



23rd Annual Conference

March 27 - 29, 2023
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“NVA A 2023 NEW APPROACH”

NvAA Spring Conference Draft Agenda

Monday, March 27

- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm NvAA Legislative Day
- 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm Conference Registration Opens, Exhibitor Set-Up Eldorado Hotel & Casino [Bordeaux/Tuscany](#) located in the lower level of main casino
- 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm NvAA Board of Directors Meeting – [NoVi Lounge](#)
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm **Reception** - Eldorado Hotel & Casino [NoVi Lounge](#) located on the main level. Join conference attendees for Hors D’oeuvres and adult beverages. - Advanced Aviation, Inc.

Tuesday, March 28

- 7:30 am to 8:15 am **Hot Breakfast with Exhibitors** – Learning/Networking Opportunity Breakfast sponsored by – RevJet
[Bordeaux/Tuscany](#)
- 8:15 am to 8:30 am **Opening Ceremonies** - Eldorado Hotel & Casino [Claret/Chardonnay](#) located next door to the [Bordeaux/Tuscany](#) rooms
NvAA President – Kenneth G. Moen, A.A.E. Special Projects Manager Armstrong Consultants
Welcome Speaker – Daren Griffin, President/CEO Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- 8:30 am to 9:15 am **Keynote Presentation** – Captain Shane Paul Tanner, Commanding Officer, NAS Fallon
- 9:15 am to 9:30 am **Nevada Aviation Association Legislative Update**
Speakers: Susan Fisher
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- 9:30 am to 10:15 am **Working Session Title:** Airport Economic Development and Airport Self-Sufficiency
- Working Session Description:** FAA Grant Assurances require airports to be as “self-sufficient as possible”. How do airport sponsors go about meeting that mandate for the benefit of the airport and the community it serves. This session will explore the challenges of promoting economic development and include marketing tips, pitfalls, agreement negotiations, successfully presenting the proposed airport development project for the highest and best use of the limited space available for airport development.
- Moderator:** Ken Moen
- Speakers:** Aurora Ritter, Economic Development Manager, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
David Mieding, Chief Development Officer, Tolls Development
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- 10:15 am to 10:45 am **Break with Exhibitors** – Refreshments Learning/Networking Opportunity/Raffles. Refreshments sponsored by – Adurra
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- 10:45 am to 11:30 am **State of the Industry**
- Moderator:** Ken Moen
- Speakers:**
Mike Williams Manager, Phoenix ADO, Federal Aviation Administration
Phil Derner, Director, Western Region, National Business Aviation Association
Kurt Haukhol, Aviation Planner, Nevada Department of Aviation
Daren Griffin, President/CEO, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
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- 11:30 am to 12:45 pm **Lunch with Exhibitors.** Learning/Networking Opportunity Sponsored by – Dassault Falcon
NvAA General Membership Meeting
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- 12:45 pm to 1:30 pm **Keys to a successful Airport Project: Management, Management, Management**
- Session Description:** Airport projects can go sideways in a hurry. The key to a successful project is on-site project management from the perspective of you, the airport sponsor. The benefit to the airport sponsor is that a successful project creates value by limiting change orders through a well-defined scope of work and a laser-like focus on project schedule and budget management. Besides delivering a successful project, the process of a well-managed airport construction project can result in the opportunity to train airport staff for an added future benefit.
- Moderator:** Jeff Moak, Group President, Red Brick Consulting
- Speakers:** Ken Slon, Risk Manager, Clark County Department of Aviation
Gary Probert, Chief Infrastructure and Planning Officer, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
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1:30 pm to 2:15 pm

Session Title: Limiting Airport Exposure to Liability

Session Description: Airports face increased liability through improper risk management. It's critical for airports to limit their liability through transferring liability/responsibility to other airport users and operators by ensuring that proper agreements are in place and that users and operators are properly insured for their activities. This session will cover some of the common areas for risk mitigation and discuss appropriate coverages and limits depending on the scope of the activities and “right-sized” for the operation and airport.

Moderator: Ken Moen

Speakers: Alex Kovacs, Director of Finance, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

James Van Meter, JD, USI Insurance, National Aviation Practice Lead

Ann Morgan, Fennemore Craig

Ken Slon, Risk Manager, Clark County Department of Aviation

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2:15 pm to 2:45 pm

Break with Exhibitors – Refreshments Learning/Networking Opportunity/Raffles. Refreshments sponsored by – J-U-B

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2:45 pm to 3:30 pm

Airport Self Inspection and Preventative Maintenance is a Formula for Success

Session Description: Airfield Self Inspection and Routine Maintenance: Why and how to conduct airport self-inspections and how to resolve discrepancies. The panel will also discuss where should airports with limited staff and budgets focus their routine airfield maintenance efforts.

