

Message from Our Vice Chair

Bruce Sinclair

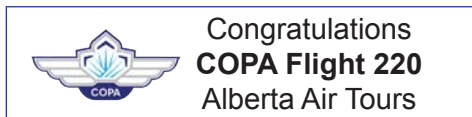


I am excited to update you on some great initiatives that the AAC is undertaking. Our biggest project is our upcoming conference in Nisku in April 2023. We have hired an event planner, Hannah Chorneyko, to assist with this exciting event! Read further in the newsletter for more information on the conference.

I have been attending numerous aviation events in the Edmonton region including the Wetaskiwin Flying Club Christmas Dinner and the Christmas Fly-In and Drive-In at Villeneuve in Eldon's beautiful hangar. I met some great people at these events including

a couple individuals that have potential to contribute to our Board of Directors and our Junior Board. Please refer to the next page for more news on the formation of our Junior Board!

At the Villeneuve event, it was announced that the Alberta Air Tour had been granted a Chapter in COPA. This is a first for COPA, as it's the first Chapter not attached to a community. It has been a great experience to be back in the community and to visit with so many amazing aviation enthusiasts!



DIRECTORS PARTICPATE IN A WORKSHOP - INNISFAIL AIRPORT

In September, the Board of Directors participated in a workshop to review our goals and strategic plans for the next 2, 5 and 10 years. During the day long session, the directors engaged in



L to R: Ryan Albizzatti, Bram Tilroe, Brian Andrus, Shawn Gibson (facilator), Jenn Lofgren (facilator), Michael Stimac, Kendra Kincade, Sophia Wells, Bruce Sinclair, missing Bruno Bradley (who took the photo) Attending by Phone: Steve Michoulas & Trevor Rehberg-Besler

thoughtful discussions about the future of the AAC. With the help of our facilitators, we created a "North Star" goal, which is a specific mission statement to achieve a measurable and time-bound event.

AAC's North Star goal is: By 2026, AAC will have a fully staffed and well-funded organization which will connect our aviation community and bring value to our membership through engagement and education.

Thanks Bruno for Hosting the Day!

Bruno Bradley, photographer



SAAC Update

The Strategic Aviation Advisory Council (SAAC) has had several productive sessions over the past quarter including presentations from industry leaders regarding post-pandemic challenges along with some exciting new initiatives that will advance aviation in Alberta.

From a process perspective, the Council discusses an item, formulates a recommendation, and then forwards the recommendation to the Minister of Transportation for consideration. The new Transportation Minister is Devin Dreesen. In addition, the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development, Brian Jean, will work closely with the Minister of Transportation to address the recommendations. The Minister(s) will potentially action the SAAC recommendation or may request that further information be required to support the initiative.

AAC is very fortunate to have two of our directors who sit on this Council, **Brian Andrus** and **Kendra Kincade**.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

What Has the Council Been Doing Over the Past Few Months?

Kim van Vliet - elected Co-Chair of the NATO Industry Advisory Group

Bruce Sinclair - Conference Chair for the 2023 AAC Conference

Brian Andrus & Bruce Sinclair - Attended the Air Tour Function, December 3, 2023

Michael Stimac and Brian Andrus - attended the local chapter CBAA function November 22, 2022.

Bram Tilroe - attended a portion of the HAC and ATAC conferences

AAC DIRECTOR HAS A NEW CONNECTION AT NATO



Kim van Vliet was just elected as Co-chair of the NATO Industry Advisory Group (NIAG Community of Interest (COL) for Innovation across all NATO innovation branches such as ACT, DIANA, STO, NSPA. Her Co-chair is from the Netherlands.

The NATO Industrial Advisory Group (NIAG) is a high-level consultative and advisory body of senior industrialists of NATO member countries, acting under the Conference of National Armaments Directors (CNAD).

Congratulations Kim!

SAAC - MOVING FORWARD

AAC Junior Board

AAC is creating a Junior Board which will primarily consist of individuals who are currently students or recent graduates of aviation related studies. This will include cadets, post-secondary students, flying club students or any other aviation education field. We are looking for individuals who have a passion for aviation and want to engage and grow our industry.

An application is located on our website with the deadline being February 1, 2023. The Junior Board will be very involved with the upcoming AAC conference including the coordination of tours and introduction of our conference session speakers. They will also participate in many other AAC events and workshops to help market the council.

We are excited to provide new aviation enthusiasts an opportunity to learn aspects of leadership and board governance, as well as to grow their connection to aviation community.

To date we have eight interested individuals who applied for the junior board.

Casino News

AAC uses these restricted funds to support our scholarship programs, facility map, and education sessions as well as to support our Alberta aviation museums. We have just received notice that a casino for the AAC will take place February 8 & 9, 2023 at the Pure Casino in Edmonton (Argyle Road). Our application has been submitted and we are waiting for approval of the license. We are six slots short of filling the volunteer's schedule.

Please contact Brian at our AAC email to volunteer for a shift!

AAC Attends



AAC attends the Alberta Air Tour event held at Hanger 44, Villeneuve Airport, December 3, 2022.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **PNAAC Conference**
February 6 - 9 2023
Seattle, Washington
- **Manitoba Aviation Conference**
February 28 - Mar 1, 2023
Holiday Inn Express
Winnipeg
- **AAC Conference & AGM**
April 16 - 18, 2023,
Coast Nisku Inn
Nisku, AB
- **Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA)**
Jul 11 - 13, 2023
Sunwest Aviation
Calgary
- **Alberta International Airshow**
August 4 - 6, 2023,
Villeneuve, AB
- **ATAC 89th Conference & Tradeshow**
November 14-16, 2023
Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel
Montreal

Memberships

We would like to thank all of our members and your continued support during these unique times.

Membership renewal notices are forthcoming. Please support our Council by renewing your membership today.

The AAC is a registered charity and provides charitable receipts. If you are considering your 2022 charitable donation please consider the AAC before year end.

We would like to thank our members for their continued support.



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LINK

SAVE THE DATE - AAC Spring Conference 2023 - April 16 - 18

Spring Conference

Aviation Today, Looking at the Future

The Council has been working diligently on the upcoming 2023 Alberta Aviation Council Conference which will run from April 16 to 18, 2023. The event will be held at the Coast Nisku Inn in Nisku, Alberta which is just minutes away from the Edmonton International Airport.

We will have some amazing sessions with a wide range of topics for the aviation/aerospace community and a keynote speaker that you will not want to miss. We will populate the agenda on our website once details are firmed up.

The conference chair this year is **Bruce Sinclair**. AAC Directors involved: **Ryan Albizzati, Sophia Wells, Kendra Kincade, Michael Stimac, Steve Michoulas, Trevor Rehberg-Besler and Brian Andrus**

Tentative Schedule

Sunday, April 16

- Meet & Greet

Monday, April 17

- Opening Remarks
- Breakout Sessions
- Plenary Sessions
- AAC AGM
- Evening Banquet - Banquet & Keynote Speaker

Wednesday, April 18

- Plenary Sessions
- Panels
- Tours

More details can be found on our website in January 2023.

Good link for Resources

The British Columbia Aviation Council (BCAC) has collected a number of useful resource links related to COVID-19 and the aviation industry.