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Grayson Ardies has been working for the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission since August 2009. He started as an Aviation Program Manager conducting airport and pavement inspections at Oklahoma's public-use, general aviation airports to provide each community with a foundation for the federal and state capital planning process. In 2016 he became Manager of the Airport Development Division to oversee the development of the Commission's Three-year Capital Improvement Program which directs approximately \$18 million of federal, state, and local funding per year. As head of the Division, he oversees program managers that conduct airport inspections, airspace



Justin R. Barker currently serves as Assistant Manager for the Office of Airports (ARP), Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office (ADO). Justin brings experience as Lead Civil Engineer and Program Manager for airport development projects for the Louisiana/New Mexico Airports District Office in support of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

Prior to joining the FAA, Justin was a Civil Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation Ellis County District Office. He has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Lamar University and a Master's of Art degree in Ministry from Criswell College.

Justin and his wife Mona spend all free time spoiling their four children; Elecia, Justin Jr., Elizabeth and their most recent addition, Joshua born December 29, 2017.



Vic Bird has been the Director of the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission since 2002. Under his leadership, \$55 million of the \$66 million that the Commission has received since 2002 has been invested in airport infrastructure across the state. Legislation promoting the aerospace industry such as the engineer tax credits for aerospace, and protecting public airports such as the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act has been successfully championed by Vic. He was 2010 chair of the National Association of State Aviation Officials, the only Oklahoman to ever hold that office in NASAO's over 80-year history. He is the 2010 recipient of the Hartranft Award, the most prestigious award given by the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association. Vic is the only non-elected official to ever receive the award.



Glenn Boles is the manager of the Federal Aviation Administration's Arkansas/Oklahoma Airport District Office. His career began in Kansas City working as a project engineer for a design firm. He joined the FAA's Southwest Region in October 1992 as a resident engineer. After 4 years overseeing FAA construction projects, he moved into the project manager role for FAA's engineering services. Glenn joined the Office of Airports in 2000 as a Program Manager in the Arkansas/Oklahoma and Texas ADO's and a Senior Program Manager in the Office of Safety and Standards. He has a degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Kansas (Rock Chalk Jayhawk) and has been with the FAA for over 24 years. Glenn enjoys coaching youth sports and as time allows, you may find him working on a house project or tinkering on a hot rod.



Patricia Brace, (Tricia) is the Planning Specialist for the FAA Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office. Tricia has been a professional planner for more than 27 years specializing in Transportation Planning and has focused much of her career on aeronautics planning. Prior to joining FAA Tricia was a Community Planner for the Air Force as well as the lead Aeronautics Planner for the Delaware Department of Transportation.

Patricia graduated with her BA in Geography from Temple University, was selected to do a 4 month detail for the Department of Transportation in Washington DC, has been appointed to the National Academies of Science, was awarded the Public Works Official of the year for the State of Delaware, and received the North Atlantic Regional Planning award from the US Corps of Engineers.

Patricia is presently working with several airports in Oklahoma and Arkansas on updating their Master Plans.

Patricia enjoys traveling and watching her 18 year old daughter get ready to graduate high school and head to the University of Central Oklahoma!!



Barb Fritsche is an airport/aviation expert who started her consulting career in 1974. She has worked for several consulting firms, serving as a Senior Vice President, a member of the Board of Directors, and manager of an 80-person group responsible for aviation, freight, finance, and economics. She also had her own successful aviation consulting firm for 10 years. She has completed economic impact studies for more than 25 states. Barb served on the advisory committee that provided comment and review as the FAA drafted AC: 150/5070-7, *The Airport System Planning Process*. Barb is the sole author of the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Synthesis 14: *Airport System Planning Practices in the U.S.* This ACRP study was jointly sponsored by the Transportation Research Board and the FAA. Barb is a Senior Project Manager for Jviation, a 100-person airport planning and engineering firm based in Denver. Since joining Jviation, Barb has focused on bringing innovation to the company's state aviation system plans and economic impact studies. Barb lives with her husband in Fort Thomas, Kentucky. They have two children, one in Chicago and one in New York City. Barb has three grandchildren who spoils each chance she gets!



