



Dear Friends and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of this outstanding organization. As we've all witnessed 2020 has already proven to be one filled with multiple challenges and opportunities. For the first time in memory the association has postponed its annual conference by almost 12 months. For the second year in a row the state has begun the fiscal year with no budget and a global pandemic has gripped our planet. Unfortunately, there is no reset button to press, however airport practitioners are highly resilient, incredibly creative and driven to succeed where others may retreat.

Along with these challenges some opportunities emerged. Funding for airport development has reached an all time high. Partnerships are developing and creating employment at multiple airports. North Carolina's aeronautical sector is alive and well.

Each of us supports our local community and collectively we support the industry. The association has coalesced around three distinct pillars: legislative advocacy, professional growth, and the promotion of the positive impacts of airports here in the state. Each year we continue to make considerable progress on all three fronts; and with the new challenges of the day we must work to not lose traction. Our partnerships with NCDOT and NC AirTAP as well as the regional gatherings have elevated the collective knowledge and developed opportunities for collaboration. Our increased communication and promotion of aviation has increased strategic knowledge of the value aviation provides. Finally, the legislative advocacy efforts have boosted investments in facilities and protected aviation during the difficult times.

With the association's exceptional Board of Directors, we focus energy on efforts to strengthen our industry, target new and existing goals and work vigorously to fulfill our mission. Once again, thank you for the privilege to serve as the president of NCAA during this period filled with unique challenges and exceptional opportunities.

Sincerely,

Chris White
President NCAA