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President's Brief

Thank you for this great honor to serve as your president for the upcoming year. Before I outline my goals for 2008-2009, I would like to thank my predecessor Roger Selleck for the tremendous job he did this past year. Roger expertly guided the association while simultaneously managing succession at his own airport in Kelowna, BC because of his retirement. Thank you Roger and I look forward to your continued participation as Past President this upcoming year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bern Case and his staff for a tremendous conference in Medford. Likewise, Linda Tepper and the program committee deserve a hearty thanks for an outstanding program.

With an historic election to be decided in a matter of days, an on-going world-wide meltdown of the financial markets, as well as the distinct possibility of a recession, the future looks turbulent indeed. It is all about the money, or as the line from the movie *The Right Stuff* goes, "No bucks, no Buck Rogers." Aviation however, is used to turbulence and this too we will pass. More importantly, we will be the better for it. In fact, this is the right time to think about our resources and how we can best prepare airports and the airport industry to improve the bottom line while conserving our resources at the same time.

With your help, I would like NWAAAE to become the first chapter to have a Corporate Responsibility policy. Many companies already employ corporate responsible strategies because it makes sense. More importantly, CR programs have a return on investment and if that is not enough, the FAA now scores potential AIP projects on the basis of Environmental Management Systems, a critical element of CR strategies. In the coming months I will further outline how we can take the first steps towards a CR strategy in these tough economic times. The goals in establishing a CR policy for the chapter is simple; the chapter serves its members and a policy may serve as a template for airports to adopt on a voluntary basis. For more information on what a CR looks like, go to the 2006 annual report of BBA, the parent company of Signature Flight Support at: <http://www.bbaaviation.com/pdf/bbacs2006report.pdf>.

I look forward to your participation, assistance and support as we endeavor to take on challenging times by coming out better than we went in. In the meantime, thanks again for this great honor to serve you.

Blue Skies!
Robert

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2008 Annual Award Recipients

Corporate Award of Excellence Jacobs Engineering – Gene Murphy



Aviation Excellence Award Bill Hancock, Klamath Falls Airport



Airport Executive of the Year Tim Doll, Eugene Airport



Presidents Award of Excellence Al Stuart, Salt Lake City Dept. of Airports



Past President Roger Sellick named 2008 Business Leader of the Year

The Kelowna Chamber of Commerce announced in September that Roger was the recipient of the prestigious 2008 Business Leader of the Year award in recognition of his leadership and outstanding contribution to the Kelowna business community.

Roger took the helm at the Kelowna Int'l Airport in 1980 when passenger volume averaged 410,000 annually. Under Roger's stewardship, and due in large part to his unbridled enthusiasm and dedication, Kelowna is now consistently ranked as one of the top ten busiest airports in the country. And in 2007, passenger volume was up to 1.3 million.

After guiding the growth and development of Kelowna International Airport for 28 years, Roger announced that he will be retiring on Oct. 31, 2008. Happy retirement Roger!

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