



Administrative and Organizational Update

The “Matts”

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Agenda



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- Fall 2020 FPAW Planning Meeting
- Spring 2021 FPAW Plenary Meeting
- FPAW Web Site
- Musings of an FPAW Guy

Fall 2020 FPAW Planning Meeting



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- Currently scheduled for Wednesday, 10/28/20 from 11:00 A.M. EDT – 3:00 PM EDT
- Graphical AIRMET SRMP scheduled for that same time
- Would Monday 10/26/20 from 11:00 A.M. EDT – 3:00 PM EDT work? If so, raise your (virtual) hand.
- Would Tuesday 10/27/20 from 11:00 A.M. EDT – 3:00 PM EDT work? If so, raise your (virtual) hand.

Spring 2021 FPAW Plenary Meeting



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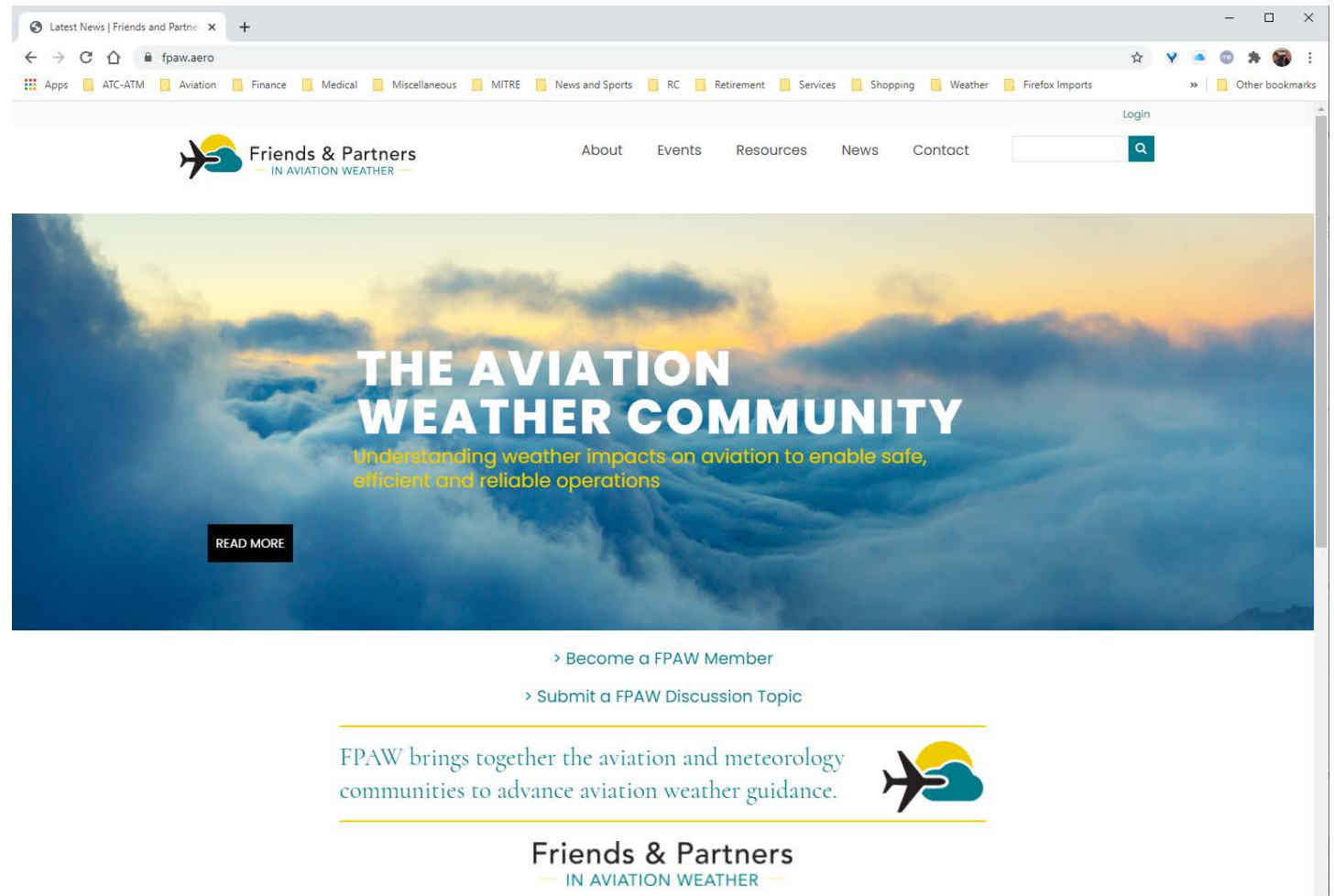
- In “normal” times, we would plan to meet at the NTSB Conference Center in L’Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC sometime between March and May 2021. Are times likely to be “normal?”
- And, if they are “normal,” meeting at the NTSB Conference Center means no virtual access. Comments?
- Should we commit to virtual right now?
- And, regarding locations at which virtual access is not natively possible (e.g., NTSB Conference Center), how should we proceed when conditions do return to “normal?”

