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ABOUT US



OAOA seeks to advance Oklahoma airports and the aviation industry, by providing resources and training to airport operators, and through cohesive legislative advocacy, to provide a robust aviation transportation system for the benefit of Oklahoma citizens.

OAOA elevates Oklahoma Airports to new altitudes.

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Welcome to the 2024 Oklahoma Airport Operators Association Annual Conference! It is hard to believe that it has already been another full year since our last conference. One of the greatest things about this conference, and the thing I look forward to the most, is the ability to meet with and see all of the members and sponsors of our great organization. This opportunity to network with the multitude of airports, corporate members, exhibitors, and governmental partners is one of the many reasons I believe the aerospace industry in Oklahoma is so strong.

Thanks to all the time and effort put into this conference by our Conference Planning Committee, we are excited to present to you a wide variety of topics that we hope will help you prepare for the challenges that you may face as an airport employee. Whether it is securing project funding or increasing community engagement at your airport, this year's annual conference will provide you with the resources and information needed to help make your airport more successful.

I hope you take the opportunity these next couple of days to not only learn something useful but to also relax, recharge, and enjoy some of the activities planned for this year's annual conference. It is because of you all, and the hard work and effort that you put in throughout the year, that our Oklahoma aerospace system is what it is today!

All the best,



Keston Cook, President

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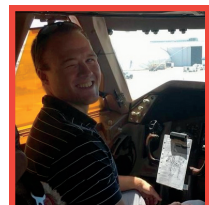
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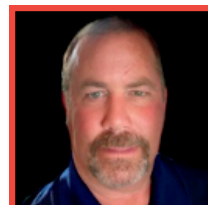
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*Bartlesville
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ADB SAFEGATE - DBT Transportation

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Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc. / GRIP-FLEX Micro- Surface

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ASAP Energy Inc.

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Van Buren, AR

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Electrical & Construction Specialists, Inc.

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Garver - North Little Rock

North Little Rock, AR

HNTB Corporation

Stilwell, KS

Kirk Airport Solutions, Inc.

Lago Vista, TX

KSA Engineers, Inc.

Longview, TX

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Stillwater, OK

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Oklahoma City, OK

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Edmund, OK

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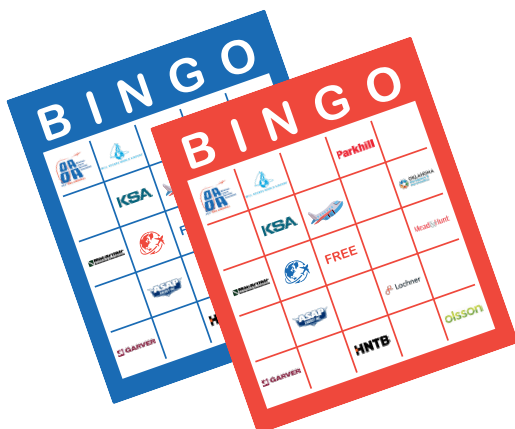
Sterling, VA

South Central Chapter of AAAE

Houston, TX

Titan Aviation Fuels

New Bern, NC



**DON'T FORGET TO
PICK UP YOUR BINGO
CARD FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN A PRIZE!**

AGENDA

Sunday, April 14, 2024

- 10:00 A.M. **Golf Tournament Check-in**
(Golf 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM)
Lunch Provided
The Shangri-La Resort and Golf Club
57301 E, OK-125, Afton, OK 74331
- 12:00 P.M. **Exhibitor Setup**
Roosevelt Ballroom & Lobby
- 1:00 P.M. **Spa Services**
(By Appointment Only)
- 6:00 P.M. **Welcome Reception**
Docs Lower Patio
- 9:00 P.M. **Pilot's Lounge - Hospitality Suite Open**
The Anchor Sports Bar

