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# WAMA NEWS

Washington Airport Management Association

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## Executive Officers

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**PRESIDENT**  
Kandace Harvey  
Harvey Field

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Bill Penor  
Paine Field

**SECRETARY**  
Dave Field  
WHPacific, Inc.

**TREASURER**  
Jennifer Skoglund  
Walla Walla Regional

**PAST PRESIDENT**  
Ryan Zulauf  
Renton Airport

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rich Mueller  
Grant County Airport

John Haakenson  
Port of Benton

Jamelle Garcia  
Auburn Airport

Ron Russ  
Pangborn Field

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Gary W. Green AAE



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## From the President:

After an excellent WAMA conference – well-attended and well-received, the WAMA Board is moving on to its traditional and new pursuits for the remainder of 2013. Summer construction and related activities including actual aviation, has kept Association members, and Board members busy. Working hard to keep the ship afloat (or the airplane in the air), the Board met on September 11 to stake out plans for the next months. First, and with regret, we had to accept the resignation of Gary Green, our first Executive Director. (See the articles below) Gary did a great job initiating the activities of this new position. Your help finding an equally-qualified replacement will be greatly appreciated.

Next, we laid out plans for the upcoming election of WAMA Officers and Board members. The nominating committee is preparing a list of candidates, from among current officers who have agreed to continue in office for a while longer and other members who have volunteered to get started in managing the organization. To function effectively in support of their members, WAMA and similar organizations depend on the willingness of members to step up and put in the time and energy to make good things happen. There's always this need and there is lots to do. I urge you to think about it and take the opportunity to contribute.

We agreed to initiate a new automated, subscription member management service. We hope this will make our membership tracking and renewal process easier to manage and keep current, particularly as the Association's leaders transition out of and into office every couple of years. Look for new renewal notices in your email toward the end of the year.

We discussed our legislative activities for the upcoming year. We will continue to promote action on the use of excise-tax revenue generated by aviation. We'll also support WSDOT's efforts toward understanding the need for airport system investment. WAMA has three representatives serving on the advisory committee for WSDOT's Investment Study.

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There will be lots more coming - in the way of committee activities and initiatives and Association projects. Stay tuned – keep checking the WAMA web site to stay informed and see where you can contribute.

On a more personal note, I've really enjoyed my two years as President of WAMA and feel the Association has made great strides during the past several years. I'm one of the Officers who have agreed to stay on for another year. With your support, I anticipate continued significant progress in the year ahead. -

Sincerely,

*Kandace*

### **WAMA Executive Director to Step Down**

Gary Green, AAE, WAMA's first executive Director has announced that he will be unable to continue as ED. Gary and Paulette will be moving east in the relatively near future. Meanwhile, he is busy preparing for that change. Gary feels he is not able during this personal transition to give the ED position the attention it requires. He has offered to help in any way he can with WAMA's transition. The Board will take him up on that offer and has met to begin a process of seeking candidates for his replacement.

Gary accomplished a lot for the association as its first ED. He has demonstrated that the position is valuable. The Board he has supported agree that the position is essential to the effective operation of WAMA.

Gary is a gentleman; we will miss him. He won't be easy to replace.

Best wishes, Gary, to you and Paulette!

Dear WAMA Members,

I have appreciated so much the opportunity to serve as your Executive Director for the past 14 months. It is our good fortune to work in the airport industry. Just when one thinks he/she has seen it all in this business, along comes new technology, new practices, new laws, new growth and at times it is like starting over. But the dynamics of the industry keeps us fresh. I have enjoyed every minute. Most of them anyway.

For me the sad part is to say that I am resigning my position, and because of family developments (good ones, I might add) I will probably be leaving Washington in the coming months. Because of my admiration for WAMA, for the Board and for the members, this is a bittersweet announcement. I send my best wishes to you all, and will be happy to discuss any aviation matters or concerns that may materialize so please stay in touch.

*Gary*

### **WAMA Officer and Board Elections**

The process of selecting Officers and Board members for the coming year(s) is getting underway. At the beginning of the new year we will install a new slate of Association managers. Open positions include all of the Officer positions and two Board positions. President Harvey has appointed the nomination committee; they are beginning their efforts to develop a slate of candidates to present to the membership.

This is a great opportunity to serve your profession and in the process perhaps develop some new skills. Speaking personally as the Association Secretary (and since I'm an associate member I'm not eligible to move up to a higher officer position), the work of my tenure has been very rewarding – I recommend it. Call me or other officers if you think you might be interested or if you want to volunteer or suggest another potential candidate.

