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NYAMA Spreads its Wings

In a bold new move, the Association adopted changes to its bylaws to help expand its membership and continue its growth. The Association also adopted a new name — the New York Aviation Management Association (NYAMA). According to Board members, the name better represents the existing membership and encourages a more inclusive spirit toward prospective members.

Accompanying the name change, NYAMA voted in favor of a major restructuring of membership categories. The changes include basing membership on the organization rather than the individual, providing voting rights to all members equally, and a reclassification of each category to better reflect each organization's financial ability to pay dues. Many of these changes will enable the Association to more effectively recruit potential members.

The Association has experienced unprecedented growth over the past two years and has developed a strong voice in Albany on legislative matters, enhanced its membership communications and professional development activities. In order to remain a healthy and viable organization, NYAMA must continue its outreach to as broad an aviation audience as possible, to state leaders, and to the communities we serve, the increased administrative costs that accompany new programs and serviced.

We urge you to get involved, reach out to your business associates and encourage them to join the Association. Make the most of the opportunities the Association provides for training and networking. Advocate for the State's aviation industry; and contribute your energy and ideas! Should you have any questions about the Association's programs or bylaw changes, do not hesitate to contact NYAMA Headquarters at (518) 432-9973 or email at info@nyama.com.

Transportation Bond Act Fails

By Joel Stashenko, Associated Press

Voters refused to allow New York to shoulder more long-term debt by rejecting the largest proposed bond act in state history.

The transportation bond act was defeated 53 percent to 47 percent according to unofficial election returns. It would have provided about \$1.9 billion for New York City mass transit projects and a like amount for roads, bridges and airports outside the city.

As in most past bond act balloting, enthusiasm for the bond act in New York City could not offset skepticism outside the Big Apple. City voters approved the bond act by a margin of more than 400,000 votes, but the proposition lost by more than 500.000 votes in the rest of the state.

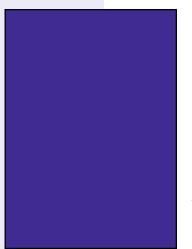
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Word on the Wing

From the President



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While I was disappointed by the defeat of the Bond Act, I am encouraged by NYAMA's growth and our progress in the New York State Legislature this year.

It is important not to let the Bond Act defeat overshadow our accomplishments. We just came off of one of NYAMA's most successful Fall Conference programs ever. Membership participation and numbers are up.

Lawmakers have a better understanding of the importance of a strong viable aviation industry to the state economy; and recognize our funding needs.

At the Fall Conference, the membership unanimously approved sweeping changes to our bylaws. The bylaw changes reflect our growth and open doors for new members and enhanced membership involvement. Changes included a complete restructuring of the Association's dues categories. We are confident that these changes will enable NYAMA to better represent the aviation industry as a whole, and will provide each member with a clearer identification and purpose within the membership.

November also saw the implementation of a new committee structure. Take note of the committees on page 5 and make the most of this opportunity to add your input to NYAMA.

You may have already noticed a significant change in this edition of the newsletter. In an effort to better reflect our membership and statewide image, we are launching our new logo and newsletter design. For several years now the Association has come to be recognized as the premiere representative of the aviation industry in New York State — its time our name reflected our mission! As we look back on this historic millennial year, it is fitting to reflect on the accomplishments of the past twelve months.

The year 2000 saw the establishment of Air '99 funding and the formation of the NY SOARS program, spearheaded by Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno. While defeatd in the Bond Act, NY SOARS provided unprecedented capital improvement funding for airports across the State. These programs will provide a launching pad for our 2001 advocacy program.

NYAMA and NYSDOT teamed up in February to offer regional aviation industry meetings around the State. The program was designed to provide local forums to review the AIR '99 grant application, and to network and discuss airport development issues among colleagues.

Eight (8) meetings held at regional airports which brought over 140 people together, representing 61 airports, to learn about and discuss the essential components of this new funding source and facilitate valuable interaction among airport representatives.

