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Congratulations 2019 Award Winners!



WAMA Project of the Year
 Port of Wala Walla: Walla Walla Airport
 Improvement Project
 Accepted by **JENNIFER SKOGLUND**
 Airport Manager and JUB Engineering



WAMA
 Member of the Year
DAN GASE
 Port Angeles Airport



President's Award
DAVID FIELD
 For his continued support of WAMA

2019 WAMA Conference Recap

Jennifer Skoglund and the Port of Walla Walla set the bar at the top this year during the 2019 Washington Airport Management Association's Annual Conference. The event started off with 65 participants on Sunday taking part in a guided bus tour of the city of Walla Walla, the airport, and airport property. Driving down the newly renovated taxiway and runway in a full-sized bus surely per-

plexed any pilots preparing to take off in their single engine planes, although the Walla Walla tower ensured the runway was clear for bus travel.

The trip down Runway 20 was followed by a tour of the growing facilities located outside the fence. Walla Walla is becoming famous for its wineries and the Port of Walla Walla has facilitated

this with its incubating wineries, breweries, and other tourist-drawing facilities. The leased businesses provide for a financially stable airport.

It was an impressive tour, ending with a wine tasting and a stop at a brewery for a barbecue.

The conference officially began with a reception Monday evening, then Tuesday the

What's Happening at WAMA?

Your Members at Work

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

The latest Rate and Charges Report was completed and included in the packet for those attending the WAMA Conference. If you did not receive a copy, contact Adam Phelps.

The Airport Committee is planning for future tours of airports, with the next one at Moses Lake scheduled for September. Watch in the WAMA Waypoints for details on this upcoming tour.

Adam Phelps



Executive Director Report

By Marjy Leggett

near Winthrop, WA. With ever increasing attendance, we encourage you to mark your calendars and make your reservations early.

The WAMA Board used the time during the conference to reflect on our goals and do some strategic planning. Looking down the road, we discussed where we want to be in five or 10 years. We looked at financial planning, as well as goals for the organization. Considerations for increased costs were discussed. Unfortunately, nothing stays the same. The cost of the Wild Apricot

Management System we use as a data base is increasing. Cost of the webmaster, lobbyist, and increased hours for the Executive Director, and a future financial director are all considerations that must be dealt with.

Goals included how to bring the most benefit to our members. Benefits now include the bi-weekly Waypoints, semi-yearly newsletter, ability to ask any question and receive immediate response from experienced members, legislation promotion, an informative conference with networking opportunities, and airport tours, to name just

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welcome ceremony with Senator Jim Honeyford and Walla Walla Port Commissioner Peter Swant began followed by the presentations of the speakers.

One of the largest turnouts ever heard updates from WSDOT and the FAA, and informative presentations such as, how to do an airport business plan, how to maintain pavement, dealing with a growing airport, and much more. WAMA members can view the presentation slides at https://wama.us/2019_Recap.

Two presentation highlights are the "Show me Something Cool" and "Maintenance Roundtable." Consider showcasing something unique tak-

ing place at your airport or a maintenance issue you have dealt with at next year's conference by contacting Sara Young at sara@portofskagit.com or president@wama.us.

Representative Tom Dent from the 13th District discussed the successes and challenges from the last legislative session, leaving attendees with a path toward next year's options.

Awards were presented at the Tuesday evening banquet recognizing Jennifer Skoglund and the Port of Walla Walla for their recent pavement project, Dan Gase as Member of the Year, and David Field



as the recipient of the President's Award. Rob Hodgman presented the award to this year's scholarship winner, Efrain Pardo.

The Conference Committee has already begun planning for 2020 with the conference being held at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop June 1-3. Mark your calendars now. Let the conference committee know of any great speakers you would like to hear, and we'll plan on another fantastic conference!

