. The CEC could approve charters and affiliations; deliberate on membership decisions such as acceptance of new members, or expulsion of current members; check and certify elections; call for balloting of the membership; and organize Local Executive Councils. In time the role of the CEC was called into question by the BOD as it was simply an advisory group which lacked real authority to take action on anything without BOD approval and its makeup did not allow for full representation of all the ALPA airlines. In 1947, the Council was abolished by the BOD and the Executive Board was created in its stead.

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## Scope and Content

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Important Subjects: Air mail service—United States; Air safety; Air traffic control; Airline pilots; Airlines Collective bargaining; Airlines—Employees—Labor unions; Airlines—Mergers; Airlines—Safety measures; Airlines—Safety regulations; Airlines—Strikes and lockouts; Airlines—Technological

innovations—United States; Airlines—United States—Management; Airplane Airworthiness; Airplanes—Piloting; Airplanes—Piloting—Safety measures; Pilots and pilotage

Important Names: Behncke, David L.; Cole, H.F.; Harris, L.W.; Huber, John; Knoop, H.L.; Kuhn, D.B.; Malvick, W.G.; Robertson, C.T.; Rousch, Usher

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## Arrangement

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The collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition

These records are made up from documents from the Data Resources, Data Preparation, Engineering and Air Safety, President's, and Governing Bodies Support departments.

### Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Kathy Makas on August 13, 2013.

### Access

Collection is open for research.

### Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those

involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Aeronautics Safety measures
- Airlines -- Collective bargaining
- Airlines -- Employees
- Airlines -- Mergers
- Airlines -- Technological innovations -- United States
- Air mail service -- United States
- Air pilots
- Airplanes Airworthiness
- Air traffic control
- Pilots and pilotage
- Strikes and lockouts -- Airlines

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1933	Box 1	Folder 1
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1934	Box 1	Folder 2
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1935	Box 1	Folder 3
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1936	Box 1	Folder 4
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1937-39	Box 1	Folder 5
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1940-41	Box 1	Folder 6
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1942	Box 1	Folder 7
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1943	Box 1	Folder 8
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1944	Box 1	Folder 9
Central Executive Council Minutes, 1945	Box 1	Folder 10
Index to Central Executive Council Minutes, 1946	Box 1	Folder 11
Central Executive Council Minutes, January-May 1946	Box 1	Folder 12

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Central Executive Council Minutes, July-August 1946	Box 1	Folder 13
Central Executive Council Minutes, September-November 1946	Box 1	Folder 14

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