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# SEC-AAAE Journal

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the SEC-AAAE:

I hope this correspondence finds you healthy and managing the many challenges of the current environment.

As you are aware, the 2020 SEC-AAAE annual conference in Little Rock, Arkansas had to be cancelled. On behalf of the Chapter, I would like to express our appreciation to the team at the Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission who worked hard to plan a great conference. This same team is now working equally hard at the many tasks related to unwinding the conference. The SEC-AAAE Board of Directors and the Little Rock Conference Planning Team worked together to ensure all registered attendees, sponsors and exhibitors will receive a full refund of registration payments. Please be patient as the conference team is working to accomplish these refunds. You may also visit the conference website at [littlerock2020.com](http://littlerock2020.com) for updates on the conference refund.

We are all aware of the devastating effects the coronavirus pandemic has had regionally and worldwide. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have been directly and indirectly touched by the health impacts of this virus. Likewise, the associated shutdown of many aspects of our normal activities has had an impact on many organizations. The SEC-AAAE is no exception. As an organization that keeps our membership dues as low as possible (\$35 per year), the Chapter relies heavily on

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**Elite Airways plans to resume Vero Beach flights in May as city officials take steps to charge airport ...**

TCPalm

But time is of the essence, City **Manager** Monte Falls said, because Elite ... airlines such as Elite could apply to be a designated carrier at the **airport**.

**Congressman calls on FAA to suspend airport bailout payments until funding formula is changed**

14 News WFIE Evansville (InvestigateTV) – **Airport managers** across the country were shocked when they saw how much money each would be getting through a coronavirus ...

**Chattanooga Airport general aviation center No. 1 in US, survey says**

Chattanooga Times Free Press  
Staff file photo by Tim Barber / Troy Pickett, a Wilson Air **operations** supervisor, puts away his radio after guiding a twin-engine departure to taxi at ...

revenue associated with the annual conference. The Chapter has reacted quickly to reduce expenditures and develop a plan to conserve financial resources. Please be assured the Chapter is financially stable and will continue to meet our mission of supporting the development of airport industry professionals.

We have planned for economic downturns like that we are currently experiencing. Your Chapter operating fund and your Scholarship Foundation have been well managed. Internships and scholarships will continue to be granted. Newsletters will be delivered, we will continue to provide our Member Needs Assistance program, and we look forward to gathering for a successful conference in Savannah, Georgia in 2021.

The greatest resource this Chapter provides is a connection to each other. Over the past many years, I have benefitted from numerous examples of support from fellow Chapter members. I continue to experience this support every day. I encourage you to stay connected to each other during these challenging times. Our Executive Secretary, Bob Brammer, and I are both available to help you make connections with other members of the Chapter. If you need something, do not hesitate to ask. As the duck in our Chapter logo represents, the SEC-AAAE flock flies higher when it flies together.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wilson, A.A.E.

SEC-AAAE President

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## Arkansas Airport Shelves Terminal Project

Aviation International News

According to **airport manager** Clay Rogers, the project, which had already been pared back from \$5.5 million over the past year, is still intended to ...

## Rogers approves money for airport

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (blog)

... and help keep the Rogers Executive Airport operational during this challenging time," David Krutsch, **airport manager**, wrote in an email.

## DHL relocates Nashville operations to larger, state-of-the-art facility

American Journal of Transportation

Located at 1922 Old Murfreesboro Pike, Suite 570, the facility is strategically situated near Nashville International **Airport** and is about 18,000 sq. ft.

## Atlanta Airport Plans To Defer Airport Landing Fee Payments

Simple Flying

But the plan comes from the **airport's** General **Manager**, John Selden, and he has successfully shepherded through the City rent relief plans for ...

## Newport News airport makes drastic cuts -- and lays off 36

Daily Press

Assistant Executive **Director** Melissa Cheaney and **Director** of Finance and Administration Renee Carr are among those who have lost their jobs. Both ...

## Jim Hamilton-Owens Field Airport turns 90!

Columbia Star

The airport was renamed in 2009 in recognition of the significant contributions by the longtime fixed base operator and **airport manager** Jim Hamilton.

