

NCAA 44th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Challenge Accepted”

Omni Grove Park Inn & Spa

Asheville, North Carolina



The North Carolina Airports Association would like to invite you to attend the 44th Annual Conference in Asheville, NC. This year's conference “Challenge Accepted” will focus on the challenges in the industry and what to do about it, what to prepare for, and how to face ongoing issues....

AGENDA (subject to change)

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

8:00am-7:00pm Registration
9:00 am-9:45 am Golf Tournament Sign-In
10:00 am Golf Tournament Shot Gun Start

5:30pm - 7:00pm Opening Reception w/Exhibitors

7:00pm Evening on Your Own

Thursday, April 4, 2024

7:30am - 8:45am Breakfast w/Exhibitors

8:00am - 5:00pm Registration
9:00am Opening Ceremonies
9:30am - 10:30am General Session I

“Afterburner: Flawless Execution”

Introduction: John Coon, NCAA Vice-President & Conference Chair

Introduction: Lew Bleiweis, President and EO, Asheville Regional Airport

Introduction: Brad Galbraith, Chair, Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority

Speaker: Christian “Boo” Boucousis, CEO, Afterburner, Inc.

10:30am - 11:15am Coffee Break w/Exhibitors

11:15am - 12:15pm General Session II

“Current Trends in Human Resources for the Aviation Industry”

Panelist: Grice Whiteley, Principal, Grice Group LLC

Panelist: Richard Hubner, Regional Director- Northeast, BSI America Professional Services

Panelist: Donald Armstrong, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)

Moderator: Dirk Vanderleest, Aviation Director, Concord-Padgett Regional Airport

Description: This session will focus on the Human Resource elements of attracting, training, and replacing aviation industry personnel. Topics such as retention/attrition rates, recruitment marketing strategy, and training expenses will be discussed.

12:30pm - 1:30pm Luncheon

Industry Update

Speaker: Annie Russo, Chief Political and Congressional Strategy Officer, Airports Council International-North America

NCAA and Educational Foundation Annual Business Meeting

Presiding: Eddie Madden, Columbus County Manager, President NCAA

1:45pm - 2:30pm

General Session III– PDH Credit

“Supply Chain and Demand Challenges in Aviation Construction”

Panelist: John Massey, PE Talbert and Bright

Panelist: Travis Pence, AIA The Wilson Group Architects

Panelist: Amanda Malpass, Regional Engineer- Southeast, Neenah Enterprises, Inc.

Moderator: Andrew Shorter, Airport Director, Coastal Carolina Regional Airport

Description: This session will cover the current challenges that airports are facing with Supply and Demand for materials needed on construction projects. There will be a productive conversation regarding impacts of

pro-longed time frames, financial burdens, and long-term effects that the supply chain shortage may cause over the next few years. This session will face the challenges and produce alternatives and proactive ways to move forward in the future.

2:30pm - 3:15pm **Coffee Break w/Exhibitors**

Thursday, April 4, 2024, Continued:

3:15pm - 4:15pm

General Session IV– PDH Credit

“Alternative Construction: CMAR, Design Build, Design Bid Build”

Panelist: Bob Heuts, Director, Raleigh Executive Jetport

Panelist: Jim Bell, Bobbitt Construction

Panelist: Tom Slater, Principal Airport Manager, RS&H

Moderator: Gage King, Airport Project Manager, NC Global TransPark

Description: This session will cover the basic definitions of CMAR, design build and design bid build, with examples and experiences on how to execute successful projects alongside NC Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation. This session will also dive into the challenges of these projects and provide advice to improve timing, executing, and finishing projects in NC stemming from recent or current large capital improvement projects.

4:15pm – 5:15pm

General Session V – PDH Credit

“Construction Economics in the Aviation Industry”

Panelist: Amy Harris, Financial Planning & Analysis Manager, Charlotte Douglas International Airport

Panelist: Rachel Bingham, Dept. Director/Manager of Aviation Development, NC Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation

Panelist: Rob Hambrecht, PE Senior Aviation Project Manager, Avcon, Inc.

Moderator: Dan Daniele, President & CEO, Burlington Alamance Airport Authority

Description: This session will cover how to successfully manage funding from the DOA or private financing including proper allocation, cost estimating, micro-budgets, and cashflow analysis and the impact variances between commercial and GA airports. Information will be practical and actionable regarding how to project plan, reduce risk, and improve deliverables.

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Reception w/Exhibitors

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Banquet

8:30pm - 9:30pm

Banquet Entertainment – Kenneth Salaz, Magician/Mentalist

Friday, April 5, 2024

7:30am - 8:55am

Breakfast w/Exhibitors

7:30am - 11:45am

Registration

9:00am – 9:45am

General Session VI

“Addressing Pilot Shortage Impacts”

Panelist: Tracy Montross, American Airlines

Panelist: David Thompson, Manager- Flight Operations, General Dynamics Mission Systems

Panelist: Eric Legvold, CEO, Davinci Jets

Moderator: Scott Hinton, Airport Director, Elizabeth City Regional Airport

Description: This session will start by overviewing why there is a Pilot Shortage and immediate ways we can recruit students and young professionals to the career-path. The session will also dive into the economic and service management impacts on airports to support flight schools and training operations.

9:45am - 10:30am

Coffee Break w/Exhibitors

10:30am - 11:45am

General Session VII – PDH Credit

“NC, Division of Aviation Update”

Panelist: Becca Gallas, Director, NC Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation

Panelist: Lamar Sylvester, PE, Deputy Chief Engineer, NC Department of Transportation

Moderator: Eddie Madden, Columbus County Manager, President NCAA

Description: This session will highlight NC Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation’s latest economic and development initiatives to support and relieve the challenges that GA and Commercial airports have been facing. NCDOT will discuss current hot topics that have an impact on the airports and their plans to continue supporting the workforce pipeline.

12:00pm - 12:45pm Luncheon

Friday, April 5, 2024, Continued:

12:45pm - 2:00pm

“Fireside Chat with the FAA” – PDH Credit

Panelist: Shannetta Griffin, PE, Office of the Associate Administrator for Airports, Associate Administrator, FAA

Panelist: Steven Hicks, Director, Office of Airports, FAA Southern Region

Panelist: Tommy Dupree, Manager, FAA Memphis Airports District Office

Moderator: Phil Lanier, Airport Director, Johnston Regional Airport

Description: 10:30

2:00

Conference Adjourns