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## NEW NEC OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Aug. 22, 2000, chapter business meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., NEC membership voted to approve the new slate of NEC Executive Officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee headed by Elaine Roberts, A.A.E. Elected for one year terms each were:

Jeanne M. Olivier, A.A.E., of Newark International Airport—President.

Leo (Buddy) Comeau, Jr., A.A.E., of Boston Logan International Airport—Vice President.

Alfred Graser, A.A.E., of The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey—Treasurer.

Timothy Edwards, A.A.E. of Lebanon Municipal Airport, N.H.—Secretary.

Alex Kashani, A.A.E., of Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority—Immediate Past President.

We wish all the officers the best of luck in their newly elected positions!



Newly elected Executive Board of NEC (left to right)—Leo Comeau Jr., Tim Edwards, Jeanne Olivier and Al Graser. (Other photos on pages 8-10.)

## FREE ASOS CLASS TO BE HELD AT IASS IN BUFFALO

Planning is already underway for an exciting 2001 Snow Symposium in Buffalo.

The Executive Committee and membership of the NEC recently voted to offer any member attending next year's IASS a free, YES, **FREE Airport Safety and Specialist School (ASOS)** class. This class will cover the same curriculum offered at other ASOS schools and qualifies for a certificate under FAR Part 139.

This is an offer never before made in any AAAE chapter and follows directly on the heels of the free NEC Accreditation Seminar held this past August at the 2000 Annual Conference. This will be a cost effective way to have more of your operations and maintenance personnel receive this training without incurring the registration fees and travel expenses for sending your people to an individual ASOS class. This will be a benefit available to any chapter member. Individuals who are not currently members may join at the conference.

Register early and take advantage of this unique

opportunity which will begin on the Saturday preceding the IASS. Don't miss it!

Also, in other associated news from Buffalo, IASS Committee Chair Bob Nowak is looking for information from other airports on their rubber removal procedures and policies.

Anyone who would like more information on the ASOS class or who has information to offer on rubber removal may contact Bob at [nowakrs@buffnet.net](mailto:nowakrs@buffnet.net).

## NEW NEC GRANTS APPROVED

At the 2000 IASS in Buffalo earlier this year, the Executive Committee and membership of NEC voted to approve two new grants which are now open and available to any qualifying NEC member. The new grants are: Airport Safety Operations Specialist School (ASOS) and AAAE Annual Conference Grant

More information can be obtained on these grants by contacting any member of the Scholarships & Grants Committee or at (215) 937-6971.

## NEC SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

**INTERNSHIPS:** Two \$1,000 awards. Eligibility: Students or recent graduates majoring in aviation. Deadlines: Feb. 1 and Oct. 1 of the current year.

**ACCREDITATION INCENTIVE GRANT:** Two tuition paid awards. Eligibility: Members whose employers unable to financially support. Deadlines: Feb. 1 and Oct. 1 of the current year.

**F. RUSSELL HOYT GRANT:** One all-expense paid attendance at the NEC/AAAE Chapter's Annual Conference. Eligibility: Any airport staff member nominated by the manager. Deadline: July 15 of the current year.

**NATIONAL AIRPORTS CONFERENCE:** One all-expense paid. Eligibility: Any airport staff member nominated by the manager. Deadline: Aug. 1 of the current year.

**ARFF SCHOOL:** One all-expense paid. Eligibility: Any fire fighter nominated by the airport manager. Deadline: Aug. 1 of the current year.

**NON-HUB/GA AIRPORTS CONFERENCE:** One all-expense paid. Eligibility: Any airport manager or assistant manager nominated by the airport's governing body. Deadline: July 15 of the current year.

**POST SCHOLARSHIP:** Four \$1,000 scholarships. Eligibility: Juniors and Seniors majoring in aviation management. Deadline: March 1 of the current year.

**INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SNOW SYMPOSIUM:** Two all-expense paid. Eligibility: Any airport staff member nominated by the manager. Deadline: March 1 of the current year.