## Atlanta airport boss has bleak forecast for what it will take to get travelers back on planes

News Break

ATLANTA - The Atlanta **airport's** general **manager** says it may take a significant medical advancement, like a vaccine, to convince travelers to get back ...

## Huntsville **airport** plans for anticipated growth with master plan update

Huntsville Item

... the runway at Bruce Brothers Huntsville Regional **Airport** — a move officials say is necessary to keep the **airport** competitive with nearby **operations**.

## **Airport** campaign encourages residents to skip the drive and fly out of Roanoke

Roanoke Times

said Brad Boettcher, **the airport's director** of marketing and air service development. Raleigh-Durham International **Airport**, RDU for short, sits 160 ...

## Longtime **Airport Director** Jeff Mulder Joins Woolpert as Senior Consultant

Woolpert

Mulder has more than three decades of experience in the aviation industry, most recently as the **director of airports** in Florida, Oklahoma and ...

## New **airport manager** brings love of aviation, desire to grow

The Messenger

For Madisonville Regional **Airport's** newly hired **manager** Emily Herron, flying has always been where she “takes off and lands,” she said. **“Airports** ...

## FedEx Express to use unmanned drones for security purposes at MEM

WMC

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (WMC) - FedEx Express will soon have drone security at **Memphis International Airport**, according to the Memphis Business Journal.

## \$5 billion Miami International **Airport** upgrade ready for takeoff

Miami Today

Unlike prior MIA improvement programs, Aviation **Director** Lester Sola said, the projects can “start and stop as needed, depending on the economic ...

## Why a new Memphis flight to Boston is such a big deal

The Commercial Appeal

Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority president and CEO **Scott Brockman** said in February that the airport is getting closer to landing some new ...

## Engage Richland: Jim Hamilton-LB Owens **Airport** Tour (Fall)

Eventbrite

Richland County **Airport Manager** Chris Eversmann will lead a presentation on the County's historic Jim Hamilton-L.B. Owens Airport and guide ...

## Fitzroy “The Rockstar” Newfoundland Dog of Orlando **Airport**

VOCM

Jodi Zadow is the Assistant **Manager** of Customer Relations at the **airport**. She says the program has really taken off. “It has been an absolute success.

## Henrico, Virginia, Home to One of the Fastest-Growing **Airports** in the Nation

The Central Virginian

... executive **director** of the Henrico Economic Development Authority. "Our **airport** handles an impressive 140 million pounds of air cargo annually, ...

## Vero Beach Regional **Airport Director** Eric Menger to retire this summer

Theamericanretiree.com

VERO BEACH — Longtime **Airport Director** Eric Menger will retire this summer after 24 years at the helm and nearly three decades with the city.

## Knoxville **Airport** runway rehabilitation project underway

Marion County Tribune

**Airport Manager** Dan Van Donselaar tells the Tribune that this project includes drainage, sub-base and concrete replacement on the original 3,000 feet ...

## If you can fly over W.Va., you can fly just about anywhere

Bluefield Daily Telegraph

I asked Bluefield City **Manager** Dane Rideout about it since he's a pilot and a retired U.S. Army Colonel. He told me that the C-17's crew was probably practicing approaches to the Mercer County **Airport**; Athens is a good spot to get ...

## Mobile **Airport** Authority transitions to private fire/rescue staffing at **airports**

NBC 15 WPML (press release)

Mobile **Airport** Authority transitions to private fire/rescue staffing at **airports** ... Executive **Director** of MAA, Chris Curry, says the board approved in the ...

## The Lee County Port Authority Announces New **Director** of Finance

AviationPros.com

He worked for the Omaha **Airport** Authority for nine years, most recently serving as Finance **Manager**. Other positions held include Controller and ...

# **SEC-AAAE Corporate Awards for 2020**

Each year, the SEC-AAAE presents awards at the Annual Chapter Conference which would have occurred on March 31<sup>st</sup> this year in Little Rock. Needless to say, those plans changed, but the winners of the awards this year still need recognition as outstanding examples of aviation projects and outstanding individual contributions in the business of aviation this year. In all, we received 20 nominations for six different categories this year.

