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Welcome 2021 FAC Officers and Directors

FAC hosted a virtual General Membership Meeting on August 19, 2020 - more than 90 members called in. An important item on the agenda was the announcement of the 2021 Board of Directors.

Executive Committee

Chairman of the Board - Luis Olivero, Governmental Relations, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Vice Chair - Roy Sieger, Airport Director, Flagler Executive Airport

Secretary/Treasurer - Kerry Keith, Director of Airport Development/Facilities, Naples Airport

Immediate Past Chair/Education Foundation President - Parker W. McClellan, Jr., A.A.E., Executive Director, Northwest FL Beaches International Airport

Directors

Mark Cervasio - Airport Manager, Venice Municipal Airport

Karen Feaster - Airport Director, Daytona Beach International Airport

James Furioli - Department Director - Maintenance, Lee County Port Authority

Rufus James - Airport Manager, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

Mark Kistler, P.E. - Vice President, Michael Baker International (Corporate representative)

James Parish, P.E. - CEO, Punta Gorda Airport

Chad Rosenstein - Governmental Affairs, Lee County Port Authority

Michael Nonnemacher *New* - Chief Operating Officer, Broward County Aviation Department

Welcome new Director, Mike Nonnemacher

Welcome new Director, Michael Nonnemacher, Chief Operating Officer at the Broward County Aviation Department. Michael has more than 35 years of experience in the Florida airport industry and has served in various positions over the years. Michael is a founding member of the FAC Training Committee and has been active on other important committees, including the Operations and Facilities committees.



*A day of remembrance,
for those that lost their lives,
and for all of those who
gave their lives...
We Remember.*

Around the State

The 2020-2021 Update to the Florida Aviation Project Handbook has been completed. The Handbook provides key information on the following categories of grant funds available to Florida's publicly owned airports:

- The Florida Aviation Grant Program
- The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Grant Program
- Other Funding Mechanisms

Also included in the Handbook:

- A listing of Important Items to Remember
- FDOT Aviation Office Organization Chart with Contact Information
- Contact Information for FDOT District Aviation, SIS, and Freight Coordinators
- FAA ADO Contacts
- Listing of Florida's 130 Public-Use Airports with links to their respective websites
- Section on Alternative Funding Opportunities

The complete Florida Aviation Project Handbook 2020-2021 Update can be downloaded here:

<https://www.florida-aviation-database.com/library/filedownload.aspx?guid=869f180a-35c8-4e1e-8def-7e13cf6f5811>

The 2020-2021 Update to the Handbook will also be available soon on the FDOT Aviation Office's Documents & Publications webpage (<https://www.fdot.gov/aviation/flpub.shtm>)



Some news from FDOT Central Office...

The FDOT has initiated a study to estimate the impacts of the policies implemented as part of Florida's response to the COVID-19 crisis. These policies lead to the shut down of the state's leading tourism economy and resulted in a dramatic downturn in aviation activity at most Florida airports.

Aaron Smith and his team have reported preliminary estimates of the reductions in visitor spending and overall COVID-19 economic impact at the statewide level. Aaron emphasizes that this exercise was completed at a statewide level and does not account for individual variations in airport enplanements – that level of detail will be included in the full COVID-19 analysis. FDOT continues to collect data from individual airports to determine impacts specific to each airport. Additionally, this estimate is based on reductions in visitor spending only and does not account for a reduction in on-airport impacts.

Category	Amounts
2019 Total Visitor Spending Impact	\$ 90,700,000,000
2019 Total Economic Impact	\$ 175,000,000,000
2020 Enplanements (Estimated)	-50%
2020 Visitor Spending Reduction	\$ 45,350,000,000
Proposed 2020 Total Economic Impact	\$ 129,650,000,000
% Change (2019/20)	-26%
2019 Enplanements	95M
2020 Enplanements (Estimated)	47.5M

This analysis and the additional work of this important study will play a role in future budget and financial planning. Airports are asked to continue to support FDOT in the collection of information and to stay engaged in this study process.



This week the E & T Planning Committee will launch the new virtual platform for the Education and Training Summit. Originally planned for April 2020, then postponed to October due to the pandemic, the E & T Summit has transitioned to a virtual format rather than face-to-face. The host committees include the Corporate, Environmental, General Aviation, Noise & Community Affairs and Training committees. A special session offering CEU's for P.E. , *Ethics, Rules and Laws for Florida Engineers*, is planned for Wednesday morning, October 7th.