Professional Exchange Grants were issued to **Marshall Stevens** of Floyd Bennett Airport and to **Catherine Young, C.M.** of Groton-New London, Conn., Airport.

The Post Scholarship was awarded to **Valerie Wallace** of Philadelphia Pa.

The NEC/AAAE Russ Hoyt Grant for attendance at the NEC Annual Conference was awarded to **Sandra Dorsey** from Newark, N.J.

The Non-hub G.A. Conference Grant was awarded to **Christopher Willenborg** from Westfield-Barnes Airport.

The three IASS Grants were awarded to **James Scovish** from Groton, Conn., **Jeffery Marks** from Nantucket, Mass., and **Kenneth Conely** from Portsmouth, N.H.

A grant to attend the AAAE National Airports Conference was awarded to **JoAnn Reville** of Buffalo Niagara International Airport.

## AROUND THE REGION

### Connecticut Department of Transportation

**Groton-New London Airport** was host to the Southeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce's 2nd Annual Family Fest and Static Airshow on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17.

Aircraft exhibits included the Connecticut National Guard's A-10, Huey, Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters, the US Coast Guard's C-130, the EAA Chapter's 334 experimental aircraft and Remote Controlled Airplane demonstrations featuring "Snoopy and the Red Baron." Antique and classic cars were also on display. And for the younger airport visitors, a Balloon Zoo Supershow, Kickboxing demonstrations, the U.S. Navy Rock Band, computer flight simulators and introductory flight sign-ups in the Young Eagles Program were available.

If that were not enough, there was a food court with mouth-watering treats by local merchants from the cities of Groton and New London along the Long Island shoreline.

If you missed this great airport event, you can plan to join the folks at Groton/New London Airport for the 3rd Annual Family Fest and Static Air Show on September 14 and 15, 2001!

### Roberts Named To Columbus Airport Post

Elaine Roberts, A.A.E., executive director of the **Rhode Island Airport Corp. (RIAC)**, a former AAAE board member and Past President of the NEC, has been named

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executive director of the Columbus Airport Authority, effective Dec. 18. She succeeds Larry Hedrick, A.A.E., a former AAE president, who will retire Dec. 31.

The Columbus Airport Authority operates Port Columbus International and its reliever airport, Bolton Field.

RIAC's board of directors has initiated a national search for Roberts' successor.

The following are some of Elaine's accomplishments:

**1994 to present**, Executive Director, Rhode Island Airport Corporation.

**1991 to 1994**, Deputy Executive Director, Indianapolis Airport Authority.

**1983 to 1991**, Executive Assistant to Director, Indianapolis Airport Authority.

**1981 to 1983**, Staff Attorney, Indiana State Transportation Planning Office.

J.D. Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis; Indianapolis, Indiana, 1981.

M.S. University of Louisville; Louisville, Kentucky, 1974, Community Development and Urban Planning.

American Association of Airport Executives, Board of Directors, 1995-1999.

Northeast Chapter, American Association of Airport Executives and President 1998-1999.

Traveler's Aid of Rhode Island, Board of Directors; Chair, Strategic Planning Committee.

Central RI Development Corporation Board of Directors.

We wish Elaine all the best in her new position at CMH.

### Buffalo Niagara International Airport

The next era of air travel at the Buffalo airport recently began with the opening of a seven-gate concourse, 2,700 more parking spots and several other amenities—more restrooms and ticket counter space—designed to handle a surge in passengers. The changes at **Buffalo Niagara International Airport**, which opened its new terminal less than three years ago, are intended to accommodate an expected five million passengers next year, up from fewer than three million in 1995. Not only has the airport grown substantially in size, thanks to the demolition of the old Westinghouse plant, but significant changes within the terminal building are occurring to handle the additional passenger traffic.

The arrival of several low-fare airlines prompted the latest construction. The most recent arrival is Southwest Airlines, which started service Oct. 8, occupying two gates in the new concourse.