Those categories are:

- General Aviation Project of the Year – Airfields
- General Aviation Project of the Year – Architecture
- Commercial Airport Project of the Year - Airfields
- Commercial Airport Project of the Year – Architecture
- Corporate Member of the Year
- Airport Professional of the Year

The following pages are dedicated to our 2020 Corporate Award Winners.

## **General Aviation Project of the Year – Airfields**

This project addressed a 2015 Pavement Condition Index rating of 65 on one of this airport's runways as well as provided drainage system improvements, new taxiway and runway lighting and signage as well as the installation of PAPIs and REILs. A few more stats about the winning project:

- 150' wide four inch mill and overlay of P-401
- Replaced existing twin 18" RCPs
- Lighting and signage work included replacement of VASI with PAPI for both approaches.
- Project Team:
  - Contractors: AJAX, Baja Electric Service, Hi-Lite Airfield Services, Cardinal International Grooving & Grinding, Hydrograss Technologies, Christo
  - Consultants: Hole Montes, Owen Ames Kimball Co.
- The project was substantially complete on December 26, 2019
- Total Project Cost was \$8,832,550



### Rehabilitation of Runway 13-31 and Associated Taxiways at Page Field, Lee County Port Authority





## **General Aviation Project of the Year – Architecture**

This project included the construction of an 18,000 square foot, 180'x100' hangar and featured elaborate interior and exterior LED lighting, an 8-leaf bi-parting electric door, epoxy flooring, and trench drains to accommodate a full deluge and foam fire suppression system. A few more stats about the winning project:

- The project nomination provided evidence of key project features – unique solutions to common problems, resourcefulness, pioneering use of materials, cost-effectiveness, and environmental considerations.
- Project Team:
  - General Contractor: Tungsten, LLC
  - Engineer: Talbert & Bright, Inc.
  - Architect: The Wilson Group Architects, PA
- The project was substantially complete on December 26, 2019
- Total Project Cost was \$5,024,254.82



Transient Hangar, Apron and Taxilane  
Relocation

at

Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR)



## **Commercial Airport Project of the Year – Airfields**

This project included a full keel replacement of Runway 10L-28R, mill and overlay of multiple taxiways and connectors, upgrades of taxiway geometry to meet standards, and upgrade of approach lighting system and PAPIs for each runway approach – all completed within a 120 calendar day runway closure. A few more characteristics about the winning project:

- The project nomination provided evidence of key project features – utilization of early completion incentives, connecting taxiway realignment, upgrading airfield lighting and signage, replacement of two EMAS beds, upgrading FAA facilities, and community outreach.
- Project Team:
  - General Contractor: General Asphalt Company, Inc.
  - Engineer of Record: Kimley-Horn
- Runway was opened on October 1, 2019
- Total Project Cost was \$95,000,000



Rehabilitation of North Airfield

at

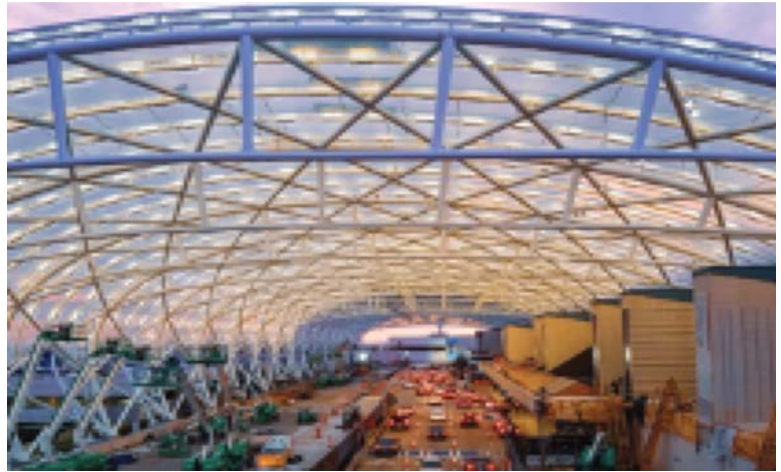
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International  
Airport (FLL)