James L Grimsley is an Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Oklahoma – Norman Campus (OU). Mr. Grimsley is also the founding director of the OU Center for Applied Research and Development (CARD). Mr. Grimsley is also President and CEO of DII, LLC. DII is a leading edge advanced research and development company based in Oklahoma that focuses on innovative technology for long endurance unmanned aerial systems (UAS).

Mr. Grimsley is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering and an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering. Prior to starting DII, Mr. Grimsley was a Division Chief Engineer and later an Assistant Vice President with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). Mr. Grimsley has been active in a variety of state organizations and initiatives. Mr. Grimsley organized the Unmanned Systems Alliance of Oklahoma (USA-OK) that is now a state chapter of the *Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International* (AUVSI) and served as founding president until 2014.

In 2015, Mr. Grimsley was appointed to the FAA's Drone Advisory Committee Subcommittee (DACSC), and is currently involved in active task groups addressing governmental roles and responsibilities (federal, state, and local) as well as access to airspace issues.

AUVSI named Mr. Grimsley the "AUVSI Member of the Year" for 2014 in recognition of the state and national leadership for the UAS industry and for important advocacy work on behalf of the industry. Mr. Grimsley is one of the leading recognizable state and national figures in the UAS industry and is frequently interviewed in the international media (The Economist, Associated Press, Fortune, The Guardian Newspaper, CNBC, etc.).



Stephen Hadley is a business aviation veteran who serves as the National Business Aviation Association Regional Program Director, as their representative for the Southwest U.S. region and the staff liaison for the NBAA Local and Regional Group Committee. As the Southwest Representative, Hadley's territory includes Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi. He has been a full time employee of NBAA since 2006.

Hadley has a background in business aviation experience, including service as:

Chief pilot of Campbell, Cherry, Harrison, Davis & Dove, PC, a law firm in Waco, TX,

Chief pilot and director of flight operations for both Abilene Aero and Lubbock Aero;

Air medical transport pilot with Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, TX;

Vice president of the Texas Air Center in Lubbock, TX, and;

Corporate pilot for Furr's Supermarkets, Lubbock, TX. Hadley's aviation career includes service in a host of other positions, ranging from manager for a fixed base operator (FBO), and progressing to chief pilot for a corporate flight department. He has an airline transport pilot rating and flight instructor certificate. He has flight experience with a broad range of aircraft, from single piston engine planes, to turboprop aircraft, and business jets. Hadley also has served as chairman of the General Aviation Committee for Lubbock International Airport, where his work to promote effective relations between the general aviation community and airport management made the airport a model and regional focal point for general aviation services. Hadley grew up in Missouri and graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor's degree in chemistry from Drury University in Springfield, MO. He currently resides in Woodway, TX. NBAA's Regional Representative Program was established to build working relationships with business aviation organizations at the state and local levels, in order to provide support for operators of business aircraft in the public affairs, legislative and policy arenas. The regional representatives also work directly with state



Burns Hargis was named the 18th President of Oklahoma State University and the OSU System in December 2007 and took office March 10, 2008.

Hargis oversees one of the nation's most comprehensive land-grant university systems with more than 35,000 students, 7,400 employees, and campuses located in Stillwater, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Okmulgee.

He has guided OSU to record enrollment and record fundraising, surpassing the \$1 billion Branding Success campaign goal in April 2013, nearly two years ahead of schedule. The campaign focused on student scholarships, faculty and other vital resources and programs. He also is overseeing a construction boom that is transforming the OSU campus to be more competitive in academics and athletics.

Hargis has a bold vision of creating a modern land-grant university that cuts across disciplines to better prepare students for success. Hargis, who holds degrees in accounting from Oklahoma State University and in law from the University of Oklahoma, is the second OSU graduate to lead the university as president. Oliver S. Willham, who served as president from 1952 to 1966, graduated from then Oklahoma A&M in 1923.

