

# **37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, CONFERENCE, AND TRADESHOW**

# The forum for Northern and remote aviation in Canada.



April 8 - 10, 2013 The Explorer Hotel Yellowknife, Northwest Territories



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Northern Air Transport Association is to represent northern air carriers in the decision-making process affecting transportation in Northern Canada.

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### GOALS

- 1. To promote a safe and effective Northern air transportation system.
- 2. To advocate Northern air transport positions.
- 3. To establish and maintain partnerships within the industry, governments and other interested parties.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To develop and cause to be adopted positions which increase the safety of Northern air transportation and reflect the unique operating environment.
- 2. To develop and cause to be adopted positions, which improve the economics, quality and delivery of Northern air transportation considering the Northern environment.
- 3. To develop the resources and procedures to cause the positions of NATA to be adopted. Specifically to:
  - · Develop, maintain and promptly update contact lists;
  - · Develop and maintain a means to poll the membership;
  - · Be aware of, monitor, attend and report on government and industry meetings and regulatory hearings;
  - · Prepare submissions, interventions and other correspondence;
  - · Liaise with government, industry and other interested parties;
  - · Develop a lobbying plan; and
  - · Offer relevant speakers.
- 4. To develop a communications strategy so that NATA can make appropriate public announcements including developing:
  - $\cdot$  A communications plan;
  - $\cdot$  Media contact list; and
  - · Working relationship with the media.
- 5. To prepare an annual general meeting which addresses the interests of the membership.
- 6. To have members who represent a significant percentage of air passenger and cargo carriers North of 60°.

# Government of the Northwest Territories Premier's Welcome Message

### Message from the Premier of the Northwest Territories

On behalf of the people and the Government of the Northwest Territories, I would like to welcome you all to Yellowknife for the Northern Air Transport Association 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, AGM and Trade Show.

The future for the North is bright. The interest in our natural resources continues to be strong and promises to fuel years of prosperity and economic growth at home and in southern Canada. Devolution will give the people of the Northwest Territories new tools and powers to make their own decisions about how and when our resources are developed and provide new sources of revenue for investing in our people and economy.

The Government of the Northwest Territories has a vision of a strong and prosperous North with a diversified, sustainable economy that creates opportunities for all our people in all our regions and territories. That vision includes the aviation industry. For decades, your industry has been an integral part of the northern economy and northern development. You connect our people and communities, support mines and businesses across the territory and help us get our goods to market. As we begin to take advantage of the new possibilities afforded to us by devolution, your industry will be there, continuing to support our economy and benefitting from the increased business opportunities that will follow.

Aviation has been and will continue to be a mainstay of the North for years to come. Thank you for your ongoing contributions to the North's success and I wish you a productive and informative conference.

Premier Robert R. McLeod



# City of Yellowknife Mayor's Welcome Message

### Welcome-Northern Air Transport Association Members!

The City of Yellowknife-and indeed the entire North– is fortunate to have such strong economic drivers, generous community supporters and committed service providers as members of the air transport industry provide.

Throughout the North, the Northern Air Transport Association (NATA) not only serves as a unified voice of the air transport industry but also contributes immensely to the economies of our communities. NATA should be very proud that their operator membership contributes roughly one billion dollars in national annual gross flying revenue.

Canadian Pacific Airlines built Yellowknife's first airport along the shoreline of Long Lake in 1944. The construction was completed in five das for a cost of \$450 dollars! Today, there are over 1200 people employed at the Yellowknife airport. Eight scheduled carriers and an additional four charter companies service our city and communities.

The City of Yellowknife is thankful not only for the access provided to and from northern communities and mines but also for the generous financial contributions that the members of NATA give back to the many not-for-profit organizations, sports teams, and community groups.

On behalf of the City of Yellowknife, I thank you all for being participating members of NATA. I wish you a successful conference and hope you enjoy some of the many sights and activities Yellowknife has to offer.

Sincerely,

Mark Heyck

Mark Heyck Mayor of Yellowknife



# Northern Air Transport Association President's Welcome Message

### Welcome to the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Northern Air Transport Association April, 2013

As I prepare to hand over the President's gavel, it seems only natural to engage in a bit of reflection. The Northern Air Transport Association is holding its thirty-seventh annual general meeting. What a long and proud history, particularly when one considers the relatively small size and diversity of interests that make up the northern air transportation community. The longevity of this Association does, I believe, speak volumes about how intricately and inextricably this industry is woven into the economic fabric of the North. Northerners fly more than southern Canadians for business and pleasure, for reasons which are obvious as soon as you try to drive anywhere! Medical emergencies, food supplies, emergency repairs, remote tourism and industry are all reliant on the ability of the northern carriers to operate safely, efficiently and effectively. And it is in the continual pursuit of a balance between these three elements that the Northern Air Transport Association has enjoyed such success for its members.

