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## A Letter From The President

BY ANDREW PERRY (DUBUQUE)

**T**his is my first article as the IPAA President and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the IPAA membership for electing me as your President this year.

With a heavy legislative agenda it is my goal to accomplish movement, and hopefully, approved bills for our 2005 legislative priorities. It is imperative for the entire aviation community to unite and support the priorities and talk 'aviation' to any and all legislators' every time you see them.

February 24, 2005 is IPAA Day on the Hill which will kick-off our 2005 legislative campaign. I ask every IPAA member and aviation related business to have a representative in Des Moines to let the legislators know aviation is vital to Iowa's economy.

Action we are planning:

- meetings with the house and senate majority and minority leadership
- request a meeting with the office of Economic Development
- continue fostering these partnerships

Additionally, all IPAA members and

associates will receive copies of the Legislative Priority brochure. We hope you will make these available to your governing body and local legislators to educate them on the importance of these issues.

Every airport, every aviation related business, and every airport business user needs to stand in unity and beat the drum with the same message to Des Moines.

IPAA Legislative Agenda:

### **1. Create a dedicated fund for support of aviation in the state.**

IPAA is urging law makers to designate at least \$3 million a year for aviation projects and programs through the establishment of a new Aviation Iowa Resource (AIR) fund. The AIR fund would be funded through the anticipated increase in gaming revenues resulting from the expansion of gambling in the state.

### **2. Continue Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) appropriations for vertical infrastructure projects at commercial and general aviation airports.**

### **3. Creation of Airport Development Zones.**

Many public airports in the state are not located within the corporate boundaries of a city. As a result, these locations do not have the incentive tools to attract aviation dependent businesses such as air freight. The creation of Airport Development Zones would allow an airport governing body or aviation authority to create a tax increment financing district on the grounds controlled by an airport.

### **4. Monitor any and all other legislative actions or initiatives that may affect the IPAA and its members.**

Thank you for your time and I hope to see you in Des Moines on February 24<sup>th</sup> for IPAA Day on the Hill. ➔



## 2004 Iowa Aviation Conference a Success

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

**T**he 2004 Iowa Aviation Conference held in West Des Moines in November received excellent reviews from the 218 attendees, including representatives from 51 airports.

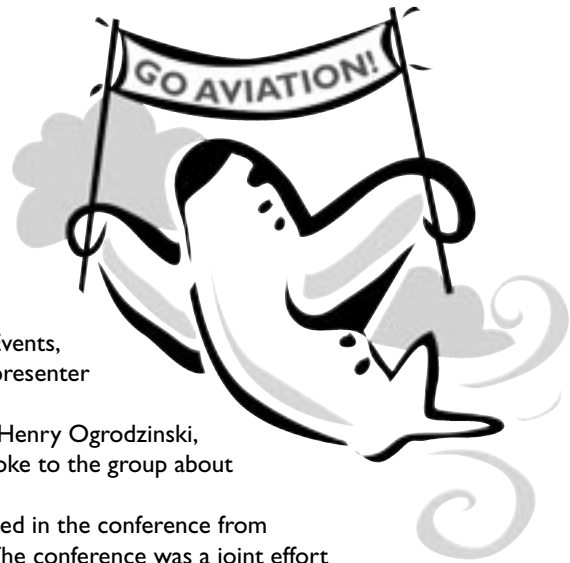
Aviation expert and humorist Rod Machado was a major draw and proved why he is so popular on the speaking circuit. Machado presented at the conference, as well as for a packed audience of 310 pilots for the evening Aviation Safety Seminar held in conjunction with the conference.

Feedback from attendees indicated it was the strongest conference program in years, both in content and organization. Sessions that were particularly popular included FAA Planning and Programming, Airport Events, and General Aviation Security. All sessions scored high in content and presenter skills.

Another popular part of the conference was the awards luncheon. Henry Ogradzinski, President and CEO of the National Association of Aviation Officials spoke to the group about his experiences in Washington, DC prior to the awards presentations.

The Office of Aviation would like to thank everyone who participated in the conference from attendees to vendors, sponsors, presenters and committee members. The conference was a joint effort between the Office of Aviation and the Iowa Public Airports Association (IPAA). The partnership with IPAA is highly valued.

Efforts are already underway to put together an excellent program for 2005.



## Flight Schools, FBOs, Flight Instructors and Student Pilots

**A**s of December 20, 2004, a new TSA rule requires flight instructors to validate citizenship of individuals who seek training for a new pilot rating or certificate. A logbook endorsement must be made to verify citizenship and eligibility for flight training.

If the individual is a foreign national, they are required to apply for a background check through the TSA web site and submit a \$130 fee before beginning flight training.

All flight instructors and flight schools should be familiar with procedures and requirements for checking potential student identification. TSA rules vary for training in aircraft weighing more than 12,500 pounds and for aircraft 12,500 pounds or less.

More information may be obtained by calling the Alien Flight Student Program at 703-542-1222 or at the TSA Web site <https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov> <<https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov/>>. It may also be helpful to consult AOPA's web site at [http://www.aopa.org/tsa\\_rule/](http://www.aopa.org/tsa_rule/).

Flight schools are also required to conduct a security awareness program for flight school employees to increase their awareness of suspicious circumstances and individuals enrolling in or attending flight school. The TSA on-line Flight School Security Awareness Training module is available at <http://download.tsa.dhs.gov/fssa/training/index.html> <<http://download.tsa.dhs.gov/fssa/training/index.html>>.



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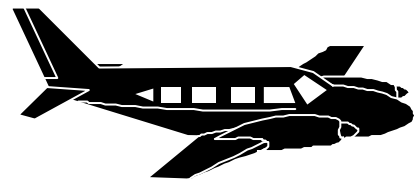
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