"It's a different world out there than it was three years ago," said Lawrence M. Meckler, executive director of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. "We're trying to keep up with what we've done in air service by putting additional customer services and amenities in place." A formal dedication is expected in December. The new facilities include a 110,000-square-foot extension of the east concourse that will increase the number of gates at the airport from 17 to 24. The concourse addition also includes two restrooms, two stretches of moving sidewalks and a new observation area overlooking the runway.

Two new concession outlets are in the final stages of construction. Additional parking that expands the capacity at the airport from 2,300 to more than 5,000 spaces. A 1,720-space long-term lot opened and a 973-space long-term lot will open soon. The new lots are served by a six-lane toll booth. An increase in ticket counters from 51 to 60 and in security checkpoints from four to five lanes. Parking revenues at the airport are expected to reach \$8.5 million this year, about half the non-airline income at the facility.

### Massport To Invest In Hanscom Field

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is investing \$1.4 million in **Hanscom Field** to upgrade facilities for tenants and users. The authority will spend \$800,000 on the inside of the former Air Force office building, which functions as a terminal and business space, to modernize the heating and air conditioning systems and to provide additional seating in the waiting area, among other changes. Another \$600,000 will be allocated to repave the parking lot. The resurfacing project is expected to start in spring 2001 and will take three to four months to complete. Massport officials said that Hanscom also will benefit from more than \$30million in private investment over the next five years to support general aviation and corporate flight activity.

### New York State DOT - Aviation Services Bureau

NEC member Marc Champigny of Louis Berger & Associates has announced that he has joined the **New York State Department of Transportation Aviation Services Bureau** in Albany, N.Y. Marc can be reached at: Marc C. Champigny, Intermodal Transportation Specialist, 1NYS Department of Transportation Aviation Services Bureau-Bldg. 4, 1501220 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12232-0414, phone 518.457.2821, fax 518.457.9779, or e-mail [mchampigny@gw.dot.state.ny.us](mailto:mchampigny@gw.dot.state.ny.us). The website is [www.dot.state.ny.us](http://www.dot.state.ny.us).

### Annual Emergency Drill Held at Logan

**Boston Logan International Airport's** annual emergency exercise took a different approach this year. A four-day event was planned beginning in mid-September and culminating on Oct. 12-13.

The first day consisted of a symposium that featured speakers discussing the importance of emergency planning. Crash survivors and family members of crash victims, together with representatives from the NTSB, U.S. Navy, Red Cross and numerous other agencies delivered powerful presentations.

A full-scale tabletop drill was conducted on Sept. 24. The actual field exercise was conducted on Oct. 12 at Logan and tested all aspects of the emergency response plan. The following day featured a full test of the family assistance plan for Boston that all airlines operating into Logan have committed to utilize in the event of an inci-

dent. Anyone interested in further information on Logan's exercise and family assistance plan can contact John Duval at (617) 561-1618.

### **Westchester County Airport Unveils New Emergency Trailer**

With the collaborative efforts of the county airport, emergency management officials and local emergency medical service agencies, **Westchester County Airport** has acquired a new state-of-the-art emergency medical resource.

The trailer was designed to assist with the logistical medical needs in the event of a catastrophic event involving an aircraft or other major incident. The primary function of the trailer is to enhance capabilities and to provide support to local responding agencies.

In the future, guidelines will be established to utilize the trailer and its resources at large-scale event within the county. The trailer will supply additional equipment for triage, immobilization, multi-patient oxygen support, initial rehabilitation and extensive lighting system.

The new EMS trailer is in addition to Westchester County Airport's already state-of-the-art fire rescue equipment: the E-ONE Titan HPR 150 with snozzle and an Oshkosh P-19 rapid response vehicle.

Westchester County Airport operations personnel provide 24-hour Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services. During air carrier operations, sufficient personnel are available to operate vehicles and meet the required three minute response time for an Index B airport. A live fire drill is conducted at least once every 12 months and a full-scale emergency drill every three years. All airport operations personnel attend AAE BASIC and/or Advanced Fire Fighting Schools.