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THE SESSION DESCRIPTIONS



Monday, April 15, 2024

- 7:30 A.M. **Breakfast with Exhibitors**
Roosevelt Ballroom
- 7:30 A.M. **Conference Registration Opens**
- 8:00 A.M. **Welcome Presentation**
Roosevelt Ballroom
Keston Cook, President - Oklahoma Airport Operators Association
Lisa Jewett, Airport Manager - Grove Regional Airport
Sandra Shelton, Director of Government Affairs, Industry Development and Communications - Oklahoma Department of Aerospace & Aeronautics
- 8:30 A.M. **Session 1: Opening Session**
- 9:30 A.M. **Session 2: FAA Southwest Region Update**
Glenn Boles, Manager - FAA Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office
Ignacio Flores, Director - FAA, Southwest Region, Office of Airports
- 10:00 A.M. **Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:30 A.M. **Session 3: Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Update**
Grayson Ardies, Executive Director - ODAA
- 11:15 A.M. **Session 4: Aligning Airport and FAA Priorities to Secure Project Funding**
Kathy Franklin, Lead Program Manager - FAA, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office
Lauren Kennedy, Program Manager - FAA, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office
- 12:00 P.M. **Lunch & Meet the Exhibitors**
- 1:00 P.M. **Session 5: A Pilot's Perspective of Airport Administration**
Tom Chandler, Regional Manager - Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

- 1:45 P.M. **Session 6: FAA Regional Administrator Presentation**
Douglas Lane, Deputy Regional Administrator, Southwest Region - FAA
- 2:15 P.M. **Introduction of Roundtable Leaders and Topics**
Lisa Jewett, Airport Manager - Grove Regional Airport
- Overview of ODAA Grant Programs**
Nick Young, Airports Division Manager - ODAA
Jace Torres, Aviation Program Manager - ODAA
- Successful Airport and Community Engagement Strategies**
Moderator: Kellie Reed, Director - Stillwater Regional Airport
Keston Cook, Director - Enid Woodring Regional Airport
Paul Myers, COO - Tulsa International Airport and Tulsa Riverside Airport
Lance Lamkin, Airport Administrator - Max Westheimer Airport
- Airfield Electrical and Safety Training for Airport Managers**
Eric Farmer, Aviation Quality Manager - Garver
- Show Me the Money: Capture AIP, BIL, and other Funding Sources for Your Project**
Kathy Franklin, Lead Program Manager - FAA, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office
Adam Marsh, Program Manager - FAA, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office
- 2:20 P.M. **Break with Exhibitors**
- 2:45 P.M. **Session 7: Industry Roundtables - Round 1**
- 3:35 P.M. **Session 8: Industry Roundtables - Round 2**
- 6:00 P.M. **Monday Night Event**
The Anchor Sports Bar
- 9:00 P.M. **Pilot's Lounge - Hospitality Suite Open**
The Anchor Sports Bar

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

- 8:00 A.M. **Breakfast with Exhibitors**
Roosevelt Ballroom
- 8:30 A.M. **OAOA Annual Membership Meeting**
- 9:30 A.M. **Session 9: Crisis Response - Case Studies from Goldsby, Shawnee and Broken Bow**
Bonnie Wilson, Airport Manager - Shawnee Regional Airport
Vickie Patterson, City Manager - Broken Bow Municipal Airport
Ronny Nelson, Airport Manager - David Jay Perry Airport
- 10:30 A.M. **Break with Exhibitors**

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- 10:45 A.M. **Session 10: News You Can Use**
Alexis Higgins, Chief Executive Officer - Tulsa Airports
- 12:00 P.M. **Lunch and Keynote - Oklahoma's Burgeoning Space Economy**
Jim Bridenstine, Former Nasa Administrator
- 1:30 P.M. **Session 11: Revenue Generation - More Than Just Fuel Flow Fees**
Peter Van Pelt, AAE, National Aviation Director - KSA Engineers, Inc.
- 2:15 P.M. **Introduction of Roundtable Leaders and Topics**
Keston Cook, Airport Director - Enid Woodring Regional Airport
- Building Your Crisis Response Plan**
Moderator: Paul Myers, COO - Tulsa Airports
Tim Hammer, Emergency Manager - Tulsa Airports
- Best Practices for Hangar Leasing**
Kellie Reed, Airport Director - Stillwater Regional Airport
Gary Loftus, Program Manager, - FAA, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office
- Building Your CIP**
Lauren Kennedy, Program Manager - FAA, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office
Adam Marsh, Program Manager - FAA, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office
Nick Young, Airport Director - Oklahoma Department of Aerospace & Aeronautics
- Airport Safety: Inspecting Your Airport**
Austin Wheeler, C.M., A.C.E., O.C.A.P., Airport Manager - Tulsa Riverside Airport
Ronson Fox, Lead Civil Engineer - FAA, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office
- 2:20 P.M. **Break with Exhibitors**
- 2:30 P.M. **Session 12: Industry Roundtables - Round 1**
- 3:15 P.M. **Session 13: Industry Roundtables - Round 2**
- 4:00 P.M. **Exhibitor Booth Breakdown**
- 6:00 P.M. **Dinner & Awards Banquet**
Roosevelt Ballroom
- 9:00 P.M. **Pilot's Lounge - Hospitality Suite Open**
The Anchor Sports Bar