In late March NYAMA held its first Advocacy Day, uniting the aviation industry around the State in a concentrated effort to present their needs to the State Legislature. The evening reception was well attended and the days activities left a lasting impression on state lawmakers of the crucial importance of aviation in economic development.

The year also saw improved communication within the membership through expanded web-page services, increased distribution of our quarterly newsletter, broadcast fax updates and expanded email communications. Both the spring and fall conferences reached record attendance levels, and the annual fall exhibit show established itself as a premiere event for New York State aviation contractors and consultants.

NYAMA needs your active support in 2001 to ensure the continued success of the Association. Please stay informed, participate in our programs and be an advocate at home.

Have a very happy and safe holiday season!

Terrence Slaybaugh President

Fall 2000 Conference Notes NYAMA Adopts Important Changes to its Constitution and Bylaws

By Bob Nicholas, Ithaca (Tompkins County) Airport

At its Annual Conference, held in Rochester this year, the NYAMA Board proposed several important changes to the Association's Constitution and Bylaws, paving the way for a more inclusive organization which the Board hopes will lead to a greatly expanded membership.

Finalizing initiatives to open up NYAMA to all aviation entities which began several years ago, board member Bob Nicholas announced the following major changes to the assembled members:

NAME CHANGE – Changes the association's name from the NEW YORK AIRPORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION to the NEW YORK AVIATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS – Eliminates the different classes of membership, giving the same rights and voting privileges to ALL members. Under this proposal there will be no difference in status between any member, regardless of aviation affiliation and size.

MEMBERSHIP BY ORGANIZATION – Membership will be by organization rather than by individual. Organizations or entities will only be required to pay one membership fee. Payment of the fee confers membership on all owners and/or employees of the organization or entity. This becomes an important distinction when NYAMA is representing its members in Albany. Rather than speaking on behalf of 100-odd actual members, in the future NYAMA representatives will talk of the thousands they represent from all the organizations and entities which belong to the Association.

VOTING AND MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES – Membership will give one vote to each organization or entity. Each vote will have equal weight, regardless of the size or importance of each organization or entity. Every member is eligible to become a director or officer on the NYAMA Board. Every member is eligible to move through all officer positions and become president of NYAMA.

DUES STRUCTURE – The dues structure will recognize the organization or entity's ability to pay AND the potential benefits to be gained from being a member of NYAMA. Recent legislative successes have come as a result of professional lobbying assistance and superior administration of NYAMA's affairs. These services are expensive and must be reflected in NYAMA's dues structure. However, the results of our combined efforts over the past few years emphasize the value of being a member of NYAMA. The annual dues are as follows :

Large Airports (750,000 Passenger Enplanements and Above) \$1,0	000
Consultants\$	750
Medium Airports (50,000 – Under 750,000 Enplanements)\$4	400
Small Airports (GA and Commercial Service with Under 50,000 Enplanements), FBOs, Suppliers\$	200
Aviation Educational Facilities, Corporate Flight Depts., (Part 135 Operators, Pilot Associations, Flying Clubs, Planning Organizations, Others)\$	100
Students, FAA, NYSDOT, Honorary Life Members F	ree

By a show of hands, these changes were overwhelmingly adopted by the members. Copies of the Constitution & Bylaws, incorporating these changes, will be sent out to NYAMA members within the next few weeks. Questions or requests for further information can be directed to NYAMA headquarters in Albany (518-432-1712) or to Bob Nicholas (607-257-0456).

NYAMA Board Elected at November Conference

NYAMA's 2000 Fall Conference ushered in a new slate of officers and Board of Directors for the Association. We look forward to another strong year of growth and development, and welcome the renewed leadership.

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On November 1, 2000, the Broome County Department of Aviation hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of its newly refurbished passenger terminal building. This event culminated a four year process of design and construction of a facility that all of the local travelers can be proud of.

New York State Governor George E. Pataki, New York State Senator Thomas W. Libous and County Executive Jeffery P. Kraham cut the ribbon to officially open the newly upgraded Binghamton Regional Airport. Each official was instrumental in securing funding for the project as well as working diligently to see this project succeed.