FPAW Web Site



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- <https://fpaw.aero>
- Why register?
 - Upcoming meeting agenda, schedule and TELCON connectivity information (when available)
 - Future meeting topic submission
 - FPAW organizational information (Mission Statement, Steering Group, Tiger Teams)



The screenshot shows the FPAW website homepage. The browser address bar displays "fpaw.aero". The website header includes the FPAW logo and navigation links: "About", "Events", "Resources", "News", and "Contact". A search bar is located on the right side of the header. The main content area features a large banner with a sunset sky background. The banner text reads: "THE AVIATION WEATHER COMMUNITY" in large white letters, followed by the tagline "Understanding weather impacts on aviation to enable safe, efficient and reliable operations" in smaller yellow text. A "READ MORE" button is positioned at the bottom left of the banner. Below the banner, there are two call-to-action links: "> Become a FPAW Member" and "> Submit a FPAW Discussion Topic". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "FPAW brings together the aviation and meteorology communities to advance aviation weather guidance." and the FPAW logo. The footer also includes the text "Friends & Partners IN AVIATION WEATHER".

Musings of an FPAW Guy



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“Are we just talking to ourselves every six months?”

- Yesterday’s “FPAW Update” Session
 - Connectivity to previous sessions and topics
 - Wx COI and FPAW: bi-directional dialogue

“OK, so there is some continuity, but FPAW needs to DO stuff, like John Kosak brought up in his briefing yesterday!”

- What (or who) is FPAW?
 - Five or more super constituencies (i.e., users, producers, authority/regulators, academia and research)
 - An even greater number of constituency segments (i.e., users = operator organizations, pilot organizations, dispatch organizations, ATC organizations; producers = public and private weather producers; academia = ERAU, PEGASAS; research = public, semi-public and private organizations)

More Musings of an FPAW Guy



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- What does “DO stuff” mean?
 - Establish and communicate FPAW positions
 - Receive solicited and unsolicited feedback from the U.S. aviation meteorological authority and primary U.S. aviation weather producer(s)
 - Provide solicited and unsolicited feedback to the U.S. aviation met authority and primary U.S. aviation weather producer
 - Ultimately, **influence decisions**

“Fine, but then how do we procedurally determine if FPAW supports a position or feedback?”

- It’s simple (or is it?) - just ask everybody!
 - Members or representatives?
 - Unanimous or majority?
 - Simple majority or super majority?
 - Majority and dissenting opinions?

A Way Forward?



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“OK, fine, it’s not easy. How do we proceed?”

- Identify and establish a small (< 10) group of individuals charged with developing _____, where the blank = “an FPAW Charter” or “FPAW Terms of Reference” or “FPAW Rules of Engagement” or “FPAW Guidelines”
 - This document would establish rules of who FPAW is and how it is structured, and would also identify the mechanics associated with the creation and publication of an FPAW position or opinion
 - Remember, we already have a Mission Statement, we are all unpaid volunteers, we have no money, we are beholden to nobody, and we seem to like it that way
- Define/create a means of representing all FPAW constituencies (kind of like the Supreme Court), initiating and managing (with apologies to the Wx COI) SFATs (Special FPAW Action Teams), and creating and publishing FPAW positions and/or opinions

Volunteers?



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