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

- 7:30 A.M. **Conference Wrap-Up and Farewell Breakfast**



JIM BRIDENSTINE

FORMER NASA ADMINISTRATOR



Jim Bridenstine served as the 13th Administrator of NASA, where he was responsible for managing NASA's 70,000-person workforce and \$23 billion annual budget. Under his leadership, NASA reestablished an American human spaceflight program, which was lost after the retirement of the Space Shuttles in 2011. He also created NASA's Artemis program to establish the first permanent presence on the Moon with commercial and international partners.

Before being appointed as NASA Administrator, Jim served in the United States House of Representatives from Oklahoma's First Congressional District from 2013 to 2018. He was a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee where he chaired the Subcommittee on the Environment.

Prior to Congress, Jim served as a pilot in the United States Navy acquiring 1900 flight hours and 333 landings on an aircraft carrier. He flew combat missions in Afghanistan (2002) and Iraq (2003) off the USS Abraham Lincoln, where he earned an Air Medal and Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V". Originally an E-2C Hawkeye pilot, he transitioned to the F-18 Hornet and flew as an aggressor (Red Air) at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, the parent command to TOPGUN.

Jim serves on the Board of Directors for Viasat, Inc., the Board of Trustees of the Aerospace Corporation, and he Chairs the Board of Advisors for Voyager Space. He also serves as a consultant for various other aerospace companies.

Jim earned a triple major from Rice University in Economics, Business, and Psychology and an MBA from Cornell University.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



**GRAYSON
ARDIES**

DIRECTOR

ODAA

The Commission is a state agency in charge of promoting aviation and aerospace across the state, including the 108 public airports that comprise Oklahoma's air transportation system. Ardies' emphasis is on promoting the aerospace industry, the state's second largest industry; planning and development of the state's air transportation system; and encouraging public-private partnerships to enhance the aerospace industry and support workforce development. Director Ardies graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Aviation Management with minors in Business Administration and Air Traffic Control. As part of his education through the aviation program, he also received a commercial pilot's license with single and multi-engine instrument ratings and is a certified flight instructor.



**GLENN
BOLES**

MANAGER

ARKANSAS/OKLAHOMA
AIRPORTS DISTRICT
OFFICE

Glenn is the manager of the Federal Aviation Administration's Arkansas/Oklahoma Airport District Office. Mr. Boles is responsible for overseeing and directing implementation of the Airport Improvement Program and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law program. Planning, implementation and oversight of these programs require constant coordination between his team, local airport and city officials and their consultants. Federal grants provide resources to Airport Sponsors to improve safety, meet FAA design standards, preserve existing infrastructure and satisfy unmet operational needs.

Glenn has been with the FAA for over 30 years. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Kansas and is a diehard Jayhawk! Glenn and his wife just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They have two children. Their son graduated from the University of Arkansas recently as has begun his professional career. Their daughter is a senior in high school and plans to attend the University of Arkansas this fall. Away from the office, Glenn enjoys sports, taking on house projects, or simply hanging out in the garage playing with a hot rod.



**TOM
CHANDLER**

REGIONAL MANAGER

AOPA

Tom Chandler is the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Central Southwest Regional Manager. He has served many states, including Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

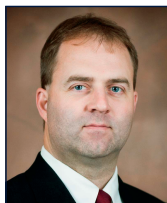


**KESTON
COOK**

AIRPORT DIRECTOR

ENID WOODRING
REGIONAL AIRPORT

Keston Cook is the Airport Director for the Enid Woodring Regional Airport in Enid, OK. Previously he worked at the Appleton International Airport before moving back to Oklahoma to serve as the Airport Operations Manager for Woodring Airport. He served as Operations Manager for three years before being named the Interim Airport Director in October 2020. He was officially named the Airport Director in March 2021. Keston is active in many other roles in the aviation industry. He currently sits on the executive committee for the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association (OAOA) as the Vice President. He is also a sitting member of the Emerging Aviation Technology Sub-Committee under the Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation's Advanced Mobility Council. With a strong passion for furthering aviation he also serves as an advisory member to the Enid Aviation Workforce Grant Committee. Keston obtained his bachelor's degree in Aerospace Administration and Operations with a focus on both Aviation Management and Aerospace Security from Oklahoma State University.



