

NvAA History

By Steve Tackes, NvAA Legal Counsel

The Nevada Airports Association started in the mid-1990s as a conversation among some Airport managers looking for help with common problems. In the early days, this was primarily the managers of the Carson City Airport, Minden-Tahoe Airport, Stead Airport and Truckee Airport. Slowly, the calls branched out to the other rural airports. In those early years these were one-on-one phone calls. After many phone calls, the group started to arrange to have lunch together, visiting each other's airports, comparing solutions to common problems, and the group grew. Just before 2000, Jim Braswell (then Manager of the Minden Airport) proposed that we incorporate, and we became the Nevada Airport Managers Association (NAMA). Jim Braswell and Steve Tackes reached out to the other rural airports and alerted them to the organization and the roundtable discussions on common problems. Airports across the state responded, and we began to have annual conferences. The first conference was in Winnemucca in 2000. The Conferences provided a forum for presentations on leasing, FAA funding, other forms of funding, airport pavement, new technologies (ADS-B, alternative fuels, etc.). The conference was set in a comfortable social setting, and a place for consultants to meet with airports and help craft solutions. In 2001, Silver Springs Airport joined, and with the help (some might say push) of Kay and Hale Bennet, the group began a legislative campaign to seek state funding for rural airports. Successfully creating the Nevada Fund for Aviation (NRS 494.048), the Association laid the groundwork for funding of the local match on FAA grants. Shortly thereafter, the group was successful in obtaining Legislative funding for the Nevada Fund for Aviation, and with the help of the NDOT Aviation Department developed regulations to allocate those funds to the rural airports. In 2001, the Association gained greater recognition when Joni Eastley, a Nye County Commissioner, joined the Association and helped guide it through both organization and political challenges becoming president in 2004. Each year thereafter, the Association became more organized and professional. As the organization evolved, its name changed to the Nevada Airports Association, and more recently to the Nevada Aviation Association.

Each year, the Nevada State Aviation Conference is, and has been, an event that allows Airport managers, their staff, aviation consultants and vendors to network. The FAA Airports District Office is always invited and provides an update on funding, processing times, and other issues of airport concern. The FAA also schedules time during the conference to meet with the various airport staff to discuss their ACIPs and funding issues.

NAMA 2000

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 11-13, 2000
Winnemucca Convention Center
Winnemucca, Nevada

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ Title: _____
ENTITY: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ FAX: _____
SPOUSE/GUEST: _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

Member Registration – Includes all workshops, scheduled meals and evening program.

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| Member Early Bird Registration received on or before 10/05/00 | \$45 |
| Member Registration received after 10/05/00 | \$55 |
| Per Day Registration fee | \$20 |

Non-Member Registration – Includes all workshops, scheduled meals and evening programs.

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| Non-Member Early Bird Registration received on or before 10/05/00 | \$55 |
| Non-Member Registration received after 10/05/00 | \$65 |
| Per Day Registration fee | \$25 |

Spouse/Guest Registration – Includes workshops, scheduled meals and evening program.

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| Spouse/Guest Early Bird Registration received on or before 10/05/00 | \$20 |
| Spouse/Guest Registration received after 10/05/00 | \$25 |

Presenters – Please refer to the PRESENTERS REGISTRATION FORM.

Please make checks payable to **NAMA**. All cancellations must be received in writing by NAMA by October 5th in order to receive a refund. Return this form to:

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| NAMA: P.O. Box 2816 | Telephone: (775) 782-9871 |
| Minden, NV 89423 | Fax: (775) 782-9872 |
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Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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AGENDA

**Unless otherwise noted, all conference activities will take place at the Winnemucca Convention Center, 50 W. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada.*

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES – Wednesday, October 11, 2000

- 1:30 p.m. *Golf - Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course
- 2:00 p.m. Conference Registration
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Conference Reception (cash bar)
(Dress casual)



Day 1 – Thursday, October 12, 2000

- 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast / Sponsored by: **Elko Regional Airport**
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Airports Introduction: NAMA Board & Airports**
Introduction of the NAMA Board of Directors and the introduction of each of the airports represented.
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Airports Issues Discussion: NAMA**
Round table discussion of a collection of airport issues.
- 10:30 a.m. **NAMA Executive Board Meeting**

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12:00 noon – 1:30 pm. **Luncheon - Welcome to Winnemucca** (John J. Vesco, Mayor of Winnemucca, John Milton, Chairman, Humboldt County Commission and Leon Franklin, Chairman of the Winnemucca Airport Board)

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **“How to get the most out of your consultant”**
Airport Development Group, presented by: Rick Crosman

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break - Sponsored by: **Shutt Moen Associates**

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Update on Current Events from the FAA**
Presented by Herman Bliss – Manager, Airports Division, Western Pacific Region & John Pfeifer – Manager, San Francisco Airports Districts Office



Day 2, Friday, October 13, 2000

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Winnemucca Convention Center/
Sponsored by: **Minden-Tahoe Airport**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Knight Piesold

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **NDOT Aviation staff and AOPA Updates**
Dennis Taylor, NDOT Statewide Aviation Planning Coordinator & Vic Redding, NDOT Statewide Aviation Coordinator/Airport Inspector. Stacy Howard, AOPA Representative will discuss possible future legislative issues for Nevada.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon: Keynote Speaker Congressman Jim Gibbons**

1:30 p.m. Conference Ends