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We welcome your comments, thoughts and suggestions on how we may serve you better.

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A Letter From The President

BY SHANE VANDEVOORT (PELLA)

The long Iowa winter is over and spring has finally arrived at our airports. Snow plows have been put away and lawn mowers are being put to use. Construction and improvement projects have begun and will be beginning soon at many of Iowa's airports. This is always an exciting time of year for me as the general aviation activity at our airport picks up to its fair weather level and new interest is created in aviation and our airports. Young people come out to the airports to watch airplanes take-off and land just as many of us did years ago. The year 2004 is well under way, and so far I think it has been good year for Iowa's Airports.

Our Association has just completed a very successful legislative session (see the legislative update in this issue). Aviation safety programs as well as Commercial Service and General Aviation vertical infrastructure projects have been funded this year. The fact that this funding was made available is no

doubt a result of the hard work of IPAA and its membership. The Airports Day at the Capital was a good event for IPAA again this year. It was well attended and put aviation in the spotlight in front of our legislators. Thank you to the IPAA members who have kept their legislators informed on aviation issues this past session. By using the IPAA legislative updates you can represent your airports by making sure that your legislators understand the aviation needs in the State.

IPAA is again partnering with the Iowa DOT Office of Aviation for the 2004 Iowa Aviation Conference. It will be held November 3 & 4 at the University Park Holiday Inn in West Des Moines. Plans are underway to again make this a first class aviation conference. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there. Increased attendance will only help make this a better conference, so help get the word out about the value of attending this conference. Airport operators are always busy, but the benefits of attending this conference have far outweighed the costs for me.

Thank you again to all of the IPAA membership for your hard work throughout this legislative season. Your membership in IPAA is important to keep aviation well represented in our state. If you haven't already submitted your 2004 membership dues please do so soon. Your dues are needed for the association to serve its purpose of providing information to, and representing the interests of, all the public airports in the State. As always the IPAA board is working hard for the association. If you have any questions or suggestions for the association or the aviation conference please feel free to contact me or any IPAA board member. ➔



Legislative Session Summary

April 21, 2004

IPAA Accomplishes Most Successful Session in Recent Years

The Iowa Public Airports Association has just completed one of its most successful sessions at the Statehouse. Despite a very difficult financial situation, the IPAA was able to continue funding for aviation and aviation construction. The Association was also able to defeat several legislative proposals that if passed, would have caused great hardship to airports looking to expand as well as airport purchasing.

It is important to thank all of the IPAA members who contacted their area lawmakers before, during and after the legislative session, regarding issues of importance to the state's airports. Without this effort, the IPAA could not be as effective as it is at the statehouse.

Appropriations

The legislature approved funds for the continuation of aviation safety projects and programs, vertical infrastructure programs at all

airports and restored funds taken from aviation programs due to across the board cuts initiated by the Governor last year. The breakdown of the funding is as follows:

Aviation safety projects and programs.....\$500,000
 Commercial Service Airport Vertical Infrastructure.....\$1,100,000
 General Aviation Airport Vertical Infrastructure.....\$581,400
 Repayment of across the board cut funds (for safety programs).....\$64,792

Airport Zoning

The IPAA actively opposed House File 2041, introduced by Representative Ed Fallon. This bill would have changed current law to say that the power of a city to acquire property outside the city does not include the power to acquire property outside the city by eminent domain.

During hearings on this proposal, proponents of the bill used airports and airport expansion as a major reason this legislation is necessary.



The House State Government Committee did not approve this proposal.

Airport Purchasing

The IPAA devoted much time and effort to Senate File 2294 and House File 2548. Both pieces of legislation would have caused great hardship on airports that purchase software or utilize master contracts for purchases.

The proposals would have virtually ended the practice of governments entering into master contracts with vendors for purchases of items ranging from computers to vehicles. The purchase of any software by a governmental entity would have also now required that preference be given to software from Iowa companies.