Moderator: Mike Dikun, Western Territory Manager, Armstrong Consultants

Speakers: Dave Derie, Airfield Maintenance Manager, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

Scott Gordon, Airport Manager, Reno-Stead Airport

Graham Ritz, Director of Airport Operations, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

Eric Hamrey, Director of Public Works, Mineral County, Nevada

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3:30 pm to 3:45 pm **Recreational Aviation Foundation**, Julian Pridmore-Brown - Nevada State Liaison

3:45 pm to 4:45 pm **The Future of Airport Documentation and Analysis is here.**

Session Description: The future of airport inspections, documentation, and analysis is changing and is incorporated into FAA AC 150 5300-18, *Submission of Aeronautical Surveys involving Field Data Collection and Geographic Information System (GIS) Standards*. The use of remote sensing aircraft to gather data and take “snapshots in time” is changing the way airports evaluate pavement, Part 77 airspace, and other airport infrastructure. The use of advanced hardware and software (Artificial Intelligence) is rapidly changing the way airport inspections are being done.

Moderator: Grant Bishop

Speakers:

Jared Esselman, A.A.E. - Retired Utah DOT State Aviation

Mark Dombroff, Partner, Fox Rothschild LLP

Tim Sudduth, President, Symphony Aerospace

Russell Coleman, Collins Aerospace

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6:00 pm to 8:00 pm **President’s Dinner – The Depot**
Sponsored by – Armstrong Consultants, Inc.

8:30 - pm to 11:00 pm **Reception and networking opportunity at the Eldorado Hotel.** Location and sponsor – Red Brick Consulting

Wednesday, March 29

7:30 am to 8:15 am **Hot Breakfast with Exhibitors** – Learning/Networking Opportunity Breakfast sponsored by – USI Insurance

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8:15 am to 9:15 am **Dealing with development - On and Off airport - through the OE/AAA 7460 process.**

Session Description: The FAA 7460 process is the preferred method for coordinating development both on airport (NRA: non-rulemaking actions) and off airport (OE: obstruction evaluations). The FAA uses the process to examine potential impacts to aviation safety which can include airfield design, flight procedures, communications equipment, radar, weather reporting and NAVAIDs. New projects proposed closer to the airfield and navigable airspace and the types of responses you may receive from the FAA grow increasingly complex and require careful interaction between the airport, the project sponsor and FAA staff offices. This session will explore several recent case studies with the goal of revealing when to file, who needs to file, what information to include and what to expect throughout the 7460 and project lifecycle.

Moderator: Paul Hannah, Chief Airspace and Flight Operations Engineer Lean Corporation

Speakers:

Ricky Sanchez, Engineer, FAA PHX ADO

Chris Harris, Aviation Safety, FAA, Flight Standards Service

Terry Feller, Airport Program Administrator - Airspace Clark County Department of Aviation

Lissa Butterfield, Manager of Planning & Environmental Services, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority



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- 9:15 am to 9:45 am **Why Contact the Air Traffic Organization for an Airfield Project?**
Airport sponsors are used to working with the ADO for planning and funding AIP projects. But this session will focus on the importance of coordinating projects with ATO to ensure the process of procurement of equipment and certification don't delay the projects. A case study for the VASI replacement at BAM will emphasize the importance of timely coordination with the ATO.
Moderator: Matthew Murphy, WSA NAS Planning Team Manager (FAA)
Speakers: David Meyer, Project Engineer, J-U-B Engineers
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- 9:45 am to 10:45 am **Round Table Discussion on the Organization of a Nevada Division of Aeronautics**
Session Description: This session will focus on the merits of forming an independent division of aeronautics for the purpose of advocating for aviation for the benefit of the statewide aviation system. A Nevada Division of Aeronautics would be an agency of the state government chiefly responsible for matters relating to the continuing development of aviation as part of the state's transportation system. Its activities would include the assumption of the responsibility of overseeing aviation system planning, providing administrative and technical support for communities, airport planning and development, administering an airport pavement maintenance program, providing small community aviation grants, and conducting aviation and public education programs.
Moderator: Ken Moen, President NvAA
Speakers:
Daren Griffin, President/CEO Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
Ann Richart, A.A.E.,
Nebraska DOT
Director Division of
Aeronautics
Phil Derner, Phil Derner, Director, Western Region, National Business Aviation Association
Jared Yoshiki, Western Pacific Regional Manager, AOPA
Mike Williams Manager, Phoenix ADO, Federal Aviation Administration
- 10:45 am to 11:45 am **NATAC Meeting**
Moderator: Kurt Haukohl
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- 11:45 am to 12:00 pm **Close Conference**