## **Commercial Airport Project of the Year – Architecture**

This project's purpose was to renovate, upgrade, and modernize the exterior of the public-facing domestic facilities of the passenger terminal. The project's goal was to unify both terminals and enhance the customer experience and service throughout the airport complex. Two 65-foot-tall steel-framed canopies built over the sign and north curbside weigh 3.5 million pounds. A few more characteristics about the winning project:

- Dual 864' long canopies featuring curved tube steel Vierendeel trusses with each truss spanning 174' and supported on one edge by 10' deep x 21' tall concrete piers and the other on bearing pads atop the existing terminal columns.
- Project Team:
  - Contractor: New South-McCarthy-Synergy, JV
  - Engineer of Record: Hartsfield-Jackson + Partnership
- After a total project duration of approximately 50 months, it was completed in late 2019
- Total Project Cost was \$210,898,341



Landside Modernization, Terminal Roadway  
Canopies

at

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International  
Airport (ATL)





## **Corporate Member of the Year**

This year's winner received the following compliments in their nomination:

The Development Team at Myrtle Beach has had the privilege of working with this individual on multiple projects spanning 16 years. He has had the role of both Project Manager and Design Engineer and is relied upon by staff for successful outcomes.

Most importantly, this individual is a great communicator. While keeping the owner's interest in mind, he ensures all parties are aware of critical-path items from the project's beginning. Each subcontractor has a clear understanding of expectations – there are few change orders and surprises during construction. No matter the size or scope, this individual finds a method to prioritize and delegate, leading to on-time completion.



John Massey, PE  
of  
Talbert & Bright, Inc.



## Airport Professional of the Year

This year's winner received the following compliments in their nomination:

This individual began the award period organizing clean up and recovery efforts from Hurricane Florence which inundated the general aviation side of the airport with flood waters as high as 40 inches. He worked with other storm affected airports to secure financial donations from the airport industry to distribute to his employees that had been displaced by the storm. He ended the award period he again was working on helping others during a hurricane by coordinating an air bridge to potentially airlift up to 700 victims off of their homes on the Outer Banks. In between all of this, this year's winner accomplished the following:

- Served as a panelist for the North Carolina Division of Aviation's strategic planning initiative, "Envisioning our Future, Aigning for Impact"
- Member of the State's Strategic Transportation Initiative (STI) aviation working group
- Became a member of the Craven County transportation plan working group
- Launched his airport into two major business initiatives
- Delivered the keynote speech for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremonies at the North Carolina History Center
- Served as Vice President and Annual Concrete Committee Chairman of the North



Andrew Shorter, CM

of

Coastal Carolina Regional Airport (EWN)



## Bentonville goose dog get name

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

... The new goose-chasing dog for the Bentonville **Municipal Airport** has a name. "Maverick" was selected from more than 300 entries the city received ...

## Will airlines pull out of Newport News **airport** — and consolidate in Norfolk — after stimulus bill?

Daily Press

Newport News **Airport** Executive **Director** Mike Giardino began raising awareness last week about the DOT's interpretation of the stimulus bill, calling ...

## Atlanta Faced with Growing Homeless Population at Hartsfield-Jackson

AviationPros.com

For years, **airport** officials and police have worked to discourage homeless ... By late March, Hartsfield-Jackson general **manager** John Selden was ...

## Boeing suspends 787 Dreamliner **operations** in South Carolina

Breaking Travel News

The move impacts the **airport** campus, emergent **operations**, interiors ... said Brad Zaback, vice president and general **manager** of the 787 program.

## DHS S&T Awards \$199K to Birmingham Start-Up for Passenger Property Screening

HSToday

"The **airport** screening process engages human experts in a repetitive, ... inefficiencies," said Karl Harris, S&T Object Recognition Program **Manager**.

## FAA Releases New Runway Safety Scenario

Civil Aviation Training

The Federal Aviation Administration (**FAA**) released a new scenario to its Runway Safety Pilot Simulator, The Anatomy of Wrong Surface Event Part 1: ...



