

Letter to the WAMA Membership – April, 2017

Fellow WAMA Members,

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership with the Washington Airport Management Association (WAMA). The organization is strong and it is you who make it the great organization that it is.

It has been over a year now since I became Executive Director and I am continually impressed with the energy and enthusiasm maintained by the Board of Directors. Even with changes in leadership, the energy continues with progress on projects flowing seamlessly from one committee chairman or board member to the next. I participate in most of the committee conference calls and offer ongoing support of WAMA's Officers, Board, and Committee tasking. In addition, I have been involved with the following:

- Revision of the WAMA Brochure
- Action Item Tracking
- Updating Scholarship Documents
- 2017 WAMA Budget
- Airport Awareness Day
- Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show
- Annual Conference Preparation
- Producing Quarterly Newsletters
- Fly Washington Passport Program
- WAMA Membership

There is an excitement in the air as preparations are being made for the Annual WAMA Conference May 2-4. I highly recommend you plan to attend. Not only will there be top speakers on topics of interest to airport managers and personnel, but this is a chance to meet and network with other airport personnel and our sponsors. I often find that sharing ideas and issues with fellow attendees is the highlight of the conference.

Periodically, I receive questions from those outside of Washington asking about job opportunities or from students looking for internships. Don't forget that WAMA offers job postings on our website [here](#). If you would like to mentor a student in an internship program, apply for a WAMA scholarship to support that intern [here](#). The deadline for scholarship applications is March 31. Although it may be too late to apply for a scholarship this year, think about it for next year.

Our brochure has been updated and is now easily changeable and editable by the WAMA staff. The brochure is available on the website [here](#).

You will be hearing more from the Fly Washington Passport Program as we get closer to instituting this program. WSDOT/Aviation has taken the lead, assisted by members from WAMA, AOPA, WPA, and others. The program encourages pilots to fly into Washington Airports with incentives for various levels of

achievement. Airports benefit from additional traffic operations, purchases of fuel, pilot supplies, food, and even possible hotel stays or visits to local attractions. Pilots have an incentive to fly and explore new airports. We hope to have all Washington airports participate, so please join in when contacted by WSDOT. The goal is to have the program in place by the start of 2018. This is a win-win for all involved.

Please feel free to contact me at director@wama.us for any questions, suggestions, or comments you may have. I am here to serve and support the WAMA membership. I look forward to meeting all of you—perhaps at the WAMA Conference at Semiahmoo.

All the best,
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