This event was designed to showcase the improved and modernized passenger terminal building with its new features. The terminal's new amenities include a business center offering multiple workstations with internet accessibility, a conference center with full multimedia capabilities, and a user friendly baggage system. All tenants occupy refurbished leased spaces that include a computer controlled HVAC system, integrated voice communications and a LAN for common use computer stations. Additionally, visitors to the airport can view aircraft operations from a climate controlled observation deck in full view of the airfield.

This facility is an achievement for all Broome County Region travelers to be proud of as it will serve them well for years to come.

New Web Page Tracks Albany Flights For Travelers

The Albany International Airport now enables travelers to confirm the Airport's flight arrival and departure times over the internet. The flight tracking system can be found under "FLIGHT INFO" on the Airport's new web page, www.albanyairport.com. Selecting "FLIGHT INFO" on the Airport's home page links travelers immediately to Albany International Airport's arrival and departure information. With a click of a mouse, individuals can even determine how fast a particular aircraft is traveling, its distance from the Airport and when it should depart or arrive at Albany. The web page also lists delays and cancellations.

"We believe it is important to provide our travelers with facts that can assist them in making informed decisions about their travel plans or meeting individuals at the Airport," said Rev. Michael A. Farano, Chairman of the Albany County Airport Authority. "This new user-friendly service is yet another step to make the best even better as Albany International Airport continues to meet the requirements of its rapidly increasing volume of passengers.

The Airport's new web site also features a special page for children. The "Kids Flight Deck" offers an Airport Coloring Book and puzzles for children as well as photos of commercial aircraft that currently serve Albany International Airport. Children are encouraged to color the pages and send them to the Albany County Airport Authority for posting on the web page.

The "SERVICES" page provides information on the Airport Information Center, advertising, Business Center, Interfaith Prayer Room, Skycaps, the Airport's Fearful Flying program and more. The "DIREC-TIONS" page features both text and maps to assist long distance travelers locate the airport. By clicking "Parking," an Airport parking map and parking rates appear.

The Airport web page also serves as a resource for students, contractors and the news media. By clicking the "Airport Authority" section, web site visitors can read a detailed history of the Airport, check on recent news releases and review legal notices, requests for proposals and bids for goods and services. The Airport's new web page was designed and is serviced by Empire Information Services of Schenectady.

US Airways Express Launches Newburgh-Baltimore Flights

US Airways Express carrier Trans States Airlines began nonstop service between Newburgh and Baltimore International Airport (BWI), offering customers a choice of two roundtrip flights each business day.

The new service to Baltimore departs Newburgh at 1:25 pm and 6:00 pm and arrives in Baltimore at 2:40 pm and 7:20 pm, respectively. From Baltimore, the flights depart at 11:46 pm and 4:16 pm and arrive in Newburgh at 1:01 pm and 5:31 pm, respectively.

Service between these two cities is operated with the comfortable 30-seat Jetstream-41 jet-prop aircraft, equipped with a restroom. Flight attendant service is offered on all US Airways Express J-41 flights.

According to Richard A. Leach, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, "We are pleased to offer the US Airways Express service in Newburgh. This new service offers additional ways for Newburgh area travelers to connect to the US Airways extensive route network from Baltimore."

Under this new schedule, US Airways and US Airways Express operates five departures each business day at Newburgh. At Baltimore, US Airways, US Airways Express, and MetroJet operate 151 daily departures. US Airways Express, part of the US Airways system, is a network of nine regional airlines operating nearly 2,500 daily flights. Members of US Airways Dividend Miles program earn a minimum 500 miles on all US Airways Express flights.

For additional information on fares and schedules, contact your local travel consultant, call US Airways at 1-800-428-4322, or visit US Airways online at usairways.com.

