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A Letter From The President

BY ANDREW PERRY (DUBUQUE)

Well, it certainly has been an interesting Legislative session.

First, I want to thank everyone who called or e-mailed their legislators for support of the IPAA initiatives. This was a successful legislative year for IPAA, even though we did not meet all our goals we certainly made our presence known in Des Moines!

A thank you goes out to the Governor for requesting additional funds for the infrastructure appropriation and the legislature for passing the bill. Subsequently, Iowa's airports made it into the Value's Fund for commercial service and warehousing, distribution and cargo businesses. Additionally, we continue to pursue our other initiatives, but since I wrote this article the session was already three weeks past the official ending date.

The above items were no small task; it took the IPAA membership

continually reminding their legislators of the importance of aviation for the State of Iowa and aviation's economic value.

This is why it is so important for IPAA to work closely with the elected officials in Iowa and Washington, D.C. We get our goals accomplished! So please, over the summer and fall months, stay in touch and invite your delegation to all your events and give them tours of your facilities. This will go a long way when we go back to Des Moines next year.

Keep up the good work and next year we can add to our accomplishments. ✈



Mark Your Calendars for the 2005 Iowa Aviation Conference

Michelle McEnany, Director, Office of Aviation, Iowa Department of Transportation

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2005 Iowa Aviation Conference in West Des Moines on November 2 & 3. The conference will be held at the same location as last year, but please note the hotel name has changed to the Sheraton West Des Moines.

The Iowa Aviation Conference is the premier aviation event in the state. Attendance is important for communities with active airports since it is the best opportunity to visit firsthand with government officials, aviation experts and peers to stay on top of current topics affecting airports and the air transportation system in Iowa.

Last year's conference received high marks from the 230+ people and more than 50 airports that attended. For 2005, we will build on the success of that conference to make sure it is worth everyone's time to attend. We strongly encourage all airports to make a commitment to attend the conference.

The conference is a joint venue between the Iowa Public Airports Association and the Iowa DOT Office of Aviation. Still, its success is highly dependant on participation from our partners at the FAA, sponsors, exhibitors and guest speakers. These groups have been excellent to work with and we look forward to continuing to have them play a major part in the conference.

Information on registration, hotel, sponsorships, and exhibitors is available at your association web site at iowaairports.org or at the Office of Aviation web site at iawings.com. We will again hold a number of rooms for conference attendees, but the hotel will likely fill up, so early reservations are encouraged.

In June, we will pull a committee together to set an agenda for the conference. This is your conference and we strongly encourage you to provide input on ideas for topics and speakers! To provide your ideas on topics, sessions and speakers contact any of the following:

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Updates on the conference will continue to be provided as we get closer. Have a great spring and summer!

National Association of State Aviation Officials to Hold Convention in Des Moines

The National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) will hold its 2005 National Convention in Des Moines Sept. 10-14, 2005.

More than 300 attendees, including state aviation directors, government officials and aviation industry representatives are expected to attend the five-day event at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott Hotel.

"We are excited to host this prestigious event. This is the first time in NASAO's 74-year history the convention is being held in Iowa," says Michelle McEnany director of the Iowa Department of Transportation's Office of Aviation. "Convention attendees will address important aviation issues that affect the quality of air service to our nation. Some key topics will include aviation security, federal appropriations and issues affecting flight service stations."

The Des Moines Visitors and Convention Bureau is assisting with the event. In addition to convention activities in downtown Des Moines, attendees will also participate in activities at the Ankeny Regional Airport and Des Moines International Airport.

"This is a great example of how people in Iowa can have a positive effect on luring national conventions to our state," said Greg Edwards, President/CEO of the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Without the support of the Iowa DOT, this event would not have been booked here. Thank you to these supporters for bringing their convention 'home' to Iowa."

NASAO represents state government aviation officials serving all 50 states, Guam and Puerto Rico.

For more information on the NASAO Convention, contact:

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Thanks to the efforts of numerous Iowa Public Airports Association members the aviation community in Iowa can celebrate one of its most successful legislative sessions in over a decade.

An increase in vertical infrastructure funding for both commercial and general aviation airports highlights appropriations topics, while new programs to help economic development at airports top the list of policy issues passed by lawmakers.

Aviation Appropriations

Funding for the two aviation vertical infrastructure programs saw increases during the 2005 Iowa Legislative session. Funds for the AWOS, windsock, runway markings and AIP programs were also approved.

Appropriation	FY 06	FY 05	Change
Commercial Airport Vertical Infrastructure	\$1,500,00	\$1,100,00+	\$400,000
General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure	\$750,000	\$581,400 +	\$168,600
AWOS / Windsocks / markings / AIP	\$564,792	\$564,792	-same-

Aviation Economic Development Policy

Here's a summary of the major aviation economic development programs approved by the Legislature this session. It is recommended that airports work with their local economic development officials to take full advantage of the programs.

High Quality Jobs Creation Act

The former "New Jobs and Income Program" has been changed to the "High Quality Jobs Creation Act." The major change in this program is the inclusion of "warehousing" as an industry now eligible for participation in the program. This new industry joins others such as value added agriculture, drugs, pharmaceuticals and telecommunication. This program should provide the needed incentives to help attract warehousing, distribution or cargo businesses to this state's airports.

Grow Iowa Values Fund

Included in the reauthorized economic development program is language that specifically names air transportation as a type of project eligible for participation in the Grow Iowa Values Fund and for funding from the program. The inclusion of air transportation in this fund was the result of lobbying the IPAA.

Port Authorities

Legislation to allow for the establishment of port authorities has been approved by the legislature. A port authority is to engage in activities that "enhances, fosters, aids, provides or promotes transportation, economic development... within the jurisdiction of the port authority." The IPAA joined with the state's shortline and regional railroads as the only two groups who actively supported and lobbied on behalf of passage of this legislation.

Water Quality Improvement Program

Landmark legislation to establish an impairment-based watershed has been approved by both the House and the Senate. The program provides \$4.5 million for projects that will improve water quality in watersheds. An airport would need to join with a county soil and water conservation district or a county conservation board to make an application for funding from this program for projects such as runoff or de-icer containment.

Again, these successes would not be possible without the strong support of the members of the IPAA. Each telephone call, e-mail and visit with your local and area lawmakers grows the association's influence at the Capitol.

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All camps are conducted at the EAA Museum and Leadership center complex in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, with the resident portion of the program at the impressive Air Academy Lodge.

You can enroll or learn more about each of our Air Academy camps for 12 to 18 year-olds at our website www.airacademy.org, by calling us at 1-888-322-3229, or by emailing airacademy@eaa.org.

This year we are offering a specialized Air Academy for deaf and severely hearing-impaired youth ages 14-18, in conjunction with the Deaf Pilots Association. Please share this information with those you know who would be eligible for such an opportunity!

Yours sincerely,

Chuck Larsen, EAA 31303
Director-Museum & Resident Education
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