

SAAC's Next Step Forward

Nominations for SAAC Council Members.

The Council is expected to consist of 14 roles from various sectors related to aviation. Richard will be seeking input from the AAC and our membership to suggest individuals who would be an asset to the Council. Brian Andrus, AAC Secretary, will release a list of the sectors that will look to be represented. A nomination process will be established and candidates will be selected by the Chair. Within each of the sectors, a lead Council member will be appointed to represent the sector for Council meetings and SAAC activities.

SAAC will endeavour to create industry opportunities and economic development, and, as a focused aviation community, it will create a direct channel to the government including connections to the ministries of Transport, Economic Development, Trade and Tourism and Finance. The Council cannot develop or dictate policy for the Government. It is an independent body which represents our aviation

and aerospace industries to provide stronger direction for Alberta's aviation future.

AAC has been actively engaged in working with Richard on this initiative and will be a key partner over the four years the SAAC is legislated to exist.

NavCanada

Nav Canada continues to share information to the aviation industry through virtual conferences and press releases. Nav Canada has circulated a memo which provides details about the fees and flight activity at the major airports. There is also a weekly email that details the industry issues regarding the COVID impact on the aviation industry.

Airshows

All the airshows schedule for 2020 in Alberta have now been cancelled or postponed. The Edmonton Airshow will be re-scheduled for next August 2021 and will be rebranded for the next year's show. More details to follow.

[Link to details of postponed 2020 airshow.](#)

SAAC MOVING FORWARD - IT'S LAW

AAC Attends Third Reading

Richard Gotfried's Private Members Bill 201 passed its third reading in the Legislature on June 22, 2020 which paves the way for the formation of the Strategic Aviation Advisory Council (SAAC).

The official start for the Council will be December 31, 2020 and Richard will

act as the Chair. Richard was a former pilot for Cathay Pacific Airlines and was the driving force behind this advisory group. His aviation experience and enthusiasm will provide the leadership to enhance and advance Alberta's aviation strategy.



Richard Gotfried, MLA for Calgary-Fish Creek and **Brian Andrus, AAC Director**, acknowledge the Private Member's Bill 201 on its Third and final reading on June 22, 2020. Bill 201 is the **Strategic Aviation Advisory Council (SAAC)**.

AGM Postponed

Due to COVID-19, our AGM will be scheduled in either October or November. It is expected that the AGM will be hosted on a virtual platform. A proposed slate of AAC Directors will be provided to the membership for voting prior to the AGM. More details to follow.

COPA

Bram Tilroe, AAC Chair, has finished his four-year term with COPA as Alberta/NWT Director and Western Vice-Chairman. The new Western Vice Chair is Ken Zachkewich and the new President and CEO of COPA is Christine Gervais.



Memberships

We would like to thank all our members with your continuing support during these unique times. Membership levels have remained fairly steady year over year.

Board Resignation



Ray Pritlove has resigned from AAC's Board of Directors. Ray will be missed as he has provided valuable insight into COPA

and the General Aviation market for the AAC.

The Board wishes Ray well in his new restaurant adventure and we look forward to trying his creative culinary fare.

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Welcome New AAC Board Members

Kendra Kincade Overwhelmed by a decidedly challenging early life, Kendra discovered that the pathway to her own salvation lay in helping others find theirs. Her quest to make a difference in the lives of others included climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise money for a local hospital and establishing her own non-profit organizations, Changing Stories and Elevate Aviation.



Kendra's career as an Air Traffic Controller opened up even more horizons. When she recognized the negligible female presence in the industry, she set out to remedy the situation. Now, an internationally acclaimed humanitarian and Honorary Colonel of the RCAF 417 Helicopter Squadron, Kendra is the award-winning Founder and Chair of Elevate Aviation.

Steve Michoulas



Steve Michoulas is a partner in McMillan's Aviation and Commercial Real Estate Industry groups. He has over 16 years experience in corporate law with an emphasis on airports, real estate and infrastructure. Steve currently acts for international and regional airports and, prior to rejoining McMillan in 2018, Steve spent 8 years at the Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR) as Director, Legal Services.

Steve currently sits on the Legal Steering Committee of Airports Council International (NA), the largest airport trade association in North America Member. He is a former member of the Canadian Airports Legal Group and was chosen as a Finalist for the 2013 Western Canada General Counsel Awards in the "Tomorrow's Leader" category.


Casinos Update

AGLC slot machines are available at the casinos for now. The tables are yet to open. Limited tables will be opened in Phase 3 but when has yet to be determined. Cancelled casinos will be rescheduled once the casinos are fully operational. This will cause a ripple effect to all subsequent casinos. Our casino was tentatively scheduled for first quarter of 2021 but it will likely be pushed back at least 6 to 12 months.

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.

[LINK](#)

 **ELEVATE AVIATION** presents
PILOT RECURRENT TRAINING
COPA Rust Remover - August 22
[Link for more details](#)

AAC DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO A UNIQUE ADVISORY GROUP

Kim van Vliet has been appointed to the NATO Industrial Advisory Group (NIAG).



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), with the aims of:

- Providing a forum for free exchange of views on industrial, technical, economic, management and other relevant aspects of research, development and production of armament equipment within the Alliance; based on current and updated information provided by relevant NATO bodies
- Providing industry's advice to the CNAD on how to foster gov-

ernment-to-industry and industry-to-industry armaments co-operation within the Alliance

- Providing optimal use of NIAG resources to assist Main Armaments Groups, and their subordinate bodies, in exploring opportunities for international collaboration, and seeking timely and efficient ways to satisfy NATO military requirements.

The NIAG provides a link to the NATO nations' defence industries through which the industrial viewpoint and industrial technology development could be included in the work of the NATO. The NIAG is composed of high-level industrial representatives of the member nations, each of them acting as a focal point and spokesperson for his/her national defence and security industries and associations.

NATO recognizes the need of a close involvement with the industry with particular focus on:

- Assisting the development of military capability requirements and the fielding of interoperable solutions.
- Fostering the Trans-Atlantic defence technological and industrial cooperation.
- Providing advice on the adoption of open source standards.

The NIAG provides a link to the NATO nations' defence industries through which the industrial viewpoint and industrial technology development could be included in the work of NATO. This provides an opportunity for Alberta and Canadian based companies to be a part of that solution by partnering with other companies from other allied nations.

Congratulations Kim on Your Appointment