Behind the Scenes NYAMA Staff

As you know, the year 2000 marked several bold new steps in NYAMA legislative efforts. Such programs as Air '99 and NY SOARS moved through the legislative obstacle course with unprecedented speed. The aviation industry in New York State is represented by Legislative Counsel, Steve Acquario. Steve, who is the legislative director for the New York State Association of Counties, has worked with NYAMA for over 6 years. He provides a daily, visible presence in Albany on behalf of the aviation industry, and advises the Board on legislative policies. We thank Steve for his dedication to the Association.

Also crucial to the growing success the Association is the professional association management and communications provided by Association Development Group, Inc. Kathleen Van De Loo, President of the company, and her staff — Cara Grassie, Director, Meeting & Conference Planning; Lisa Burghardt, Director, Member Services; Brian Shaughnessy, Director, Information Systems — have worked diligently to expand membership, improve member communications, and develop the conference and trade show programs.

We look forward to many years ahead of continued growth and development.

Fall Conference Breaks Records, Welcomes Historic Changes

NYAMA held its 2000 Fall Conference at the Sheraton Four Points in Rochester, NY. Attendance records were up, speakers were well received, and the membership voted on historic changes to the Association's constitution and bylaws.

The conference featured an exciting and informative assembly of high caliber presenters, including James Evan Hall, Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Floyd Anthony "Tony" James, Air Safety Investigator, FAA-Office of Accident Investigation and Robert Vandel, Executive Vice President, Flight Safety Foundation.

The conference also featured the industry's annual 2000 aviation Expo, doubling the number of exhibitors from last year!

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NYAMA Introduces New Committee Structure

In an effort to increase member participation and improve targeted areas of Association development, NYAMA has created several new committees. NYAMA members are encouraged to join! Please contact NYAMA Headquarters at (518) 432-9973 or info@nyama.com if you are interested in serving.

NYAMA's committee structure to date is as follows:

Legislative Affairs Committee

Terry Slaybaugh, Chair Steve Acquario, Esq.

Membership Committee

Robert Nicholas, Chair David Newman

Nominating Committee

Rich Halik, Chair This is a new committee which will recommend, research and select new NYAMA board members and officers for the next term. In addition, this committee will coordinate NYAMA's annual meeting to be held during the annual Fall Conference.

Finance Committee

Steve lachetta, Chair Rich Halik

This is a new committee designed to oversee all Association finances, including working with the Treasurer to draft an annual budget, handle general accounting, and submit tax reports.

2001 Fall Conference Committee

Ben Manton, Chair Bob Nicholas

The mission of this committee is to develop and assist with the planning of the annual Fall Conference. Committee members will decide on topics for both the general and concurrent sessions and obtain appropriate speakers.

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Passenger Traffic Soars

Passenger traffic at Albany International Airport set an all time record during August 2000.

Enplanements, the number of individuals boarding aircraft, increased by 44,469, the largest one-month increase in the Airport's history. Total enplanements during August were 161,101, an increase of 38.1 percent over August of 1999. "We're seeing a significant number of new travelers, both business and families not only from the Albany Region, but from as far away as Syracuse, Plattsburgh, northern Vermont, central Massachusetts and the lower Hudson Valley. They are telling us they're driving to Albany because our fares are lower than they can get near home," said Rev. Michael A. Farano, chairman of the Albany County Airport Authority.

A survey of travelers has shown that lower fares have increased the Albany International Airport's catchment area to more than 150 miles with some passengers traveling up to three hours to take advantage of lower ticket prices.

The increase in July's passenger traffic was driven substantially by the arrival of Southwest Airlines. Southwest attracted 30,062 passengers to the Airport during August. "Southwest has generated a new level of competition between airlines that has resulted in lower fares and substantial travel bargains for business and leisure travelers flying to and from Albany International Airport," said Rev. Michael A. Farano "When we analyze the numbers, we find this competitive atmosphere has resulted in an increase in passengers for each of our major airlines."

Total passenger boardings for the Airport's other major airlines in Albany increased an average of 12.4 percent during August. Northwest logged the largest gain with a 45 percent increase over August of 1999. Of the remaining major carriers, United/United Express was up 14 percent, Continental up 13 percent, Delta/Delta Express up 10 percent, US Airways/Express up 11 percent, American up 14 percent and American Eagle up 9 percent.