Meet Our Associate Members

ARCONAS

Arconas is a leading manufacturer and distributor of high-performance furniture for airports and transportation terminals. Our experienced team has completed over 400 successful airport installations worldwide. We are dedicated to enhancing the passenger experience from arrival to departure with a suite of quality seating, power, waste, recycling, and modular counter solutions. Our products are purposefully designed to the highest standards of durability, comfort, and safety in order to satisfy the needs of travelers and terminal operators alike. Arconas is also the exclusive distributor of top European furniture manufacturers Auweko, Green Furniture Concept, and USM Airportsystems to airports throughout the Americas, and of North American manufacturer Studio TK, to transportation hubs globally.

Arconas' experience extends from international hubs, to metropolitan and regional airports. We work closely with airport planning, marketing and operations personnel, as well as architects and designers to enhance the airport experience for every type of traveler and to meet the client's unique objectives and requirements such as increasing accessibility, adding power, or encouraging retail and food court sales. Each airport can enjoy the ease of simplified procurement with our suite of airport furniture offerings that cover each area of the airport, including outdoors, security,

lounge, VIP areas and hold rooms.

Arconas is not just a furniture provider, but rather a trusted

part of your project team. We offer experienced project management as well as local, professional installation services. We stock replacement parts for life, provide prompt follow-up and customer service, and offer comprehensive warranty programs.

Our team intimately understands the increasing complexities and competitiveness of the airport industry. Airports are no longer simply a place to catch a flight, but rather, a destination in and of itself that offers a wide range of services. Our dedicated personnel work with you to choose the right mix of furniture that will increase customer satisfaction and improve business performance. We do this while keeping industry benchmarking systems in mind, such as Airport Service Quality (ASQ) and Skytrax.

We care about the full life-cycle



of our products. Arconas was one of the first manufacturers in North America to introduce the use of injection molded, CFC free, cold cured foam. We also continuously seek ways to improve our products and processes, and our foam and metal components are 100% recyclable. Our public seating products meet the requirements of ANSI/BIFMA Emissions Standards M 7.1 2011, are low V.O.C, and do not contribute to poor indoor air quality. Our products can also contribute toward your building achieving LEED credits. Arconas is also ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 Certified.

For more information about Arconas, or to discuss a project in the North West area, contact Donna Cook at dcook@arconas.com, 604-790-5823 or visit www.arconas.com.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has taken a close look at conference expenses and is working with the Strategic Planning Committee to plan for a secure future for WAMA.

Planning for the 2020 budget will begin in September-October.

—Sara Young
Finance Committee
Chairman

AIRPORT SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT ON THE TRI-CITIES AIRPORT

The Tri-Cities Airport (PSC) is the third-largest commercial airport in the state. Precedent-setting from the start, PSC has remained on the forefront of Washington aviation history ever since.

Past

Pasco was the site of the first ever commercial U.S. Air Mail flight. On the morning of April 6, 1926, a Varney Air Lines plane was loaded up with six sacks of mail. Pilot Leon D. Cuddeback took off at 6:23 a.m. as thousands of people watched from the old airfield near Oregon Street. The 5 ½ hour flight from Pasco to Elko, Nevada, made history.



(Fun fact: because Varney Air Lines was one of the foundational airlines for what came to be United Airlines, we consider

United to be our first carrier!) Spurred by the success of the mail service and the increasing popularity of airplanes, the Franklin County Airport opened in 1932.

During World War II, the United States Navy bought Franklin County Airport and used it as a training station for combat pilots. The field was one of the three busiest Naval aviation training facilities of the war. While the Navy transferred ownership of the airport to the City of Pasco in 1953, the Navy still retains training privileges.

The Port of Pasco obtained ownership of the airport in 1963 and opened a new terminal in 1966. The Port also changed the name from the Pasco Airport to the Tri-Cities Airport to better reflect the growing community. Twenty years later, the airport went through a substantial expansion and remodel project that included access roads, parking

lots, aircraft parking apron, and more than doubled the size of the terminal building. Minor renovations in 2004 set the scene for a major reconstruction in 2014.



Present

The Port of Pasco opened the doors to its new terminal in 2017. The \$42 million project doubled the size of the terminal to 110,000 square feet, added an expanded boarding concourse and restaurant, increased space for security screening, and modernized the ticketing and baggage areas. The award-winning design now provides spacious accommodations for three-quarters of a million passengers each year.