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## Taxiway lighting upgrade begins at Greenbrier Valley Airport

Beckley Register-Herald

**Airport director** Brian Belcher explained that among the wiring tasks that Universal Engineering & Contracting LLC (UEC) will tackle is the relocation of ...

## W.Va. airport approves deals to buy fixed base operator, hangar for \$3.1M

Herald-Mail Media

He said the investment is the culmination of work by **airport Manager** Neil Doran and efforts by airport authority board members to develop a strategic ...

## Rowell resigns as EC airport manager

News Break

After nearly four years on the job, Gordon Rowell has resigned as **manager** of the Elizabeth City Regional **Airport**. Rowell submitted his resignation in ...

## The City of Charlotte Announces New Assistant Airport Operations Director

AviationPros.com

Mulchaey also worked for Bolton Field **Airport** as General **Manager**. He began his **aviation** career in 1992 as an intern with the Columbus Regional ...

## Kentucky Native Introduced As New Pierre Regional Airport Manager

todaykccr.com

(KCCR) — The City of Pierre has a new **manager** in place at Pierre Regional **Airport**. Cameron Howard of Owensboro, Kentucky was introduced to the ...

## A thermal camera that measures temp, detects social distancing violations

Daijiworld.com

The camera is likely to be useful at entrances to events, **airports**, metro ... it detects high temperature," Cherukumalli Rao, General **Manager** (sales), ...

## ACI issues guidance for aircraft parking at airports

Travel & Tourism News Middle East

**Airports** Council International (ACI) World, the trade association of the ... to airside infrastructure," ACI World **director** general Angela Gittens said.

## FAA to temporarily reduce ATC tower hours

General Aviation News

The temporary reduction in operational hours is part of the **FAA's** "Staffing to Traffic" initiative, which has evaluated each of the country's **FAA** towers to ...

## County airport gets a new name

The Courier=Times

... the **airport** is now known as the Raleigh Regional **Airport** at Person County by the Federal **Aviation** Administration. Person County **Manager** Heidi ...

## Delta Cargo first US carrier approved to transport goods in passenger cabin

Delta News Hub

**FAA** approval allows the airline to maximize capacity on its cargo-only charters to better meet customer demand.

## Auburn University Regional Airport: 'It's been a really good year'

Opelika Auburn News

Planning for airport projects and seeking construction grants from the **Federal Aviation Administration** and the state's Aeronautics Bureau are ...

## Orlando International Airport may not see travel numbers recover post-coronavirus until 2025

WKMG News 6 & ClickOrlando

The **Transportation Security Administration** said it screened 98,968 people on Tuesday, down 95% of the nearly 2.2 million people who passed ...

## Dulles airport establishes food pantry to help furloughed employees

Fairfaxtimes.com

The airport's **TSA** Assistant Federal Security Director for Screening, Eric Chin, said that "during the furlough we set up a **TSA** food pantry and the ...

## Southwest Florida International Airport to temporarily close Concourse C

NBC2 News

Three **TSA** agents at RSW have tested positive for coronavirus. Moreland said the airport is helping **TSA** with keeping checkpoints clean and sanitized.

## The Real Reason American Airlines Just Raised Baggage Fees 25 Percent

Inc.com

Last year at this time, the **TSA** screened approximately 2 million passengers per day. Now the number is below 100,000 per day. That's a 95 percent ...



## American Airlines pilots want all passengers to wear masks

Chicago Business Journal

Even though passenger volume is down 95 percent at **TSA** checkpoints year over year, airlines are still flying hundreds of flights a day with load ...

## Delta CEO On Board With 'Immunity Passports'

TravelPulse

You think about everything that came out of 9/11 with **TSA** and homeland security and new public agencies. Could there be a new public health ...

## 5 reasons why you should buy a plane ticket to travel this year — and 7 reasons why you shouldn't

Business Insider

Despite record low airport traffic according to **Transportation Security Administration** screening statistics, San Francisco International Airport is taking ...

## Delta to park A320s, many 737s for length of coronavirus downturn

The Points Guy (blog)

Airport security screening numbers from the **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)** have hovered around the 100,000 people a day mark since ...

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