Before being named OSU President, Hargis had a long and distinguished legal and business career, with active civic and philanthropic leadership across many fronts. He also is familiar to many Oklahomans through the political perspective and wit he provided on the award-winning television program "Flashpoint".

Prior to coming to OSU, he was Vice Chairman of Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. Before joining Bank of Oklahoma in 1997, Hargis practiced law in Oklahoma City for 28 years, most recently with the firm of McAfee & Taft. He is a former president of the Oklahoma County Bar Association, former president of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation, and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Hargis served as vice-chairman of the Oklahoma State Election Board, the Oklahoma Constitutional Revision Commission, and served as Chairman of the Oklahoma Commission for Human Services. He is a former member of the Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Hargis was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Oklahoma in 1990.

A firm believer in the power of imagination and collaboration, Hargis was the first chair of the Oklahoma Creativity Project. He has served and chaired many boards, including the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges of Oklahoma State University.

Hargis received the state's highest honor when he was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2009. Hargis and his wife, Ann, have two married children and three grandchildren.



Tim House P.E., joined the FAA Arkansas/Oklahoma ADO in September of 2012. He served as a Program Manager until he transitioned into the role of Engineering Specialist in October of 2014. In February of 2017 he began serving as the Lead Engineer for the ADO. Prior to joining the FAA he was an aviation design consultant, municipal water department engineer and engineer for a heavy construction contractor. He graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Civil Engineering. When he is not at work you will find Tim spending time with his family, working on and riding vintage Vespa scooters or riding his bicycle.



Lisa M. Jewett is the Airport Manager at Grove Regional Airport in Grove, Oklahoma. She also serves as the Vice President for Oklahoma Airport Operator's Association. In addition to her duties at the airport, she serves as the Mayor Pro Tem, Town Trustee, Floodplain Manager and Economic Development Chairman in Fairland, Oklahoma where she lives with her husband and son. Her educational background consists of criminal justice, accounting and Airport Management. She attended Missouri Southern State College and the University of Missouri.



Gary Johnson has served as the Airport Director for Stillwater Regional Airport for the past 31 years. He serves as an elder at the Stillwater Church of Christ, and has worked in the Benevolence and Outreach ministry for 38 years. He also serves on the Board of Directors for ‘Our Daily Bread’: Gary is a member of the Board of Directors for the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Education for Meridian Technology Center, the Board of Directors and Policy Review Committee for the American Association of Airport Executives (headquartered in Washington, DC), and is a Policy Board Member for the U.S. Contract Tower Association. Gary also has a passion for youth and has served as an assistant to the director for West of Heaven Church Camp for the past 30 years. He and his wife Emalee are 48 year residents of Stillwater and have been married for 49 years. They have three grown children and, more importantly, 6 grandchildren!



Scott Keith is the Assistant Director of Airports for the City of Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport and has served in this capacity for over eight years. He previously served as Oklahoma City's General Aviation Manager for over six years with management responsibility of the City's two general aviation airports Wiley Post and Clarence E. Page.

Before coming to Oklahoma City, Scott served for three years as the Airport Manager with oversight of two general aviation airports and Fixed Base Operations in Osage Beach, Missouri. Prior to moving to Missouri, Scott served as the Manager of Airport Operations and Airport Operations Officer at the Max Westheimer Airport in Norman, Oklahoma.

Scott holds a Bachelors Degree in Aviation Management and a Masters Degree in Aviation and Space Administration from Oklahoma State University. He is a Private Pilot with Commercial ground school completed. He currently serves as the State of Oklahoma's Director for The South Central Chapter of American Association of Airport Executives and is a Past President of the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association.