Currently, the Tri-Cities Airport is the largest commercial service airport in Southeastern Washington and Northeastern Oregon with nonstop service to eight destinations. The airport has expanded as the Tri-Cities community became increasingly reliant on air travel. The region's economy is broad, with diverse industries that include agriculture, science, and transportation. With more than a million acres of lush farmland in Benton and Franklin Counties, the Tri-Cities re-



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

"The Scholarship Committee awarded all four grants/scholarship this year, for the first time in several years. We greatly appreciate the help from WAMA membership in getting the word out; we had several qualified applicants.

These grants and scholarship are helpful in not only communicating the value WAMA adds to our state and to aviation, but investing in people who have chosen airport management as their career path. Thank you to WAMA members for your continued support of this valuable program."

—Rob Hodgman
Scholarship Chairman

AIRPORT SPOTLIGHT

TRI-CITIES AIRPORT Continued...

gion is also home to four of Washington State's 11 prized American Viticulture Areas (AVAs), with more than 160 wineries within an hour's drive.

Tourists visit for the wine, outdoor activities, as well as one of the most recently designated National Parks. Major organizations, like Hanford's 8,000 employees and the US Department of Energy National Laboratory, also utilize PSC to conduct business across the world. And local agriculture is dependent on PSC to sell fresh fruits and produce around the country. The result is a growing population with needs that take them far beyond Washington's boundaries.

Future

Situated on 2,235 acres, PSC is well positioned to provide for its expanding community for years to come. The airport property includes an 86-acre business park and a 70-acre industrial park, which support local companies and help diversify airport revenues. Additionally, the Courtyard by Marriott – Tri-Cities will open in the Airport Business Center in late 2019. Its 99 rooms, indoor pool, and fast casual bistro will help serve an increasing number of airport travelers.

In fact, PSC's traffic has



grown an incredible 63 percent in the past decade. Enplanements in 2008 measured 241,817, and in 2018, 395,084 passengers began their journeys from PSC. Four airlines—Alaska, Allegiant, Delta, and United—provide service to Seattle, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Phoenix/Mesa, Salt Lake City, Minneapolis, Denver, and San Francisco. 2018 was the airport's busiest year on record, with a total of 785,164 passengers traveling through PSC. As the airport continues to gain new routes and expand existing service, those

numbers are certain to climb.

The Tri-Cities area is in the midst of tremendous growth, with Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland each expected to gain 20 percent more residents by 2040. The Port of Pasco and its airport are working hard to match that growth and keep providing the same world-class customer experience that the region has come to expect.

More information about the airport and the community it serves can be found at flytricities.com.



FUN FACT!

The Tri-Cities Airport in Pasco ranks as the eighth busiest of 543 small North American airports, according to Official Aviation Guide, an aviation tracking firm.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

We are already preparing for the 2020 WAMA Conference, which will be held at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop, WA May 31-June 3.

Send your suggestions for speakers and ideas for "Show Me Something Cool" to the Conference Committee.

John Haakenson
Conference Committee
Chairman

Welcome New Airport Managers!

Since our last newsletter, we have had several new airport managers join our aviation family. WAMA welcomes them!

JOHN PARROT

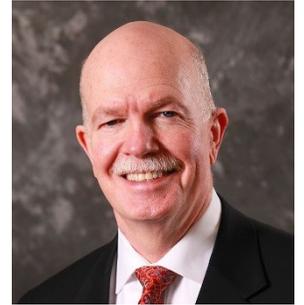
John became the Director of the King County International Airport/Boeing Field in January of 2019.

John graduated from the USAF Academy with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 1978. During his USAF career John flew the AT-38, the F-4, the F-16 and the B-1. John retired from the USAF in 1998 and holds a Multiengine Airline Transport Pilot Certificate with Commercial Single Engine land and sea ratings. He has a Master's degree in Management and Education.

John began working at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport in 1998. He has served as the Airport Security Manager (1998-2001), the Operations Manager (2001-2004), the Deputy Director (2004-2008) and the Airport Manager (2008-2017). After leaving the airport John founded JPAir Aviation Consultancy and is actively engaged in aviation and airport safety, development and efficiency.