Join us for the 11:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Session where FAC awards will be announced and we will hear from our Keynote Speaker, Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Other virtual sessions are planned that will cover important and timely topics, including:

- ⇒ **Virtual Fun Run** to support the FAC Education Foundation, scholarship and internship programs. Receive a classic medal for your generous donation to the Foundation.
- ⇒ **PFAS** - a roundtable of airport and industry leaders in this area will update us on the status of FDEP enforcement actions, airport response and initiatives, and more
- ⇒ **South-Central Florida Metroplex update** - Michael O'Harra, FAA Southern Region, will provide an update on the status of this study and provide some insights into the future, considering the challenges airports will face following the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ⇒ **FDOT Office update** - Aaron Smith will provide an update regarding FDOT projects and initiatives to assist airports.
- ⇒ **Facility Re-Opening - COVID-19 Considerations** - hear a presentation from Wade Conlan, P.E., BCxP, CxA, LEED AP, BD+C of Hanson Professional Services, regarding facility re-opening and how to prepare your airport infrastructure during a time of pandemic, and how to prepare for the next one.
- ⇒ **Airport Leasing Policy - Rates & Charges** - hear the latest from Doug Joest, Aviation Management Consulting Group.
- ⇒ **Business Continuity: Resumption Following a Major Airport Emergency** - Jesse P. Spearo, PhD, CEM, FPEM, FMI, Sr. Emergency Management Program Specialist, BCAD, will provide a special perspective for airport managers and their business partners.



This is only a portion of the virtual sessions planned - so mark your calendar for October 7 - 9, 2020 and look for an email announcement opening registration. Rates to participate have been dramatically reduced and sponsor opportunities are available. If you're already registered, information regarding how to apply for a refund will be provided.

DATES TO REMEMBER		(New ←)
	Location	Date
WEBINAR: Evolving Community Perceptions & the COVID-19 Environment	Click here for more information	September 15, 2020 ← 11:00 a.m. EST
WEBINAR: Leadership in the COVID World, Today and Tomorrow	Click here for more information	September 16, 2020 ← 11:00 a.m. EST
2020 Education & Training Summit	Virtual More information coming soon...	October 7-9, 2020
FAA 2020 Southern Regional Airports Conference	Atlanta, GA Click here for additional information	April 5-8, 2021 (New Dates)

Please email lisa@floridaairports.org with calendar updates.

INDICATORS: Creating the future of aviation at SRQ

By Rick Piccolo, President/CEO SRQ

In my 25 years working with the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority, the airport has completed many projects designed to improve safety and security, expand capacity, improve environmental compatibility, enhance the beauty and convenience of the facility, and make your travel experience enjoyable and stress free. However, the Authority Board recently approved two projects that may be the most consequential endeavors for the airport and the communities since the airport opened in 1939.

First, the airport – in partnership with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Manatee County Technical School, and the Manatee County School Board – have developed plans and specifications to build an Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) school and hangar facility at SRQ. Pending final county school funding approval, this facility will offer post-secondary students the ability to get their FAA-certified mechanics license. The average wage is about \$62,000 and provides worldwide employment opportunities. It also creates an ongoing pipeline of talent that would be essential to future efforts to get a heavy maintenance facility at the airport, which would create tremendous economic benefit. The Airport Authority has invested over \$12 million in infrastructure improvements (drainage, power, water, sewer and roadways) into a 100-acre airfield area to have it shovel-ready for aviation business development projects.

The second effort is even more exciting. The Airport Authority has been working with the Team Success charter school in Manatee County on an SRQ campus across from the airfield on airport property. Team Success is an A-rated charter school that has 98% minority enrollment, with 82% economically disadvantaged. After consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), this school will have an aeronautical theme, and an educational program to introduce and expose students to the opportunities and requirements available in the aviation industry. It is the school's goal to build to 1,500 students, eventually serving grades K-12. [Keep reading...](#)



Orlando Airport adds new amenities as air travel surges

(Source: Airport-technologynews.com)

Orlando International Airport (MCO) in the US state of Florida has added new amenities and retail spaces following a gradual increase in its passenger numbers. The airport has deployed automated hand sanitiser stations and placed eight new retail vending machines throughout the terminal.

The vending machines, located throughout the four airside, will feature cosmetics, headphones, cables and adapters, among other items. The move will help passengers to purchase such items without interaction, minimising Covid-19 contagion risks.