For more information regarding Westchester County Airport's emergency trailer or aircraft rescue and fire fighting, contact Steve Ferguson, airport operations manager, at (914) 285-4855.

## **PAST PRESIDENTS MEET**

Prior to the Hershey Conference, the Council of Past Presidents met with the NEC Executive Board in Providence, Rhode Island, hosted by Immediate Past President Elaine Roberts, A.A.E.

Those Past Presidents attending were: Steve Adams, Bill Barkhauer, Bob Bogan, Mark Brewer, John Dickerson, John Duval, Charles Hostetter, Bob Juliano, Barbara Patzner, Elaine Roberts and Dick Williams.

Among the topics discussed was a review of the travel allowances for the Executive Board and an in-depth discussion of the chapter's nominating process for vacant Executive Board and National Board positions.

The council voted to increase the annual travel allowances for the board. There was general agreement that government travel authorization is becoming more difficult to obtain while at the same time travel expenses in

general continue to rise. The council is required by the NEC bylaws to review the travel allowances for the board each year.

However, it was emphasized that nominees for chapter chairs should still be required to have the support of their airport governing body to attend the three primary NEC meetings—the Snow Symposium, the Annual National AAE Convention and the Annual NEC Conference. Attendance at these events should be supported by the officer's employer. The travel allowances are intended to support NEC officers attendance at other events and committee meetings.

With respect to the nominating process, there was considerable dialogue on different options to open up the nomination/election process. It was noted that the current method may allow for the impression that the selection of new chapter officers is done behind closed doors. It was the general consensus of all Past Presidents that this closed atmosphere is not intended and should be addressed.

It was recommended that this year's Nominating Committee, identify more than the minimum number of qualified candidates to fill open chairs. Under a modified process, more than one name would be offered for a vacant position. The current officers would continue to move through the chairs as is currently the case. The expanded nominating procedure will be considered as vacancies occur.

## **NEC BUSINESS MEETINGS IN HERSHEY, PA.**

Buddy Comeau gave the treasurer's report indicating that we expect to have an operating surplus of about \$15,000 after we receive the check from this year's IASS.

Dave Fleet gave the Conference Committee report advising that there were 220 registered for the conference and 26 vendor booths were sold.

Bob Nowak gave the IASS Committee report. Bob advised that this was a record year with 720 registered attendees. Bob presented the Chapter with a check for \$55,000.

Chief Wilson from the Pittsburgh International Airport Fire Department reported on the ARFF School. Chief Wilson advised that they are ready for a very successful School this year, and that he is ready to live up to the great success of the past ARFF Schools.

Bill Hopper of the Academic Relations Committee advised that with the school year starting within the next two weeks, his committee will start contacting the schools to advise about the Post Scholarship.

Kevin Dillon of the Membership Committee reported that our present membership totals 417, which includes 67 new members. Kevin also advised that a letter was sent to 102 airports that have no chapter members and 70 letters to the Canadian airports that were sent in English and French.

Bill Smith, Awards and Grants Committee Chair,

reported on grants recently awarded (see scholarship news article for details):

The committee recommended that the \$2,000 not awarded for the Post Scholarship be placed in the Post Endowment account. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee recommended that the chapter award up to \$1,500 to a member to attend the Annual AAAE Conference. The motion passed unanimously.

Sandra Dorsey thanked the chapter for the grant that allowed her to attend this conference. Sandra said it was a great learning experience.

Cecil Sutton gave the Site Selection Committee report. Cecil advised that the future chapter conferences have been set: 2001, Quebec City; 2002, Atlantic City, and 2003, Washington D.C.

The committee is now accepting applications for 2004 and beyond.

The ARFF School will be held in Pittsburgh for 2000, 2001, and 2002, with an option for 2003, and 2004.

Cecil advised that after a site visit to Buffalo, Atlantic City and Rochester, the Site Selection Committee is recommending that the IASS be awarded to Buffalo for 2002, 2003, and 2004, with an option for 2005 and 2006.

Steve Williams gave the Newsletter Committee report, suggesting that we could advertise for sponsors in the newsletter.