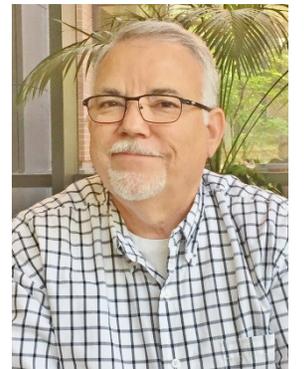
John is an Accredited Airport Executive. He is a member of the Alaska District Export Council and Export Advisory Council of Alaska. John is a former Board member of the American Association of Airport Executives, a Past President of the Northwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives, a Past Chair of the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska Board of Management and served as an Ex Officio Advisor to the Visit Anchorage Board and the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation Board.

John lives south of Seattle with his wife Dee and their daughters Lexus and Sara.



GUY LENNON

Guy Lennon comes to us from Chandler, AZ as the new Airport Manager of Pearson Airfield in Vancouver, WA. His background includes 20 years in the Air Force where he obtained his degree in Airport Management. Ending his Air Force career at McCord Air Force Base, he took a job as Management Assistant in Chandler, an airport with over 400 based aircraft. It was here where he learned to fly. Eager to come back to the Northwest, he readily accepted the Airport Manager position at Pearson when it became available.



ARYN RASMUSSEN

Aryn Rasmussen was recently hired as the new Airport Manager of Columbia Gorge Regional Airport in Dallesport, WA. Aryn began her career in the Army working in Human Resources with Blackhawks. It was here that she learned about aviation. After her stint in the Army, she worked for Dr. Pepper in leadership development. Being married to an aviator who flies for a commuter airline company sparked her interest in aviation to a greater degree. While working for Dr. Pepper, Aryn envisioned a dream job where she could spend all day at an airport. Growing up in the small, rural town of Klickitat, her goal was to return to the Northwest and bring aviation awareness to the people. Serving as Airport Manager of Columbia Gorge Regional gives Aryn the opportunity to fulfill her dream.



Welcome New Airport Managers!

RICK HOFFMAN

The Lopez Port Authority has hired Rick Hoffman as its Airport Manager. Rick has many years of experience in County government including significant interactions with State and Federal agencies. Mr. Hoffman also served as an elected water district board member and as a county planning commissioner. Rick lives full time on Lopez with his wife Michelle.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is in the process of contacting new Airport Managers and small airports in Washington to inform them about the WAMA organization and the many benefits WAMA has to offer. The committee is also working on updating the organization's Operations Manual and recently assisted in sending out the WAMA Membership & Conference Survey.

Lorene Robinson
Membership Chairman

WARREN HENDRICKSON

Warren took the position as the Airport Manager of Bremerton National Airport in May of 2019. After receiving his private pilot license in a Grumman AA-1 Yankee, he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served as an instructor pilot in A-7s and F-16s for 24 years. From there, he flew jets for Delta Air Lines and Cargo 360 for 28 years which led to a position as 747 Fleet Manager for Boeing, Airport Planner for Pierce County, WA, Executive Director for WAMA, and the NW Mountain Regional Manager for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).



As Airport Manager of Bremerton, his goals are to upgrade the lighting system, provide infrastructure improvements and additional hangars, a new apron overlay, and preparing the airport for additional growth. He also hopes to bridge the gap between airport users, the community, and those who manage airports.

Warren resides in Gig Harbor, WA, and is the proud owner of a Glasair Sportsman, which he keeps at Tacoma Narrows Airport. He is ecstatic about his new role at Bremerton National Airport and says that each day brings him new joy.



AVIATION HISTORY: Pasco's First Air Mail Delivery

On April 6, 1926, Pasco celebrated the first Air Mail Delivery in the Columbia Basin when Varney Airlines Chief Pilot Leon Cuddeback took off from Pasco Airport bound for Elko, Nevada. On board the plane were 207 pounds of mail, consisting of 9,285 individual pieces. From Elko, the mail was transferred to planes destined for other American cities, including New York City. An estimated 4,000 to 6,000 people were on hand to celebrate the occasion.

