

Executive Director's Report:

Letter to the WAMA Membership – July, 2017

Fellow WAMA Members,

Summertime seems to be a bit of a lull as far as WAMA activities go, but a busy time for airports, as this is the time that airports are holding fly-in events and the weather with its clear skies beckons the pilot to fly. Here are a few of the activities and projects on the horizon for WAMA:

ELECTIONS:

Coming up in September/October will be the WAMA Board of Directors elections. Director Laura Holthus is already starting the election process by seeking nominations. If you would like to be a part of this dynamic group, please contact her. Another way you can be involved is to volunteer to be on a committee. Committee chairmen are always looking for member to join them. The work is minimal, the progress made is exciting, and the outcome is rewarding.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS:

The Legislative Committee did well, but there are still some issues that the Washington State Legislature put on the back burner. The Legislative Committee will pursue those issues when the Legislature starts up again. We did make progress this year with an increase in the grant maximum amount permitted and in an aviation license plate, which became available on July 1st. The proceeds from the license plate sales go to help support airports. Shortly, we should start seeing vehicles sporting those new plates. Show your passion for aviation by purchasing an aviation specialty license plate.

WAMA CONFERENCE 2017:

The 2017 WAMA Conference held in Blaine, Washington at the Semiahmoo Resort was a fantastic success! Although composed of just a few people, the Conference Committee does an amazing job of putting together a well-planned, worthwhile, quality conference with a wide variety of pertinent topics. A special thanks to John Haakenson, Kelly Thompson, and Dianna Beeler who are the central players in the conference planning, and to Sandy Engstrom, our webmaster, who makes sure our information is posted promptly and correctly. These people make a fantastic team. Behind the scenes are Kandace Harvey, David Field, and Robert Hodgman, who handle the registration and financials of the conference. Of course, there are many others involved in the planning, but these people are the core and we thank them for the tremendous extra amount of work that they do. If you missed the conference this year, a link to pdf versions of the seminar presentations can be found at <http://www.wama.us/wama-news/4836684> .

WAMA CONFERENCE 2018:

This year's conference was such a draw, that some of the late-comers discovered there were no rooms left at the resort. Without other nearby hotels to service the overflow, some of those who wished to attend found they had no place to stay. Don't let that happen to you. The 2018 conference will be held in south central or southeast Washington. Oregon Airport Managers Association (OAMA) has expressed

interest in attending, so this is sure to be a popular conference. Make your room reservations early once the hotel location is announced.

If you have articles or information you would like to have printed in the WAMA newsletter, please contact me. We are always interested in the special projects that are being done at your airport; and for our associate members, we are interested also in what you are working on or have to offer.

Enjoy the sunny weather and have a wonderful, safe summer, whether you are driving or flying.

All the best,
Marjy Leggett
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