Mark Kemberling was recently selected by the board of directors to be the President and CEO of NASAO. Mark first joined NASAO in 2015 to lead the association's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and in state legislatures. Mark previously served as the National Director of State Government Affairs at the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), where he successfully spearheaded several significant pro-aviation state tax reform and funding initiatives across the country and received the President's Award – the organization's highest honor for an employee. Mark also worked as an international aviation and airport analyst, authoring a comprehensive assessment report on the development of Brazil's national system of airports and infrastructure.

Prior, he worked on transportation, aviation, and other policy issues in Congress on the staff of Representative Zoe Lofgren (CA-19). Mark is also a commercial rated pilot and certified flight instructor (CFI) with international flight experience as a former First Officer for American Eagle Airlines based in Puerto Rico. Mark lives with his wife in Ellicott City, MD, and is a proud graduate of Boston College.



Mark Kranenburg is the Director for the City of Oklahoma City's Airports Department. He returned to Oklahoma City in 2005 after a four-year absence having been the Assistant Director of San Bernardino County's six general aviation airports and the Director of Riverside Airport in Southern California. Mr. Kranenburg began his civilian career in aviation as an Airport Operations Officer at Will Rogers World Airport in 1993. Later he served as the General Aviation Manager managing the operations and maintenance of Wiley Post and Clarence E. Page Airport's from 1994 through 2001.

Mr. Kranenburg holds a degree in Aviation Management and is an Accredited Member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). He has served on AAAE's Board of Directors and Policy Review Committee, and is a past President and Legislative Chairman for the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association. Mr. Kranenburg also served as an air traffic controller both in the United States Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration.



Gary Loftus, A.A.E. serves as Regional Airports Compliance Program Manager for the FAA Southwest Region. Prior to joining FAA, he served as Airport Operations Manager for the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport from 2007-2014. In his current role Gary oversees the compliance with federal obligations of more than 400 airports in the five-state (TX, OK, NM, AR, LA) region. He also serves as a credentialed Part 139 Airport Certification and Safety Inspector. He has accumulated more than 33 years of airport experience including becoming an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) through The American Association of Airport Executives. Prior to employment with FAA, his aviation experience includes working in airport operations (10 years), serving as an air traffic controller, supervisor, FAA Control Tower Examiner, Chief of Air Traffic Control Training and Air Traffic Control Facility Chief Controller (21 years). He and his wife Brenda have three married sons and seven grandchildren.



Leo Murphree, Jr. is the President and owner of ECS-Electrical & Construction Specialists, Inc.

Leo received his private pilot's license in 1964, and that's when his interest in airport lighting began. Having never ever seen an airport light before, his company, at that time, M & S Electrical Service, Inc., successfully installed its first high-intensity airport lighting project in 1967 in cooperation with the Michael Baker Jr. Engineers. Leo soon realized that there were many, many airports in existence that had little or no money on which to keep its airfield lighting operable. This led to several innovations that would save airports money. One of several is his energy-saving high output light source for airport rotating beacons, a patented innovation (#4,717,991) that received recognition from the United States Department of Energy in 1985, and which is used in most of the major airport rotating beacons today. Other less expensive innovations are a simplified all-inclusive remote air-to-ground airfield lighting control panel, and generic power and control panels for VASIs and PAPIs to name a few. Leo's company, E.C.S. also provides technical information and specifications for airport engineers and consultants throughout the country. Leo and his company are one of the few civilian companies approved by the F.A.A. to maintain and inspect and keep M.A.L.S.R. systems legally operational.

Leo attended his first OAOA conference in 1985, has been an active member ever since and now serves as a corporate representative for assisting with the layout and designation of the various exhibitor booths and activities at the annual conferences.

Leo's other activities include, in addition to membership in OAOA, corporate membership and participation in the Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi and Tennessee aviation associations. He is the president of and plays first trumpet in the Greenwood Community Concert Band, active in the music program of Immanuel Baptist Church and a member of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, having served as chairman of several major award-winning annual festivals locally. Leo also has a venue for social activities and a private museum with many interesting artifacts, including many military items and items of local interest.