From Stagecoach to Airplane

The event was much anticipated by the Tri-Cities (Richland, Pasco, and Kennewick) and by many other mid-Columbia towns and cities. Sending letters and packages by air would greatly decrease transportation time. Local officials planned an all-day celebration, including speeches, demonstrations, and a parade to show their appreciation for this technological advance. A special program was printed to outline the events of the day.

At 5:30 a.m., on April 6, officials assembled at the post office. A few minutes later, one Felix Warren arrived in an old stagecoach to pick up the mail. The stagecoach had been used 58 years earlier to transport passengers and freight between Colfax and Walla Walla. The old coach still showed bullet holes from past Indian battles. The stage signified the passing of the flame from the old to the new.

For more, check out <https://www.historylink.org/File/7444>



Tracking Airport Assets

By Justin VanSlyke

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Washington Airport Management Association is seeking support for the 2020 legislative session. Airports are encouraged to reach out to their respective owners to discover the opportunity to support WAMA's legislative priorities. By building support amongst the membership, WAMA has a greater chance in passing critical legislative measures to support our aviation industry.

Rob Peterson,
Legislative Committee
Chairman

What is the most efficient way to track and manage assets at an airport? I am not sure what the best answer may be because every airport is different, however, I would like to tell you a little bit about how we manage maintenance at Tacoma Narrows Airport.

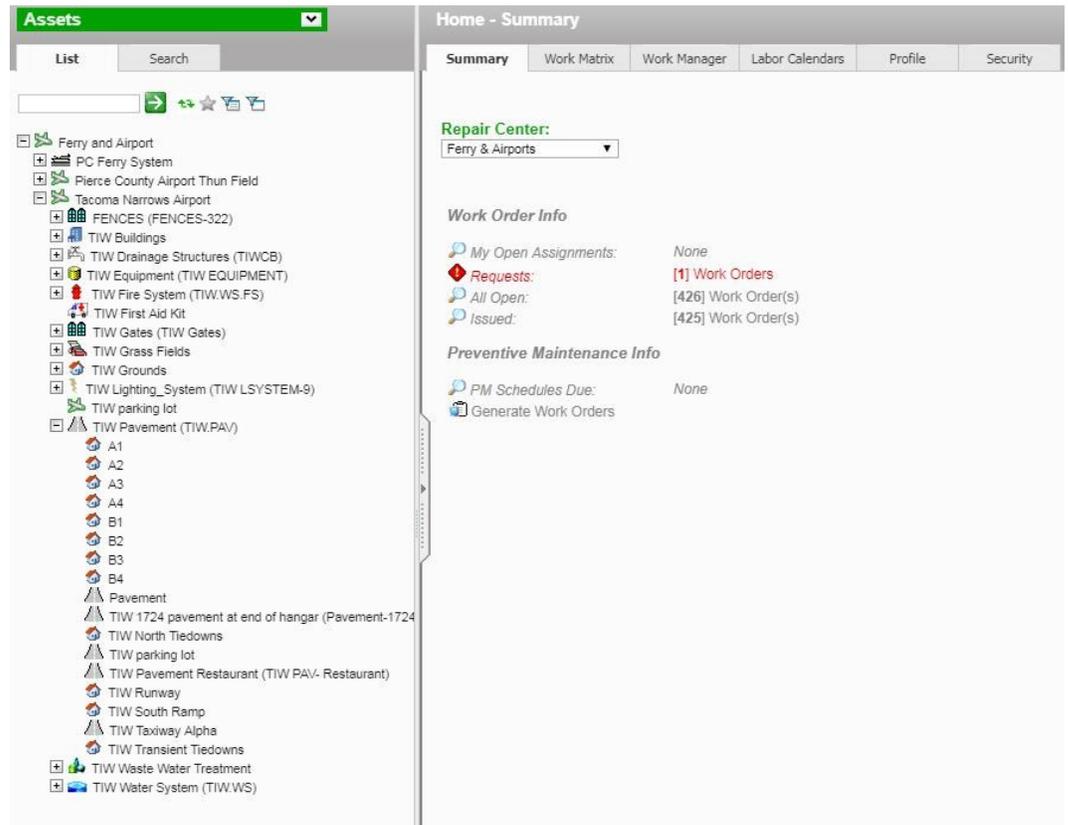
We use a program called Maintenance Connections to track all of our assets. We've chosen to break it into numerous different categories such as Buildings, Grounds, Lighting and Pavement. From there you can input specific assets with as much detail as desired. If you wanted to number each light on the runway and have them in Maintenance Connections to

