



# NWAAAE Newsletter

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## *Message from President Roger Sellick*

As the newly elected chapter president I want to thank you all for your confidence and the opportunity to serve this great organization. As one of the first Canadians to join AAAE all those years ago it is a particular honor for me to be the the first Canadian to be elected as the president of an AAAE chapter. My involvement with AAAE at the chapter, national and international levels has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my 37 year career in aviation. I have made many lifelong friends and have learned much from members of the association. Becoming an Accredited Airport Executive when the program was first offered in Canada was an accomplishment of which I am very proud.

For those that could not make it to Whitefish it was a great conference for which we thank Cindi and her staff. As I indicated in my remarks at the conference I have three objectives for my term as president: growing the Airport Facilities Maintenance Conference, supporting AAAE Chair Krys Bart's sister airport initiative and working on border facilitation issues. I encourage members to contact me on any issues that you feel the Chapter should be addressing. My e-mail address is [rsellick@kelowna.ca](mailto:rsellick@kelowna.ca) and the web does not know the 49th parallel exists.

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# 2007 Annual Award Recipients

## Corporate Award of Excellence Reveal Imaging Technologies

Reveal has worked very hard to advance technology for smaller airports. In their process of working with TSA to make the advancement happen they have also found their technology helps all sizes of airports. TSA has continuously moved the target with changes at the Tech Center, with management and with technology objectives. The persistence Reveal has demonstrated in staying the course and adjusting to ever shifting TSA parameters is most note-worthy and deserves recognitions.



## Aviation Excellence Award John Kinney

A few weeks after John was hired as Director of Operations for the Denver Int'l Airport he had to deal with the December 2006 snow storms that shut down the Airport. He came in with a focus to change the operations of DIA and make it safer. He focused on building relationships with his staff and all the staff of the airport. He put the focus back on making Denver Int'l Airport the world class airport that it is and making sure that it operates to that standard as well. John Kinney was nominated for his vision and his resolve to make Denver Int'l Airport a safe, world-class airport.



## Airport Executive of the Year Roger Sellick

As the Airport General Manager of Kelowna Int'l Airport, Roger is active in AAAE at the Chapter, National and International levels. He has held board positions in the IAAAE and Northwest Chapter and is the incoming president. He has led his Airport through a significant period of growth and has been instrumental in increasing the involvement of Canadian airports in AAAE activities. He also championed the creation of the INAC Scholarship Fund that is now managed by NWAAAE. Roger is an excellent example of leadership and commitment.

## Presidents Award of Excellence John McGinley

With the support of the Colorado Springs Airport, John McGinley volunteered to bring the 2007 AFMC to Colorado Springs and to chair the conference. There were a number of problems and issues with the scheduling of the conference hotel that without John's unwavering help, the conference would not have happened. He and his staff tirelessly planned and prepared for the conference. The result was an outstanding conference that was a great benefit to AAAE, our members and the Chapter. AAAE and NWAAAE have received numerous compliments about the quality of the planning and the program. Colorado Springs has agreed to host another conference in 2009. John is active in the Chapter and National AAAE activities and has always been willing to help when asked.



Roger Sellick, recipient of the Airport Executive of the Year Award and Incoming Chapter President, accepts the gavel from Outgoing President Bern Case.

### *Job well done!*

A round of applause please for the team that devoted a lot of time and effort to putting on an outstanding conference.

Cindi Martin, Airport Manager  
Glacier Park Int'l Airport

Brian Sprenger, Asst. Airport Director  
Gallatin Field Airport

Monte Eliason, Executive Secretary  
Montana Airport Management Assn.



*Mark your calendars  
for next year's  
conference!*

*Medford, Oregon  
October 5-7*