Often asked how Leo got into his niche business, his answer is simple: God opens doors and he's never been afraid to step through them.



Gina Noble was sworn- in as mayor of Stillwater, Oklahoma on April 20, 2015. She previously was elected to the Stillwater City Council in 2013 and served in seat 2.

Gina is the associate director of undergraduate studies and a clinical associate professor in the School of Media & Strategic Communications at Oklahoma State University. Before becoming a professor, she worked in nonprofit public relations, advertising, marketing and development. She began her career in publishing.

Gina attended Oklahoma State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in journalism in 1985 and a Master of Science in mass communications in 2002.

In addition to her mayoral duties, Gina serves as a trustee for the Stillwater Economic Development Authority, serves as the chair for the Stillwater Economic Development Advisory Council, serves as an ex officio director for the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce.

Gina is the proud mother of Braxton Noble, a student in the spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University



Robb Ramos is the environmental protection specialist of the Federal Aviation Administration's Arkansas/Oklahoma Airport District Office. Prior to joining FAA, Robb worked for FEMA as an environmental specialist supporting recovery efforts from the 2015 Memorial Day flood in Texas and was the Regional Environmental Protection Specialist (CTR) for the Federal Transit Administration, Region 6. Robb worked for Booz Allen Hamilton from 2003 – 2012 including details to the Army Environmental Command, Headquarters, Air Education and Training Command, and the Pentagon. He joined the FAA Southwest Region in November 2015. In 2016, Robb assumed program manager responsibility for four airports in Oklahoma and is currently the interim Part 157 manager for the Arkansas/Oklahoma ADO. He holds master's degrees in Natural Resource Development from Texas A&M University and Environmental Science from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and a bachelor's degree in Biology from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. He lives in Fort Worth.



Sandra Shelton joined the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in April 2016 as the liaison for Government Affairs and Aviation Education. She assumed the responsibilities as the Director of Communications a few months later. She is accountable for the marketing and communication/strategic plan development efforts of the agency. In addition to tactical aviation marketing development efforts, she directs social and print media relations, branding, advertising and website development. She manages and oversees events, content writing, legislative research and development, policy development, speech writing, video vignettes and document layout/design. Able to leverage over 20 years of continued education, training, technical expertise and hands-on private sector and state civil service experience in communications with a focus in government affairs, she is a native of Yukon and attended Oklahoma State University's Oklahoma City campus. Hired in 1997 as a legislative assistant in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for State Representative Ray McCarter, (D) Marlow, her nine-year tenure includes clerking for Representatives Bill Nations, Clay Pope, Wallace Collins, Mike Ervin and Congressman Dan Boren. Recruited by the Senate Republican Leadership in 2004 by then Freshman Senator Don Barrington, she also was the interim clerk to Senator Eddie Fields, Senator Dan Newberry, and Senator Patrick Anderson. A free-lance writer, she is a former contributing columnist for the internet news outlet, Examiner.com. Shelton currently serves on the Board of Directors as the Secretary for the Oklahoma State Senate Historical Preservation Fund, Inc. which administers various art projects at the Oklahoma State Legislature at no cost to the public. Shelton also works in the private sector as a social media manager with expertise in layout and design, film production, and digital media strategy.



Kristy Slater is currently serving as the General Aviation Manager for the Oklahoma City Department of Airports managing Wiley Post and C.E. Page Airports. She has been with the Oklahoma City Department of Airports for eight years and previously served as the General Aviation Operations Officer. She came to Oklahoma City from Tulsa where she worked as an Operations Officer at Tulsa International Airport. While in Tulsa, she also assisted in various capacities in the development of a new aviation program at Tulsa Community College. Kristy attended Oklahoma State University where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Sciences, a Master of Science in Aviation and Space Sciences as well as an Aerospace Security Graduate Certificate. Kristy also earned both her commercial pilot certification and instrument rating while an undergraduate at OSU. She is currently serving as President of the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association and previously held the office of Vice President, Secretary, and Regional Director for the organization.