**ERIC C.
FARMER, PE**

*AVIATION QUALITY
MANAGER*

GARVER

Farmer has 32 years of professional experience in aviation project management, design, and construction duties. Eric is responsible for the QA/QC programs and activities required for all Aviation projects on an enterprise-wide basis.

As an aviation lighting subject matter expert, he has presented at annual aviation conferences and directly supported the FAA in updates and improvements to national design guidelines. He has a passion for finding solutions to unique electrical, lighting, and technology challenges for clients, demonstrated by multiple ACEC and IES awards earned throughout his career.

He graduated from Arkansas State University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Electrical) degree. Following graduation, he began his career in consulting engineering with Garver in Little Rock, Arkansas. He has worked on unique electrical, lighting, and technology projects for clients.

In 2018, Eric served as President of the Electrical League of Arkansas. In 2021, Eric was a charter member in the Arkansas State University College of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Academy and selected to be on the Board of Directors. He is active member in multiple professional organizations including ELA, IES, IESALC, NFPA, NSPE, and SAME.



**IGNACIO
FLORES**

*DIRECTOR, SOUTHWEST
REGION, OFFICE OF
AIRPORTS*

FAA

Flores is the FAA Director for the Office of Airports, Southwest Region, ASW-600. He oversees airport development in the five states covered by the FAA ASW Region. His responsibilities include: airport design and safety requirements and airport infrastructure development; assuring sponsor compliance with terms of Federal agreements as a condition of receiving Federal aid; coordination of airport planning considerations, with public and private entities; assurances that airport development preserves environment quality; and administration of the Noise Compatibility Program.

Previously, Mr. Flores was the Deputy Director of Airports Division for the Great Lakes Region, AGL-601, where he was responsible for managing the daily operation of the Airports Division. He also held the following positions: Manager of Safety and Standards Branch in AGL; Standards and Procedures Officer for International Civil Aviation Authority; FAA Airport Safety Inspector, and he worked at O'Hare International Airport in the operations department.

Mr. Flores holds a Bachelor's degree in Aviation from Saint Louis University and a Master's degree in Finance from the University of Illinois. He also holds a multi-engine instrument rated pilot license.





**RONSON
FOX**

LEAD CIVIL ENGINEER

FAA, ARKANSAS /
OKLAHOMA AIRPORTS
DISTRICT OFFICE

Ronson serves as the Lead Civil Engineer for the Arkansas/Oklahoma District Office (AR/OK ADO) beginning in February 2023. He joined the Federal Aviation Administration with the Honolulu Airports District Office as a Program Manager/Civil Engineer in 2016. Ronson leads the ADO's team of Engineering Specialists who are responsible for technical assistance, coordination of plans & specification review, construction safety and phasing plan review, airspace evaluation for federally funded construction projects, modification to standards, runway safety area inventories/determinations, runway incursion mitigation and hotspot coordination.

Prior to joining the FAA, Ronson worked for a large general contractor in Honolulu. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado Denver with minors in Math and Leadership Studies. In his free time, Ronson enjoys international travel, cooking, two-stepping, and working on his house.



**KATHY
FRANKLIN**

LEAD PROGRAM MANAGER

FAA, ARKANSAS /
OKLAHOMA AIRPORTS
DISTRICT OFFICE

Kathy is the Lead Program Manager for the Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office. She joined the FAA over 11 years ago as a Program Manager, and during this time, she has successfully implemented the Airport Improvement Program at over 40 airports. She currently serves as the ADO's technical expert on the implementation and oversight of airport projects and associated grant programs.

Kathy began her career as a civil engineering officer in the USAF where she served for ten years in positions including Chief of Construction Division Training and Senior Project Engineer in both the U.S. and Europe. After separating from the Air Force, she taught in the Grapevine-Colleyville school district.

Kathy graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering with highest honors and earned her Master of Public Administration from Troy State University. She enjoys traveling especially to visit family and friends, accomplishing (and completing!) projects around her home and working out.



**TIM
HAMMER**

EMERGENCY MANAGER

TULSA AIRPORTS

Tim Hammer is the Airport Emergency Dispatch Manager at Tulsa Airport Authority.