In the coming weeks the nominating committee will be considering potential candidates. An email election will be held before the end of the year.

**GET INVOLVED!**



**Pictured at left: Lauren Corkery is presented her Certificate of Scholarship by Ron Russ, during the 2013 conference.**

Lauren was awarded one of two WAMA scholarships for 2013. She attends Central Washington University Aviation Program. The second scholarship award for this year went to Ryan Fox, also attending CWU. **Go wildcats**

**Other financial assistance news** - Pangborn Memorial Airport received this year's internship award. It will support further efforts of Carey Boatman in his work on management and public relations issues for the airport.

**And Finally** – At the conference Ron noted again that there had not been an application or award of the Professional Development Award. After the conference, Dave Ryan, of Friday Harbor Airport, submitted his application. It was subsequently approved by the Board and he has been awarded the funding for 2013. Congratulations Dave!



Spokane Airport Board L – R  
 Todd Woodard, Director of Marketing & Public Relations  
 David Clack, Airport Board Member  
 Kris Mikkelsen, Airport Board Member  
 David Holmes, Airport Board Chairman  
 Larry Tobin, President of the Spokane Airports Tenant Association  
 Collins Sprague, Airport Board Member  
 Skip Davis, Airport Board Member  
 Larry Krauter, CFO of Spokane Airports

The entire Spokane Airport Board got together to thank WAMA for the award presented during the Spring conference to Larry Krauter and the Board. The award acknowledged the efforts of Larry and the Board in support of full financing of the contract control tower program.

Hard to believe but we are approaching the end of the year. Don't forget to budget your next year dues. We will be sending renewal notices before the next issue of the WAMA NEWS.

## FAA Update – September 2013

FAA is busy completing the grant process for FY 2013, and standing by for an appropriation for 2014 (good luck with that). Meanwhile, Carol sends along the following:

Northwest Mountain Region  
August 2013

This is an update of our November 2012 newsletter regarding a number of initiatives and emphasis items that have been recently (or will soon will be) implemented by the Federal Aviation Administration and which directly relate to the management of our grant program.

This issue will discuss these five initiatives.

1. Final grant payment and 10% sponsor retainage;
2. Risk model changes; and
3. Airports External Portal
4. Single bidder – Reasonableness of Cost Determination
5. Residential Through The Fence (RTTF)
6. Sponsor Reporting Requirements
7. Update of Sponsor Guide
8. Required pavement information

For those of you with AIP grants, get the details of each of these items at FAA's web site  
Go here [http://www.faa.gov/airports/northwest\\_mountain/airports\\_news\\_events/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/northwest_mountain/airports_news_events/)  
And click on "News flash"



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## And News from WSDOT

### Airport Investment Study kicks off in early September

The Washington State Department of Transportation has officially kicked off the Airport Investment Study, after successfully negotiating the scope of work and budget with consultant CH2M Hill.

WSDOT will spearhead the study to evaluate the need for preservation and safety projects at the state's 136 public-use airports. Specifically, the study will:

- Evaluate current funding levels for airport preservation and safety projects
- Assess short-term and long-term airport improvement needs
- Determine consequences of doing nothing in terms of economic and aviation system impacts

Two advisory committee meetings are planned throughout the study – the first to occur Oct. 30 in Seattle, and the second scheduled for March in Yakima. The advisory committee is comprised of representatives from commercial and general aviation; airport associations and organizations; airport sponsors; federal, state, and local agencies; and the airline, aerospace, emergency medical air transport and aerial agricultural industries.

More information about the study is available  
at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/AirportInvestmentsStudy.htm>



Pierce County Airport -Tacoma Narrows (TIW). Completed this summer, the project reconstructed this 50-year old runway, including reducing its width from 150' to 100'. One of the important steps in getting ready for the U.S Open golf tournament in 2015

Conference hosts -



hosts Bea vonTobel and DaveRyan

And Attendees See the WAMA Webb for more conference pics



Some of the 100+ attendees in rapt attention

### **News from WAMA member airports**

What's happening at your airport?

Tell the members – Send us a note about something you would like others to know about. We'll post it on the web site here <http://www.wama.us/airport-news.html>

Here's an example from that page:

News from Port of Moses Lake and WAMA Board member Rich Mueller

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EOplzVOd9s&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EOplzVOd9s&feature=player_embedded)