track specific work on each light you could. You could also just choose to have one runway light tab and include all the part numbers for the light with the necessary bulb and where to order them from. That way what you need to replace a broken light you know exactly what parts are needed. Populating the data can be overwhelming but we started by listing all of our assets and putting them into categories. I also found out that entering detailed data for assets over time works well and makes future maintenance or work much easier.

Maintenance Connections then gives you the opportunity

to choose assets and do things with them. You can set up and assign a work order for that broken light or choose to be notified when the next bi-annual sweeping is due. One of the challenges has been that it is capable of much more than we use it for, and in return makes it not the most user friendly. So my question for you airport managers and personal is what works best for you and the airport you take care of? Feel free to send me an email and I'll share the results. Thank you!

Justin VanSlyke
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Pierce County Planning and Public Works, Airport & Ferry Division
Operations & Maintenance Technician



...Executive Director Report continued

some of the benefits. A survey was recently sent to members to gather more information on what it is you would like to see from this organization. We hope the results will provide additional information to steer this organization in a direction that will most benefit you.

As we enter the second half of the year, the focus begins

to center on board elections and committee appointments. Consider volunteering for a committee position. It only takes a small amount of your time, but gives you insight into the inner workings of the organization and a chance to work closely with some of our best talented aviation supporters. There are seven committees: Scholarship, Conference, Human Resources, Membership,

Airports, Legislation, and Financial. Contact me at director@wama.us or our president at president@wama.us to volunteer for a committee.

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions, suggestions, or information to share with others. Have a great summer!

Marjy

WILDLIFE TRAINING

Laurence Shafer entertained and provided information to a crowd who gathered inside the Marcus Whitman Hotel lobby to get a close look at a red tail hawk during the 2019 WAMA Conference. The hawk, captured at the Walla Walla Airport, was lured into a trap with a live mouse as bait. Neither the mouse or the hawk was harmed.



Laurence shares a number of ways to mitigate wildlife encounters.

Training on sight at the airport allowed spectators to touch the red tail hawk and get a close look at the bird.

Wildlife on airports pose a problem with maintaining a clean airport, nesting, and potential bird strikes with aircraft.



GUIDEBOOK FOR MANAGING SMALL AIRPORTS—2ND EDITION NOW AVAILABLE

Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) now has the Guidebook for Managing Small Airports—2nd Edition.

The first edition has been edited and reformatted for currency, relevance, and usability and updated with additional information and new subject areas (e.g., unmanned aircraft systems, geographic information systems, digital Notices to Airmen, social media, and federal and state obligations.

There is no charge for this publication.

Here is the link: <http://www.trb.org/Main/Public/Blurbs/162145.aspx>

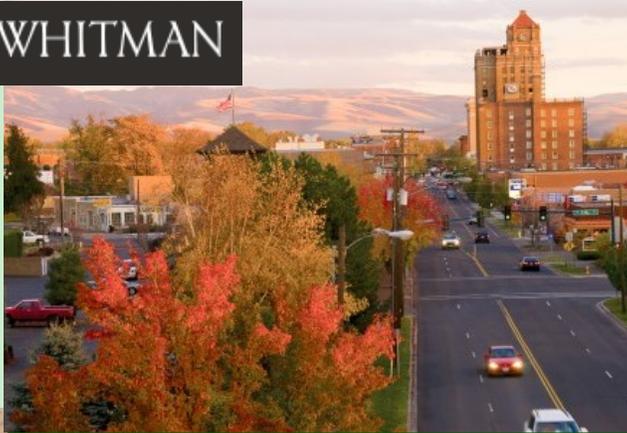
You can also find it at the bottom of WSDOT's page:

<https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/Planning>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM WAMA CONFERENCE 2019

THE MARCUS WHITMAN

GREAT HOTEL



Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center



Walla Walla Commissioner Peter Swant provides opening remarks



The Board presents the business meeting

FUN!