**ALEXIS
HIGGINS, A.A.E.**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TULSA AIRPORTS

Ms. Higgins has been with the Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust for over 20 years, and was named Chief Executive Officer in March 2019 after serving previously as Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director of Marketing & Community Relations. As Chief Executive Officer, she develops organizational policy, administers all activities associated with the operation of Tulsa International Airport and Tulsa Riverside Airport, and sets the organization's annual and strategic business plans. She graduated cum laude from the University of Tulsa Business School, where she was named Outstanding Marketing Graduate, with a degree in Marketing and double minors in Management and Russian Language. She achieved the professional designation of Accredited Airport Executive from the American Association of Airport Executives in June 2010. In addition to her work at the airport, she serves on the advisory boards of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Tulsa Community College's aviation program. She also actively supports Challenge Air for Kids and serves on their Tulsa Fly Day event committee.



**LISA
JEWETT**

AIRPORT MANAGER

GROVE REGIONAL AIRPORT

Lisa M. Jewett has served as the airport manager at Grove Regional Airport in Grove, Oklahoma since 2009. She has led the airport through significant growth and development in the last thirteen years. In addition to a new, five thousand (5,000) square foot terminal building, she has been responsible for overseeing the development of the west side of the airport where new taxilanes and hangars have been constructed.

She is responsible for the financial planning, implementing and coordinating the day-to-day operations of the airport in accordance with the goals of the Grove Municipal Airport Managing Authority.

Lisa has served as a past president of Oklahoma Airport Operator's Association as well as a board director. She has also served in city government for over 20 years, including Mayor and Police Commissioner of her town in Fairland, Oklahoma. Lisa's goals are to work in helping further community relationships with the aviation community, moving the airport on to the next level of excellence together.



**LAUREN
KENNEDY**

PROGRAM MANAGER

FAA, ARKANSAS /
OKLAHOMA AIRPORTS
DISTRICT OFFICE

Lauren is a program manager in the Federal Aviation Administration's Arkansas/Oklahoma Airport District Office. Lauren is responsible for coordinating with sponsors to implement the Airport Improvement Program and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Programs. Lauren works diligently with her sponsors to aid them in maximizing these programs to effectively meet their development needs.

Lauren has been with the FAA since August of 2022. She graduated with a Biological & Agricultural Engineering degree from Texas A&M in 2019. After graduating she worked as a project/field engineer in the construction industry. In her free time Lauren loves to exercise, travel, take photographs, and spend time with her family/friends.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



LANCE LAMKIN

AIRPORT DIRECTOR

UO MAX WESTHEIMER AIRPORT

Lamkin joined Max Westheimer Airport in 2015 as an airport operations officer. For the past three years, he has served as airport administrator and is responsible for corresponding with federal, state and local authorities and consultants; soliciting and obtaining state and federal grants to support multi-million-dollar improvement efforts; developing policies and procedures for airport functions; and providing guidance and general administrative support to control tower functions. Lamkin also serves as an adjunct professor for the School of Aviation, where he teaches airport management and operations, and was the 2020 Oklahoma Airport Operators Association president.



DOUG LANE

DEPUTY REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

FAA SOUTHWEST REGION

In addition to responsibilities for providing cross-functional leadership and representing the FAA throughout the region, Lane directs the delivery of high-quality corporate services to an extensive, diverse customer base. He interfaces with industry, public, and various governmental organizations in collaboration with the Regional Administrator. Doug ensures delivery of quality shared services across the service area for the National Engagement and Regional Operations (ARA) organization in an efficient manner. These services include financial services, command and control communications, and human resource support - integral to maintaining strong, safe, and efficient national and international aviation safety.

Doug has worked for the federal government for over 37 years. He began his career with the US Postal Service. Doug spent the last 30 years in various Human Resources positions, including Mgr. Personnel Services, Mgr., Safety and Workers' Compensation, District Human Resources Mgr., and Area Mgr., Labor Relations. Doug came to the FAA in 2016 as the Regional HR Director for the Southwest Region. He has served on national projects and programs, such as the WTTS integration; AVS 1825 Barrier Analysis team; Classification pilot and ATOS Aviation Development Program (ADP) pilot.



GARY LOFTUS

PROGRAM MANAGER

FAA, ARKANSAS / OKLAHOMA AIRPORTS DISTRICT OFFICE

Gary Loftus is the Regional Airports Compliance Program Manager for the FAA Southwest Region and also serves as a credentialed Part 139 Airport Certification and Safety Inspector.