Neither the House nor Senate considered SF 2294 or HF 2548. ✈

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2004 Iowa Aviation Conference

by Tim McClung

The Iowa DOT Office of Aviation and Iowa Public Airport Association (IPAA) are once again partnering to bring you the 2004 Iowa Aviation Conference. The 2004 conference will be held November 3 & 4 at the University Park Holiday Inn in West Des Moines.

Attendance at the 2003 conference was excellent with over 160 attendees. Last year, representatives from one third of Iowa's airports were at the conference. In an effort to increase attendance, we have moved the conference from an October to November date and will now have it in a "middle of the week" time slot.

There is a tremendous amount of information that is exchanged at the conference. Every airport, especially the 69 airports in the state that are eligible to receive federal funds, should have at least one representative in attendance. It is a tremendous opportunity to discuss issues that affect your airport directly with the FAA and Office of Aviation.

The conference also provides an excellent opportunity for the Iowa aviation community to come together to learn and share information that affects them throughout the year. It is the premier aviation event in Iowa, bringing together airport personnel, municipalities, airport commissions, FBO's, and other aviation partners



with the Federal Aviation Administration, Iowa DOT Office of Aviation, airport consultants, and members of the major aviation associations. The conference is open to anyone with an interest in aviation in the state of Iowa.

Sponsors and exhibitors are essential to the success of the event. If you are aware of any organization that has not been a part of the conference in the past,

but may be interested, please let your association president know. Options to support the conference are available through direct sponsorship, purchasing exhibitor space, and attendance at the event. Information regarding sponsorships, vendor booths, and conference registration is available on IPAA's web site at www.iowaairports.org.

A committee will be formed in May to begin discussion on topics and speakers for the conference. We have already had several people call our office with ideas on topics for the conference. Mike Roe from the Washington Municipal Airport will be the official IPAA representative on the conference committee. If you have ideas for speakers or topics, please contact Mike at 319-653-6646 or e-mail him at mikeroe@iowatelecom.net or myself at 515-239-1689 or e-mail me at tim.mcclung@dot.stat.ia.us.

Registration information will be available on the IPAA web site and in the Iowa Aviation Bulletin this July. In the meantime, please mark your calendars. We hope to see you in West Des Moines November 3 & 4! ➔

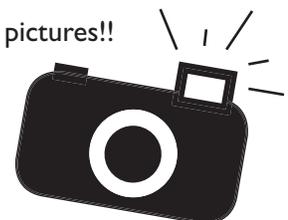
Hot News Recipients:

If you are a photography and aviation enthusiast, we have the contest for you! The 2004 Iowa Aviation Photography contest gives you an opportunity to combine aviation and photography to help promote aviation in our state. You have the entire summer to get that perfect aviation photograph (that somehow involves aviation in the state of Iowa) and submit it back to our office by October 1.

Feel free to contact our office with any questions. Brochures for the contest are being sent to the airports.

Hope to get tons of great pictures!!

Michelle McEnany
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FAA's Annual Airports Conference

AirWaves

Overland Park Sheraton

June 30 - July 1, 2004



Objectives

To provide a forum for aviation interests within the four-state Central Region to discuss topics and concerns related to airports and aviation. This conference provides an excellent opportunity to expand knowledge of aviation issues, foster information exchange and establish networking relationships. Some of the issues

to be addressed include safety, standards, planning, engineering, funding and construction.

As in past years, the conference will start with a general session followed by a series of workshop sessions. Workshops will address issues of interest to general aviation, commercial service, aviation design consultants, airport owners and city officials.

Who Should Attend

Airport industry professionals including airport owners, operators, board members, local government officials, state aeronautical staffs, planners, engineers, consultants, operations personnel, airport users, and students in the fields of aviation. Certificates of attendance will be made available to all registered attendees.

Please visit www.faa.gov/arp/ace/ or call (816) 795-6616 for additional information.



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