MCO, which was the busiest airport in the state last year, is currently handling around 20,000 passengers for departure every day. Greater Orlando Aviation Authority CEO Phil Brown said: "Updating the type of products the travelling public can purchase at Orlando International improves customer service and the overall experience at our world-class airport. Beyond that, it was also crucial for us to create a retail experience that reduces human interaction as we continue to combat the coronavirus."

The airport is also adding two new Service Animal Relief Areas at the site after opening two such facilities last year.

GOAA Maintenance director Gary Hunt said: "We were pleased with the positive response we received when we opened the first two relief areas last year. "We had always planned to build two more at the other airside, offering an animal-friendly experience for all passengers." Last year, Orlando International Airport handled more than 50 million passengers, making it the tenth busiest airport in the US. Earlier this year, the airport reported significant fall in passenger numbers due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



FAA to award \$1.2 billion in airport grants



FAA announced it will award more than \$1.2 billion in airport safety and infrastructure grants to 405 airports in 50 states and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The total includes over \$1 billion from AIP and \$152 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act grants to equal a 100 percent federal share.

FXE	Install Runway Incursion Lighting	\$800,700
FLL	Install Runway Incursion Lighting, Install Runway Lighting, Install Runway Vertical/ Visual Guidance System, Rehabilitate Taxiway	\$7,280,576
HWO	Extend Runway	\$1,614,518
EYW	Noise Mitigation Measures for Residences within 65-69 DNL	\$4,958,363
LAL	Reconstruct Taxiway, Rehabilitate Taxiway, Rehabilitate Taxiway Lighting	\$5,554,235
LEE	Rehabilitate Runway, Rehabilitate Runway Lighting	\$5,214,381
MLB	Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Terminal Building	\$6,895,959
TMB	Construct Taxiway	\$8,411,277
APF	Improve Airport Drainage/Erosion Control, Install Perimeter Fencing not Required by 49 CFR 1542	\$2,464,301
SFB	Rehabilitate Taxiway, Rehabilitate Taxiway Lighting	\$10,941,888
SUA	Install Perimeter Fencing not Required by 49 CFR 1542, Reconstruct Apron	\$970,768
TLH	Rehabilitate Taxiway	\$6,032,375
VDF	Rehabilitate Runway	\$4,261,666
X59	Widen Taxiway	\$2,747,720
VRB	Rehabilitate Apron	\$3,334,955

[See the complete listing of grants.](#)

MIA traffic continues to grow

Three more airlines have resumed passenger flights at Miami International within the last three weeks. MIA's resurgence of air service continued with Virgin Atlantic resuming London service three times a week on August 18th, followed by Aerolineas Argentinas returning on September 3rd with Buenos Aires service three times a week, and Copa Airlines the following day with two weekly flights from Panama City.



Southwest Florida tenants granted rent relief

The Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) Board of Port Commissioners has approved a rent relief package for airlines, concessionaires and other tenants at Southwest Florida International.

This tenant relief package will include the following: airline fixed rents; retail, food and beverage fixed rents and concession fees; aviation ground rents; non-airline terminal rents; rental car fixed rents; advertising rents; airport plaza fixed rent and concession fees; and tenant employee parking, ground transportation, airline ramp parking and rental car privilege fees.

The program will provide one-month rent relief to airport tenants for fees and charges due under their lease agreements and will cost LCPA approximately \$3 million, according to an announcement from the authority. This initiative comes in addition to the authority's 90-day fees/rent deferral that was extended to its airport partners in April 2020 to help provide cash flow at the start of the pandemic.



Around the Nation

DOT rules on service exemption requests

DOT has ruled on requests from Allegiant, United and Hawaiian Airlines for exemptions from the CARES Act airline service obligations.

Allegiant petitioned the department for authority to temporarily suspend service at five covered points and reduce its weekly operations at five covered points through Sept. 30. DOT ruled that the carrier may suspend service and reduce its weekly frequencies at eight covered points but is obligated to provide its minimum service obligation at St. Cloud, Minnesota, and Traverse City, Michigan, through Sept. 30.

United petitioned for an extension through Sept. 30 from its service obligation at St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. DOT granted the request.

Hawaiian sought an extension of its exemption to suspend service to Pago Pago, American Samoa, for the month of September. DOT granted the request.



AAAE, ACI-NA establish disaster relief effort



AAAE and ACI-NA jointly have established a Disaster Relief Effort to help airport employees in parts of Louisiana and Iowa impacted by natural disasters. Many airport employees in both regions have been impacted by the devastation, including the loss of homes and other personal property.