Gary retired from the Air Force after serving 23 years in the air traffic control and airfield management career fields. Prior to joining the FAA in 2014, he was an Airport Operations Agent, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor and Airport Security Coordinator at the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport for seven years.

He has accumulated more than 40 years of aviation experience including becoming an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) through The American Association of Airport Executives.

He and his wife Brenda have been married 46 years. They enjoy traveling, camping, riding horses and hanging out with their three married sons, eight grandchildren and two dogs.



ADAM MARSH

PROGRAM MANAGER

FAA, ARKANSAS / OKLAHOMA AIRPORTS DISTRICT OFFICE

Adam is a Program Manager for the Arkansas/Oklahoma District Office (AR/OK ADO). He joined the Federal Aviation Administration and the ADO in 2023. Adam is responsible for implementing the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Programs with airports and sponsors in Oklahoma and Arkansas. He enjoys sitting down and collaborating with airports to maximize program dollars.

Prior to beginning at the FAA, Adam worked for a civil engineering consulting firm in Oklahoma specializing in airport improvements. Adam brings his past consulting experience to the agency providing a unique perspective to his airports and colleagues. Adam graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering in 2007. His professional career includes experience working for both consulting firms and municipalities. When not working, Adam enjoys working out, espresso/coffee, mountain biking, and camping.



PAUL MYERS

EXECUTIVE VP & COO

TULSA AIRPORTS IMPROVEMENT TRUST

Paul Myers joined the Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust (TAIT) in April 2022 and serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In this role, Mr. Myers is responsible for leading the daily operations of TAIT, including airport operations, customer experience, human resources, and information technology for Tulsa International Airport and Tulsa Riverside Airport.



RONNY NELSON

AIRPORT MANAGER

DAVID JAY PERRY AIRPORT

Ronny Nelson worked as public works director and airport manager for the Town of Goldsby for 23 years. He serves as CFM for the town. He has been married to his wife, Diann for 45 years. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. He is an avid outdoors man and loves hunting.

He has a class B license in water and wastewater thru the DEQ and a Masters degree in Grandparenting. He also has an associates degree in bow hunting & is working towards his doctorate, where he should graduate in approximately 10 years!



VICKIE PATTERSON

CITY MANAGER & AIRPORT MANAGER

CITY OF BROKEN BOW

Vickie has worked in municipal government for 27 years. She started out as the Landfill Secretary in 1997. Over the years she worked her way up to the water billing office (8 years), to City Clerk/Treasurer (6 years), to her current job as City Manager and Airport Manager for the last 13 years. Vickie has been serving on the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) as a Board Member, for the last 6 years.



PAUL PRIEGEL, A.A.E.

AVIATION PROJECT MANAGER

LOCHNER

Paul is currently a Aviation Project Manager for Lochner in the OKC Office. Paul spent many years as the Airport Director at Stillwater Regional Airport and as an adjunct professor at Oklahoma State University teaching in areas of aviation security, aircraft accident investigations and airport management. Paul is an Accredited Airport Executive through AAAE and serves in several organizational leadership positions. Paul served as the 2021-2022 OAOA President and is the current conference chair.



KELLIE REED

AIRPORT DIRECTOR

STILLWATER REGIONAL AIRPORT

Kellie Reed, CM, has the pleasure of serving the City of Stillwater as Airport Director of Stillwater Regional Airport. Ms. Reed is an Oklahoma State University Aviation Sciences graduate, and has worked at airports in the Southwest, Northwest, Alaska, and South Central regions. Ms. Reed is a licensed pilot who began her aviation career in Airport Operations and Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF), and developed into leadership roles in airport safety, airport security, and airport planning. Prior to moving to Oklahoma, Ms. Reed was leading the aviation planning team for an engineering firm in Alaska, and had the privilege of supporting many airports throughout Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. In her free time, Ms. Reed enjoys spending time with her husband and young kids, exploring Oklahoma, learning homesteading skills, baking, and traveling with her family.



SANDRA SHELTON

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

ODAA

Shelton joined ODAA in April 2016 as the Aviation Education Coordinator and Government Affairs Liaison. She assumed the responsibilities as the Communications and Government Affairs Coordinator a few months later. She was promoted to Government Relations and Communications Manager in 2021 and to Director of Government Affairs, Industry Development, and Communications in the fall of 2023. Shelton is accountable for marketing and communications, industry development, and legislative and congressional affairs for the agency. She manages all communications material, develops branding across varying platforms, cultivates contacts with media members, influencers, and community leaders, directs content, marketing, and design, manages events, and assists in the creation of digital, video, audio, and print messaging. Shelton reports to the Executive Director and directs legislative and policy research and development working with aerospace industry stakeholders, airports, municipalities, legislators, and congressional staff.