Elaine Roberts gave a report on the Council of Past Presidents. (*See separate article for details*)

Bob Bogan gave a report on the Accreditation Seminar offered on Saturday in conjunction with the NEC Conference. Bob reported that the seminar was a success and that he hopes the chapter can offer it again next year.

At the meetings held in Hershey, the following items were moved and passed unanimously:

- Alex Kashani advised that he would like to rename the President's Award as the F. Russell Hoyt President's Award. Motion passed.
- The list of the Honorary and Executive Emeritus Members was moved. Motion passed.
- The Humanitarian Award of \$1,000 was awarded to Mercy Medical Airlift.
- Motion to offer the basic AAAE ASOS school on the Saturday and Sunday of the Snow Symposium. The school will cost the chapter \$10,000 and will be offered free to NEC members and those registered for the symposium. The motion passed.
- Motion to give a \$500 sponsorship to the National Airport Conference. Motion passed.
- Resolutions were offered to thank the following: the sponsors, Angels, and exhibitors; the Hershey Lodge and its staff; Dave, Becky and the rest of the HIA staff; 1999-2000 AAAE Chairman Jim Morasch, and (last but not least) NEC President, Alex Kashani. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeanne Olivier proposed a training and outreach program that would allow the chapter to provide training to members that would not normally be able to attend the conferences we offer. A motion was made to allow the President to appoint a Training and Outreach Committee.

This committee will recommend to the Executive Committee two (2) training or outreach sessions, one to be held in the last quarter of this calendar year and one in the first quarter of next year. Each session is not to exceed \$10,000 and the Executive Committee will report the results back to the members at the Buffalo General Membership Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Nowak recommended an award to allow a foreign (European) airport staff person to attend the IASS and possibly have an airport in the chapter sponsor this person for one week. The cost of this grant is not to exceed \$5,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Elaine Roberts, chair, representing the Nominating Committee, recommended the following slate of officers: President, Jeanne Olivier A.A.E.; Vice President, Leo Comeau Jr., A.A.E.; Treasurer, Alfred Graser, A.A.E.; Secretary, Tim Edwards, A.A.E., and Past President, Alex Kashani, A.A.E.

All members of the board of directors were re-elected for the coming year. The following were approved as Chapter nominees to the national organization: Alex Kashani, Robert Bogan and Elaine Roberts.

Motion was made by M. Brewer to accept the committee's recommendations, second by B. Patzner, motion passed unanimously.

The committee recommended that for the future the chapter consider nominating two members for each open position, and allow the membership to vote for the candidate they choose.

## MEDIA SKILLS WORKSHOP HOSTED BY NEC

Acting on Chapter President Jeanne Olivier's "Initiative on Membership Training," the newly formed Training Committee conducted the first Media Skills Workshop which was held at the Best Western Royal Plaza in Fitchburg, MA on Oct. 11-12. The workshop was conducted by Jeff Hall and Jonathan Peck of Executive Communications Group. It addressed techniques for managing trade and mainstream news media, including print, broadcast, and the Internet.

The 11 Northeast Chapter members that attended came away with skills that can be used for a variety of audiences such as the FAA and community groups. Attendees found the video taped mock interviews and their critique to be the most valuable part of the training. The only negative feedback received was the length of the course, they would have preferred a full two days vs. a day and a half. A recommendation received from members was to incorporate this course into the upcoming Northeast Chapter Snow Symposium in Buffalo.

The following are names of the Northeast Chapter members who attended: Larry Beaudoin, Turner Falls Airport; Michael Bolton, Westover Airport; Richard Bunker, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission; Alan Coffin, Massport/Worcester Airport; David Dinneen, Mansfield Airport; Sandra Dorsey, Port Authority New York/New Jersey; Tom Ennis, Massport-Aviation Planning; Robert Furey, HTA-Airport Consultant; Michael Musca,

Portland International Airport; Richard Walsh, Fitchburg Airport, and Richard Walsh, Massport-Government and Community Affairs.

## CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT - KODIAK NORTHWEST

**Kodiak Northwest Inc.** has been affiliated with the Northeast Chapter of the AAAE for about nine years. Located in the small, quiet community of Paul, Idaho, Kodiak manufactures heavy duty snow removal equipment for companies all over the world.

If there is a snow problem, you can expect to find one of Kodiak's rotary snowblowers or loadermount units clearing the way. Kodiak Northwest representative Harry Badger said, "Airports count on our runway brooms and multipurpose units to clean runways." **Kodiak Northwest** has been affiliated with the world famous International Aviation Snow Symposium (IASS) in Buffalo, N.Y., as well as many other shows for many years.

Harry and Carol Badger have enjoyed attending the annual AAAE Northeast Chapter conferences and found them to be very profitable. "These symposiums have proven to be a great asset to Kodiak Northwest and one we hope to utilize for many years to come," Badger said.

## SNOW COMMITTEE CALL FOR MATERIAL

The Snow Symposium Committee is asking airports to provide video clips and/or still pictures of snow removal operations this winter. The footage and pictures will be used to create a dedication video to be shown at the 2001 Snow Symposium.

The video will honor airport personnel who keep our airports open throughout the winter. To assure a high quality final video, please send **original** footage and photos of your snow removal crews at work to: Mike Crowe; Oshkosh Truck Corp., 2307 Oregon Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901; phone (920) 233-9442. Material must be submitted before March 15, 2001. If you want your originals back, please indicate on your submittals.

## ARFF SCHOOL HELD IN PITTSBURGH

This annual training event was a great success for participants and for Pittsburgh's FAA Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Training Facility. Airport rescue and firefighting professionals from across the country were at Pittsburgh International Airport, Sunday through Thursday, Sept. 24-28, participating in hands-on training to improve their skills at managing large body aircraft disasters.

"All aspects of aircraft rescue and fire fighting were covered in this five-day course. More than 70 professionals underwent basic and advanced training at our unique facility," explained Chief Lamonte Wilson, Pittsburgh International Airport Fire Department and FAA Regional

## NOTES FROM A HEADHUNTER

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in August, I had the honor of speaking at an open session of the Northeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives' convention.

The topic of the session was entitled, "How to Survive in a Changing Environment." I thought it was just too obvious what the theme should be, especially with the popularity of the television show, "Survivor." And, I willingly admit to "borrowing" a few ideas from the show. A "SURVIVOR" sign, (old bedsheet and spray paint), a big, ugly, string of beads (obviously, the immunity necklace), and a big, silver treasure chest (which contained stacks of "money"), but, because I was so long-winded, the treasure never got distributed. It was play money, anyway!

The session started with questions from the attendees. They encompassed a variety of topics. What role does the recruiter play? How do recruiters or headhunters, as we are fondly referred to, find candidates, and, What can I do to advance and/or make a change in my career (especially after retirement)? Resumes, the types and the styles, and the variety of interviews being used today were also discussed.

When your new president-elect approached me to write a column, I wondered what could I provide to the readership. My decision was to offer a forum where I might provide some advice to those people who are looking for a job (structure in the job search is a necessity!), or who are looking to make a change in job/career (whether forced or by personal design), and to those who are looking for some guidance or suggestions when constructing a resume or job searching strategies.

So, there it is!! I open the forum to you.

Questions or issues for the Headhunter's future articles can be submitted by email to [ewr103@warwick.net](mailto:ewr103@warwick.net) or to you Chapter post office box at P.O.Box 8, West Milford, NJ 07480.

*Barbara McKinnon*

Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) Training Facility.

The ARFF Training Facility provides students with a dynamic learning experience. An actual 757 airplane mock-up with a 125-foot fuel spill area is the staging area for most of the hands-on training. Some training scenarios were managing a fuel spill fire, cockpit fire, cabin fire, engine fire, wheel well fire and passenger rescues. The propane burning is all computer controlled from a tower on site.