GOLF

GOOD FOOD



Tim Mensonides and Adam Phelps pass out door prizes
Thank you, Sponsors!!!

ENTERTAINMENT



NETWORKING

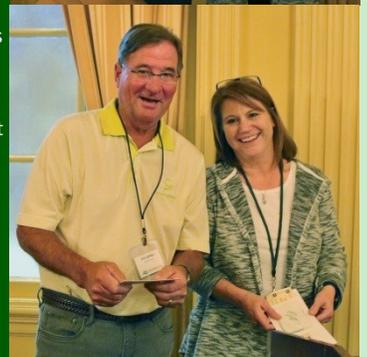


Golf awards Presented to the participants from the golf tournament



The Marcus Whitman Hotel

BUSINESS



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David Fleckenstein,
WSDOT/Aviation



Dave Chenuar,
WSDOT/Aviation

FAA
A WIDE
VARIETY OF
TOPICS
WSDOT



Jeff Kohlman
Airport Business Plan



Rep. Tom Dent, 13th District



Bruce Fisher, Arif Ghouse, & David
Williams discuss Paine Field's Growth



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THE 2019 WAMA CONFERENCE POSSIBLE!



Tyler Vetter & Russell Davis discuss
Maintaining Airfield Pavement



Rich Mueller leads a discussion on
Airport Maintenance



Kai Sorenson & Dave Stoker
A Day in the Life of a Gallon

AIRPORTS

EXPERTISE

A Trip Down Runway 20



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MISSION: To improve Airports and Airport Management in Washington State.

PURPOSE:

- a. Link airport managers in Washington State to achieve their common interests.
- b. Identify and address problems and opportunities among airports in the state.
- c. Provide mutual support among members to benefit aviation.
- d. Provide educational opportunities for development of airport managers and staff.
- e. Review and refine industry procedures and regulations.
- f. Educate the public and airport users regarding the value and benefits of airports.
- g. Assist airports in meeting their obligations to the larger community.

Newsletter questions?
Contact Marjy Leggett
Director@wama.us

Scholarship Winners

I am pleased to announce that we had a very successful scholarship and grant season this year. We had applicants for all four programs as follows; two for the internship grant, one for the professional development grant, two for the community aviation education grant, and two for the Thomas Eller scholarship. The winners are:

- Internship Grant – Auburn Airport
- Professional Development Grant – Joseph Stuhley, Yakima Airport; AAE certification
- Community Aviation Education Grant – Amber Richardson, Central Washington University; Girls in Aviation Day
- Thomas Eller Scholarship – Efrain Pardo, Green River College; AAS in Airport Management



Efrain Pardo receiving his Scholarship from Rob Hodgman

I want to recognize and thank Jennifer Skoglund for supporting the selection process.

I also want to thank Brandon Rakes and Keith Love for their participation on the committee this year.

—Rob Hodgman

Award Winners

The Human Resources Committee had an active first quarter collecting nominations and selecting the award recipients announced at the annual conference in June (thanks to our committee members, Jennifer Skoglund, Rob Hodgman, Rich Mueller, Laura Holthus, Tim Mensonides, and Marjy Leggett for their assistance in selecting winners):

- **2019 Airport Project of the Year** went to *The Port of Walla Walla for the Walla Walla Regional Airport Taxiway Reconstruction Project*
- **2019 Member of the Year** went to *Dan Gase for the enormous investment of himself and time in connecting with both the general community and the pilot community to create the spark that has the Port Angeles Airport moving forward again.*
- **2019 Special Achievement Award/President's Award** went to *David Field for his quiet behind-the-scenes continued support of WAMA and its membership.*

Congratulations to our award winners!