Able to leverage over 27 years of service with five state agencies, she is a native of Yukon and attended Oklahoma State University. Shelton worked for both the Democrat and Republican parties in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate over her 20-year career with the legislature.



JACE TORRES

AVIATION PROGRAM MANAGER

ODAA

Jace joined the Department in July of 2022. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in May with a Bachelors in Aviation Management (Non-Flying) and a minor in Business Administration and Management.



PETER VAN PELT, AAE

NATIONAL AVIATION DIRECTOR

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Peter's a happily recovering airport manager having worked at seven airports during his management career: Aspen/Pitkin County Airport, Missoula International Airport, Southwest Michigan Regional Airport, Lambert St. Louis International Airport, Addison Airport, Stillwater Regional Airport, and Shangri La Airpark. He's a 40+ year member of the American Association of Airport Executives and served on its board of directors from 1990 to 1992. He has managed and/or provided senior technical leadership for over 100 airport planning programs since 2001. His areas of expertise include airport planning, airport development, operations and management, public outreach, and regulatory compliance.

Peter has been involved in virtually every significant aspect of the airport business and has experienced many firsts in the business, including as the Founding President of the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association and Co-Founder of the SCC/AAAE Accreditation Academy, and at the time, the youngest serving member of the AAAE's Board of Directors.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



**AUSTIN
WHEELER, C.M.,
A.C.E., O.C.A.P.**

AIRPORT MANAGER

TULSA RIVERSIDE AIRPORT

Mr. Wheeler joined TAIT in August 2015 as an airfield operations officer. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2015 with a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Administration and Operations. He has received the designation of certified member as well as airport certified employee in operations through the American Association of Airport Executives. He was in the inaugural class of OAOA's Oklahoma Certified Airport Professionals. He has completed FEMA emergency training in ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, ICS-700, ICS-800. In June 2019, Mr. Wheeler was promoted to Airport Manager at Tulsa Riverside Airport, the reliever airport to Tulsa International. Mr. Wheeler enjoys overseeing the day to day operations at the busiest airport in the state of Oklahoma.

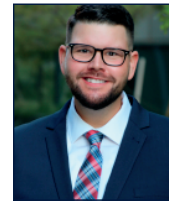


**BONNIE
WILSON**

AIRPORT MANAGER

SHAWNEE REGIONAL
AIRPORT

Ms. Wilson has gained extensive experience in the leadership, operations, management, and administration of public use airports, including commercial/certified facilities, general aviation, and civilian military joint use airfields, during thirty-five years in the airport operations and management field. Serving as the Airport Manager, for the Shawnee Regional Airport in Shawnee Oklahoma, she is responsible for strategic planning, property development and day-to-day operations of the airport. She is also the managing principal of BAWilson Public Consulting, a consulting services firm specializing in aviation operations, management and regulatory compliance matters. Serving as COO, CAO and Interim CEO of the airport system in Jackson, Mississippi for sixteen years, Wilson was directly responsible for ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of day to day aviation operations as well as providing highly technical support to the senior management team and Airport Authority Board of Commissioners. As VP of Facilities and Services for the Airports Council International-North America, she was responsible for the development, coordination of organizational policies, preparation of position papers and testimony for submission to the US Congress, the USDOT, the FAA and the International Civil Aviation Organization.



**NICK
YOUNG**

*AIRPORTS DIVISION
MANAGER*

ODAA

Nick Young was named Airports Division Manager for the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in August 2021. Young joined the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in October 2019 as an Aviation Program Manager. As head of the Division he will be responsible for the agency's many airport programs including the 5010 airport safety and standards inspection program at Oklahoma's public-use, general aviation airports as well the airport pavement management program. Young will also oversee the development and execution of the agency's 5-year Airport Construction Program (ACP) which provides federal and state grant funding for airport infrastructure and updates to the Oklahoma Airport System Plan (OASP). Other activities within the Division include airspace zoning reviews and related permitting authority in accordance with the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act (APPPA), overseeing military training airspace regulations within Title 17, airport grant administration, and outreach for operational/technical support at Oklahoma's 108 airports within the public airport system.

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