"Aircraft disaster control requires specialized training because the incidence of these fires is rarer. Fighting an aircraft disaster is different than many fires. Everything from dealing with jet fuel, to supplying water, foam, and getting the equipment to the scene of the disaster is very unique from other types of blazes," explained Chief Wilson.

The FAA requires these courses for aircraft fire department personnel in order to keep their professional certification current.

"This event was such a success because we were able to provide so much one-on-one instruction. Our instructors are always seeking new ways to improve our teaching skills so that more students can get more experience in managing the fires," explained Chief Wilson. "Purchasing propane at better prices is also part of the strategy. The more propane we can get, the more burns we can do to help our students learn. And if we can negotiate the best possible price, we can keep our costs down for the courses," he added.

The Pittsburgh International Airport Training Facility achieved a unique distinction when the Northeast Chapter of AAE chose this training site as its official training location for the next three years. This advanced facility was completed in April 1999 and is one of the largest in the country. Training is conducted year-round at the facility. If you are a firefighter interested in learning about other courses offered at the ARFF Training Facility, contact (412) 472-5871. The Pittsburgh International Airport and the ARFF Training Facility are operated by the Allegheny County Airport Authority.

## NEC - NOW MORE THAN EVER

When measuring the collective impact of **NEC/AAE** activities over the years, one word stands out as that which best defines the role our organization has played in an ever-changing aviation industry: **consistency**. Each

and every year, airport professionals are challenged to "remain ahead of the power curve" by continuing to observe, assess, and assimilate notable industry trends and developments. Traditionally, we seek timely answers and potential solutions on the legal, operational, and financial effects of these trends on our airports.

In today's electronic information age, access to pertinent industry regulatory and best practices information material has actually become more convenient. However, the sheer volumes of available documentation often place significant demands on staff time to keep up with the incredible volumes of need-to-know information. Thus, simply managing the time we spend on these ancillary tasks has become one of the greatest challenges in our occupational lives.

In that regard, for nearly 45 years as an entity, NEC has been an active part of the life and fabric of airports in the region, helping them navigate the often turbulent demands and requirements of this technologically advancing industry. Throughout the years, it is true that the NEC has been consistent in delivering timely and valuable information to its members. More importantly, it also delivers *value*. As the cost of almost everything else around us rises, it is comforting to note that NEC annual dues are still only \$35.

Over the next few months, NEC will begin to deliver even more value to our members in a variety of ways—and more and better training, additional opportunities for networking and professional fellowship, strengthening links with state aviation organizations in the region, and the sharing of industry best practices.

Continue to look for these and other updates on chapter activities. Now, more than ever, we need NEC!

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED FOR 2000/01

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Conference Site Selection .....	Cecil Sutton .....	Hunlock Creek, PA .....	717-477-3679
Corporate Relations .....	Debbie Wright .....	Marshfield, MA .....	781-837-2484
International Aviation .....	Robert Nowak .....	Buffalo, NY .....	716-632-6132
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# NORTHEAST CHAPTER AAAE ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



NEC/AAAE would like to extend a sincere and extra sweet thank-you to the entire staff of BAA/Harrisburg for their efforts at this summer's NEC Annual Conference.

This meeting included many varied, interesting, and informative sessions. Updates on the industry were presented by AAAE Chairman Larry Cox and President Chip Barclay. A very special thanks go to David Fleet and Becky Moyer for all their hard work at making the 2000 Conference the success it was!

Again, many thanks!

**Far left: Past President Alex Kashani presents new President Jeanne Olivier with the President's pin.**

**Below Left: Olivier presents Kashani with and award for service to the Chapter.**

**Below right: New Executive Board with Past President Kashani.**



**"The Bobs"—Nowak and Bogan  
"Serving all ye who pass here!"**



**2000 Appreciation Award recipients,  
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Above: Winners and losers...A scene from the NEC golf outing.

Upper right and all photos below: Conference attendees enjoy the cocktail reception.



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**(Above and Middle Right)** Conference attendees mingle during the reception.

**(Middle left and Bottom)** Attendees enjoy good food and entertainment during the annual conference banquet.





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