Donations are tax deductible as permitted by law and 100 percent of funds contributed will be distributed to those affected.



[To donate, click here.](#)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Aviation a smaller contributor to climate change than previously thought (Source: AVweb.com)

Aviation has a smaller impact on climate change than previously thought but it's also growing rapidly and its effects are more complex than other contributors according to a new study. A team of European climate scientists has re-crunched the numbers and determined that aviation is responsible for 3.5 percent of the global warming effect that results from human activities. Previous estimates pegged the aviation contribution at about 5 percent. The new data takes into account some balancing factors in the ways that aircraft pollute.

For instance, nitrogen oxides emitted in aircraft exhaust increase the production of ozone, a major greenhouse gas, but they also destroy methane, a big contributor to atmospheric warming. Also contrails heat and cool the planet at the same time by trapping atmospheric heat while reflecting sunlight. The net result is that contrails are only about half as bad as previously thought. The scientists say that despite the findings, aviation still needs to clean up its act and the COVID-created hiatus in aviation activity isn't going to help much. "It's not going to make much difference in the long term," said researcher David Lee at Manchester Metropolitan University in the U.K.

Strange and beautiful airline call signs from around the world

(Source: Flightradar24.com)

If you ever listen to air traffic control, you'll hear pilots of both commercial and cargo aircraft identify themselves by a combination of their call sign and flight number. In fact these days there's more than one type of call sign, which we discussed in-depth in this article from 2018. Here, I'd like to focus on the original radio call signs used by airlines, as this is where sparks of creativity tend to spring forth.

You might hear a handful of straightforward and obvious call signs at any given time: "American 37 heavy." "Air Canada 112." And so on. The name of the airline and its call sign is the same. But then comes a surprise: "Brickyard 3630." That's Republic Airlines, by the way. In their case, the call sign refers to the airline's historical base at Indianapolis, where the

famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway is known as the Brickyard (because back in the day the race track was paved with bricks. See? Some of these call signs reach deep into history.)



Middle East Airlines, aka MEA, carries the call sign Cedar Jet.

With that in mind I thought I'd put together a list of some of the better airline call signs out there. The airlines run the range from some of the biggest in the world to the very obscure. Some of the more unusual call signs make sense right off the bat, while others will leave you scratching your head. Next time you're idly listening to air traffic control (we all do that for fun, right?) keep an ear out for these.

The big ones

Speedbird – British Airways. Any list of call signs needs to begin with Speedbird, which is probably the most famous 'special' call sign in the world. The name comes from an old logo of a bird, but whatever its origins, it is clearly the perfect call sign to evoke the speed and grace of an airliner cruising through the sky.

Springbok – South African Airways. The springbok decorated South African Airways planes since before it was even called that, back in its early days in the 1930s, and its first services to Europe in the 1940s were dubbed the "Springbok service." Though the emblem has since disappeared, the call sign lives on.



Dynasty – China Airlines. The state-owned airline of Taiwan, China Airlines has long used the Dynasty call sign – which sounds oddly grandiose every time it comes over the radio, but at least it's unique. Dynasty is also the name of its frequent flyer program and its lounges.

DID YOU KNOW?

TSA screened 807,695 passengers on August 30, which is 57 percent lower than the more than 1.9 million travelers the same day a year ago.

(See the latest TSA throughput numbers)

Shamrock – Aer Lingus. Another self-explanatory call sign that is no less evocative for its obviousness. The shamrock is the definitive symbol of Ireland as far as the outside world is concerned, and the green planes at Aer Lingus carry it perfectly.

Cedar Jet – Middle East Airlines. The cedar tree is a central symbol of Lebanon and even appears on its flag. The result for the Lebanese carrier is a refreshing call sign unlike any other.

Lesser-known examples

Air Guyane Express – Green Bird. Based in French Guiana, this airline has a green bird for a logo, so the call sign is obvious. Except that its planes now carry a livery with flowers. It's nevertheless a nice way to refer to an airliner in flight.

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Business & Employment Opportunities

GREATER ORLANDO AVIATION AUTHORITY NOTICE OF GENERAL CONSULTING SERVICES (W419) ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT & ORLANDO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (Re-Advertisement)

Pursuant to 2 CFR Part 200, Section 287.055, Florida Statutes and the policies and procedures of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (Authority), notice is hereby given that Letters of Interest are invited from firms and individuals (Proposers) to render **General Consulting Services** (Services) to the Authority at the Orlando International and Executive Airports (Airport).