Ranger Aerospace Corporation to Sell Aircraft Service International Group

to Signature Flight Support Corporation for Approximately \$152 Million

Ranger Aerospace Corp. ("Ranger"), parent company of Aircraft Service International Group, Inc. ("ASIG"), and Signature Flight Support Corporation ("Signature"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BBA Group ("BBA") announced today that the companies have entered into a definitive agreement under which Signature will acquire Ranger stock for a total consideration of approximately \$152 million including the assumption of its ASIG bonds and the repayment of its debt. The transaction, which is subject to customary closing conditions, is expected to close in the first quarter of 2001.

Steve Townes, President and CEO of ASIG and founder of Ranger, said "This combination brings together two of the largest and most respected names in the aviation services industry. Signature is the largest and best FBO chain in North America, and ASIG is the highest quality-ranked airline services firm in North America, with a significant and growing presence in Europe. We are confident that our merged company will be advantageously positioned to provide a full range of services to our customers, and continue to benefit from the growing opportunity in the aircraft services marketplace."

Aircraft Service International Group, headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is one of the largest and most experienced independent airfield service companies in the world. Founded in 1947, ASIG provides a wide breadth of aviation fuel services, fuel consortium management, aircraft ground handling and passenger services, as well as a full range of other diversified airport and aviation services at 54 airport locations throughout the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean. Revenue for fiscal 2000 (ended 3/ 31/00) totaled approximately \$141 million.

BBA, headquartered in London, is an international group of world-recognized brands that provide services and technology solutions to world markets. BBA Aviation is a world leader in Business Aviation Services through its network of bases in major airports in the US, and increasingly the rest of the world. BBA is also the leading supplier to world's hygiene and industrial markets. In 1999, BBA had sales of £1.4 billion.

Signature Flight Support, headquartered in Orlando, Florida, is the word's largest fixed base operator (FBO) and distribution network for business and commercial aviation services with 50 facilities throughout the United States, Mexico, Europe and the Far East.

Ranger Aerospace, headquartered in Greenville, South Caroline, is a privately held investment and management holding company with large financial institutions, venture capital entities, and management as shareholders. Ranger and its shareholders add value to acquired companies via seasoned veterans who are experienced in aviation services, aerospace, engineering, finance, MIS, marketing, total quality management, leveraged buyouts, mergers & acquisitions, organizational development, post-merger integration, and turnarounds.



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Westchester County Airport Annual "Spirit of Noise Abatement Award"

The Westchester County Airport honored 18 of its based corporations with the "Spirit of Noise Abatement" award on Thursday, October 19, 2000. These 18 companies were recognized and thanked for maintaining 100% compliance with Westchester County Airport's Voluntary Restraint From Flying Program (12 midnight to 6:30am) and High Range Noise Event Limit for the entire year of 1999. The honorees in the helicopter category were Bristol-Myers Squibb, Gateway Helicopters and Philip Morris Management Corporation; in the turbopropeller category were Bristol-Myers Squibb, New York Power Authority, Northeast Air Charter, Rich A. Foreman Associates and Safe Flight; and in the corporate jet category were Bristol-Myers Squibb, Cappelli Development Corporation, Chase Manhattan Bank, Ernst & Young, L.L.P., Imperial Transport, Olin Corporation, Philip Morris Management Corporation, U.S. Aviation Underwriters, INC., US Tobacco, and White Cloud Company.

The corporate jet winners also compete for the Lowest Overall Average Sound Level for an individual aircraft and the Lowest Overall Average Sound Level for an aircraft fleet (more than one aircraft).

The lowest average sound level is calculated through

the use of the Westchester County's Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS). The System currently has 14 permanent noise monitors located within 6 NM of the airport which record all sound levels 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. All noise events registered by based aircraft for the entire year of 1999 are averaged to find quietest based aircraft and quietest based fleet.

The 1999 Lowest Average Sound Level Winner for a single aircraft was Olin Corporation flying a Citation X aircraft and the 1999 Lowest Average Sound Level Winner for a fleet was US Tobacco flying two Challenger aircraft.