Kelvin L. Solco is the Regional Administrator of FAA's Southwest Region which includes over 4600 employees in the states of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico. He was appointed to the position in 2014 and serves as the FAA's senior executive and principal representative of the Administrator for this region. As Regional Administrator, he works closely with representatives of the aviation industry, various Federal, state and local government agencies, and civic and private interest groups. He directs delivery of corporate services through the region including command and communication operations, building and facility services, executive services, and cross organizational project integration.

Kelvin Solco has been with the Federal Aviation Administration for 35 years. Kelvin worked in several FAA offices as a resident engineer, design engineer, program manager, a Regional Associate Program Manager for Navigation and Landing Facilities. Kelvin served as the assistant Airports Division Manager in the Southern Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia from June 2002 to April 2005, before becoming the Southwest Region Division Manager in Fort Worth, Texas in 2005.

Mr. Solco is a member of FAA's Senior Executive Service for 9 years. Kelvin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Prairie View A&M University, and an MBA from LeTourneau University. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas. Kelvin is a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program at Harvard University and has written a technical paper for the Arizona State University (ASU) Approach Lighting Symposium in 1998. Kelvin has also represented the FAA in technical exchange meetings in London, England and Brussels, Belgium.

Kelvin enjoys jogging, art, public speaking, and family vacations. Kelvin and his wife D'Metria have two sons. In February 2016 the mayor of the city of Port Arthur, Texas, Kelvin's hometown, presented him with a key to the city for his accomplishments. The mayor also presented a proclamation that declared February 14, 2016 to be "Kelvin Solco Day" in the city of Port Arthur.



Walt Strong is currently Director of the University of Oklahoma's Max Westheimer Airport in Norman, Walt has also served as Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission and twenty years in the US Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller in both Radar Approach Control and Control Tower facility's. Education includes a BA (Summa Cum Laude) from Southern Nazarene University in Human Resources Management, a MS from Oklahoma State University in Aviation with a 4.0 GPA and inclusion in Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society. Walt was certified an Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) in 2006 and is currently an Adjunct Faculty member in the University of Oklahoma's Aviation Program. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), is Policy Board Chairman of the US Contract Tower Association (USCTA), a Past President for the South Central Chapter/AAAE and was President of the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association (OAOA) in 2005. FAA certificates include Control Tower Operator and Private Pilot.



Catherine Taber began working at the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in October 2014. As an Aviation Program Manager, she is responsible for conducting safety and standards inspections of all public-use airports in Oklahoma. She oversees the implementation of statewide airspace zoning regulations including the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act and the requirements for Anemometer Towers. Catherine also administers the Commission's Aviation Education Grant program. Catherine earned a Bachelor of Science in Aviation from the University of Oklahoma in May 2013 and a Master of Science in Occupational Safety Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in December 2014.



Dale Williams is the Deputy Director - Airports Division for the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (OAC). He grew up in Woodward Oklahoma. He served four years in the U.S. Navy and is a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He worked in the oil and gas industry in Oklahoma and Texas before returning to further his formal education as an adult.

Dale earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. He has worked for the State of Oklahoma since 1998. He became the Airport Development Manager at OAC in 2002. By law Oklahoma has “Channeling Authority”, therefor OAC works directly with airport sponsors and FAA for the planning, programming, and implementation of federal and state funded capital improvement projects at general aviation airports in Oklahoma.

For its “Outstanding Contribution to the Enhancement of Aviation in Oklahoma”, the FAA Southwest Region recognized OAC’s staff with its 2005 External FAA Award. That same year, the OAC was also nominated for FAA’s national” Airports Ally Award”.

In 2010, the National Association of State Aviation Officials named Dale as the recipient of the State Aviation Distinguished Service Award. The award honors state aviation personnel who have excelled in their service and dedication to aviation progress and development in their state.

Dale became Deputy Director Airports-Division in February 2015.