A Pre-Submittal Conference will be held **via GoToMeeting at 11:00 AM Eastern Time on September 14, 2020. Information for attending the Pre-Submittal Conference will be posted on the Aviation Authority's website.** The Scope of Services, the Submission Requirements, the Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Participation and Local Developing Business/Veteran Business Enterprise (LDB/VBE) Participation, and Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation) Program for the Letters of Interest and questions will be reviewed at the Pre-Submittal Conference. The Advertisement, Submission Requirements, Responses to inquiries and Pre-Submittal Conference minutes, and Addenda (if any) will be made available on the Authority's website at: <http://www.orlandoairports.net/airport-business/#business-opportunities>



PALM BEACH COUNTY NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DESIGN PROFESSIONALS DOA 20-4 AIRPORT GENERAL CONSULTING SERVICES (Local EBO Program)

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 287.055, Notice is hereby given that Palm Beach County is seeking proposals from qualified architectural and engineering firms to provide planning, design, permitting and construction administration/management services for the Palm Beach County Department of Airports for various capital improvement/renovation projects on a task assignment basis.

Interested parties may obtain additional information and the RFP regarding this solicitation by emailing Javier A. Gamboa at: jgamboa@pbia.org or by phone (561) 656-5989. Include the words "DOA 20-4 RFP Airport General Consultant Services (Local EBO Program)" in the subject line of any e-mail regarding this solicitation. Or, the RFP may be downloaded from the County's on-line Vendor Self-Service (VSS) system at <https://pbcvssp.co.palm-beach.fl.us/webapp/vssp/AltSelfService>.

Proposals are due by 3:00 P.M. on Oct 8, 2020, at the Palm Beach County Department of Airports Administration Building 846, West Palm Beach, FL 33406-1470.

Global Security Associates, LLC. Seeking Program Manager
Location: Orlando International Airport (MCO)



Essential Functions (include but not limited to): Has the overall responsibility to ensure that all station operations are performed in a consistent manner with the agreed procedures and protocol in accordance with company, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), airport, and client standards. The PM directs, plans, organizes and coordinates (with the help of subordinates) the day-to-day operations of the Screening officers, watch officer, supervisors, and administrative staff. Ensure all security functions are performed in accordance with TSA (Transportation Security Administration) regulations, client protocol and corporate policies. They are responsible for station staffing, and development of scheduling procedures, including their initial badging and in some cases licensing. Responsible to ensure that staffing and scheduled hours are in accordance with contractual agreement with client. Evaluate station attendance and performance deficiencies and administer corrective measures in accordance with Human Resources policies.

Administer payroll reporting within the established guidelines and deadlines. Ensure cost effective measures across the station. Responsible for station compliance relating to all reporting procedures; administer procedural changes and ensure they are communicated effectively and efficiently with staff. Conduct daily briefings and occasional staff meetings. Identify and coordinate with the Training and Compliance department all training (initial and recurrent) of station personnel. Safeguarding company equipment and vehicles. Provide exceptional customer service to our clients.

Work Environment: The Program Manager will cover all areas of Airport security operations. They must split their time in the field, and in the office. They are sometimes exposed to an environment that is stressful and must be able to keep their composure and think rationally. They must be comfortable with appropriate confrontation, as they will frequently have to challenge a person's right to be in a secure area, confront an employee with a violation of company policy, or deliver unexpected news to the client.

If you believe you are a right fit and meet all qualifications above, please email your resume and cover letter Patti Gulino pgulino@globaleliteinc.com

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**The City of Naples Airport Authority Invites Applications For
Deputy Director of Aviation**

The City of Naples Airport Authority is seeking a Deputy Director of Aviation. You will be responsible for the oversight of the fixed base operation (FBO), airport operations, security, maintenance, planning, and development activities.

In this newly created position, you will support the Executive Director in the planning, direction, and management of defined strategic objectives of the Naples Airport Authority. You will work closely with the Deputy Executive Director to ensure continuity and coordination of organizational goals. As an executive team member, you will develop and execute strategic and operational business plans and activities that foster the vision and advance the mission of the airport. Principle accountabilities include establishing and implementing management practices and procedures that promote safety, security, efficiency, superior customer service, and business continuity.

Salary & Benefits

The starting salary for this position is \$135,000, depending on qualifications, and is accompanied by an attractive benefits package. For instructions on how to apply, please [click here](#) to see the recruitment brochure, or visit the searches tab at www.adkexecutivesearch.com.

Filing Deadline: October 4, 2020