The "Spirit of Noise Abatement Award" was developed in 1995 as a motivational program to promote noise abatement compliance and the use of new technology quiet aircraft at the Westchester County Airport. Winners receive a plaque as recognition of their dedication and constant effort to help reduce the impacts of aircraft noise on the surrounding residents. The companies honored with the "Spirit Award" are an elite group that is truly thanked for their efforts and achievement.

Tell us what you think – We value your input!

NYAMA is looking for comments and new ideas from the membership. Take a moment to offer your advice, suggest new programs or remark on existing ones, and most of all — get involved! NYAMA is YOUR Association — be a part of it!

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Friends of the Hudson Valley Looking to Increase Presence at Stewart International Airport

Friends of the Hudson Valley, a Poughkeepsie based non-profit with a special focus on development of tourism to the region is in initial discussions with National Express, the operator of Stewart International Airport, to accentuate the Main Terminal by helping in creating a "Hudson Valley theme." Currently, Friends of the Hudson Valley operates the Hudson Valley Shop at the airport.

John R. Edney, Managing Director of Stewart International Airport said: "We are excited about the potential such a prospect brings. We hope to involve regional, historic and cultural sites, parks, museums and other wonderful tourist destinations in a program which will make Stewart not just an airport to fly in and out of, but a place for both the local and flying public to experience this beautiful region. Stewart will indeed become the Gateway to the Hudson Valley."

According to Peter Bienstock, Chairman of Friends of the Hudson Valley: "Under National Express's management it is clear that Stewart Airport is poised to be an important port of entry for tourists from around the nation and the world. We hope to provide a preview of the remarkable resources of the region and the marvelous experience which is available, from the scenic and cultural to the recreational and culinary."

Work on the details of the project are at a very preliminary stage, and a lot of planning and research needs to be done to realize the shared vision of creating a magnificent tourist gateway at Stewart.

Please address any comments or questions in care of AirCurrents, New York Aviation Management Association, 29 Elk Street, Suite 200, Albany, NY 12207



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Transportation Bond Act Fails

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New York has more than \$35 billion of state-supported debt, the largest total in America. Wall Street analysts cite the state's debt as one reason for its poor credit rating.

"We are disappointed," said Bob Davis, a spokesman for the coalition of contractors and unions which pushed the bond act. "These projects are important to our economic future and we will continue to support the effort to improve and expand New York's infrastructure."

But critics of the borrowing proposal, including the state Conservative Party and the League of Women Voters, argued that the bond act did not deserve to be passed. They complained that the Legislature and Gov. George Pataki failed to tell voters exactly what bond act money would be spent on.

Several voters interviewed at the polls Tuesday told The Associ-

ated Press that they didn't know enough about the bond act to vote for it.

Though Pataki said he supported the bond act and urged voters to approve it, he did not campaign for the borrowing proposal.

"To be honest, I didn't hear anything about it until the last few days so I figured it couldn't be all that important or the governor would have been stumping for it," said Betty Weedon of North Chittenango, a home health care worker whose husband runs a dairy farm near Syracuse. "Anyway it seemed like most of the money was going to be spent in the cities so it's not going to help my community."

Another voter in North Chittenango, retired factory worker George Schiller, said he voted for the bond act because he thought it could help upstate's economy. But Schiller said he did not know the specifics of the proposition.

At a suburban Albany fire hall, Chris Ellis said he voted against the bond act.

"I'm supposed to pay to build a subway for New York City?" he asked. "Nope. Only if they send some of their money up here."

As usual with bond acts, voter apathy was evident. In a typical bond act, about as many people who vote "yes" ignore the proposition, either intentionally or by accident.

In Buffalo, James Park didn't vote on the bond act on purpose.

"I didn't know anything about that," he said. "I saw a commercial for it last night, that was about it."

And another Buffalo voter named Jason, who wouldn't give his last name, said he meant to vote against the bond act but, "I didn't see it on there."

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