I have watched with much interest over the years the good work of NATA, hugely dedicated and very focused on northern issues, knocking on doors in Ottawa and getting the ear of decision-makers in the three Territories to listen to the concerns of the industry. While progress in many areas is slower than we would like, on balance, the Association's concerns have been accepted in the spirit in which they were given: as real problems encountered by an industry that provides a vital service in a challenging and unforgiving environment with a genuine willingness to work collaboratively to a viable solution.

I know that as I pass along my responsibilities within NATA to the next in line we can all remain comfortable in the knowledge that this northern air transport industry will continue to be well represented. I want to thank everyone for their contribution.

Tracy Medve, President



# Northern Air Transport Association Executive Director's Welcome Message

Welcome everyone to NATA's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Conference and Trade Show. I hope everyone will find it informative, topical, and a great opportunity to dialogue with various levels of Government along with your industry peers. On a personal note it is wonderful to be back and able to personally meet with all of you.

Your organization throughout 2012 has continued to be a strong voice for those operating in the Northern and Remote regions of Canada. Operating where we do, to the far reaches of this vast country, brings unique challenges that are not always well understood. I continue to be amazed at how much of my job is simply education in the realities of what our members deal with on a daily basis. Fortunately, as our profile rises, the opportunities to provide that education continue to increase. More and more NATA is recognized as being an important organization to consult.

The list of issues remains lengthy, and it seems that even when one gets knocked off, another is right there to take its place. For 2012 the CARAC Fatigue Management Working group remained at the top of the list with countless hours being spent on various meetings and reports, the culmination (for now at least) being the submission of final dissents in January of this year. Unfortunately this issue is not gone, it's just in remission while Transport digests the report and everyone's submissions and decides on a next step.

Work continues in other areas; ageing aircraft issues, performance based navigation, cargo security, search and rescue, unmanned vehicles, airport and other infrastructure issues, potable water, OSH regulations, environmental standards, fuel, de-icing, RAIC renewals, designated airports, CRM, Flight Data Monitoring, labour markets, SMS, and the list goes on. What is key in all of them though is your input. The more I know about your specific concerns in these areas, the better job I can do for you. Please contact me at any time to discuss what is your individual hot topic.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you that have volunteered your time and effort in support over the last year. Whether it has been serving on the Board, responding to enquiries, doing research, representing NATA at meetings or supporting me at others, it is greatly appreciated. It is this type of member involvement that provides the expertise and professionalism that we are respected for, while keeping our costs low.

And finally, I would like to recognize the contribution of Colin Dempsey, NATA's Executive Assistant, who does so much in the background to keep the wheels running smoothly.

Enjoy the conference and be sure to say hello.

Regards,

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Merlyn Carter 2005

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## **NATA Presidents**

Robert Engle 1st AGM- March 15, 1977, Yellowknife

Al Kapty 2nd AGM-March 10-11, 1978, Whitehorse

Bill Tweed 3rd AGM-March 23-24, 1979, Yellowknife

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Kenneth Gray 5th AGM-March 25-28, 1981, Yellowknife

Clem Bekar 6th AGM-March 4-6, 1982, Whitehorse

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Al Kapty 11th AGM-March 23-25, 1987, Yellowknife

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24th AGM-April 3-5, 2000, Whitehorse 25th AGM-April 3-5, 2001, Yellowknife

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26th AGM-April 15-17, 2002, Whitehorse 27th AGM-April 28–30, 2003, Whitehorse

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28th AGM-April 19–21, 2004, Whitehorse 29th AGM-April 4–6, 2005, Yellowknife

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Judy Saxby 31st AGM-April 2-4, 2007, Yellowknife

Stephen Nourse 32nd AGM-April 14-16, 2008, Whitehorse

### Joe Sparling 33rd AGM-April 6-7, 2009, Yellowknife 34th AGM-March 29 – 31, 2010, Whitehorse

### **Tracy Medve** 35th AGM-April 11-13, 2011, Yellowknife 36th AGM-April 16-18, 2012, Whitehorse

## NORTHERN AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION



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### MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 The Explorer Hotel

### REGISTRATION LOBBY- 1200 HRS to 1730 HRS

\*Please note that any delegates who have not pre-registered MUST register during this time if they wish to attend the President's Reception\*

- 0900 1200 Trade Show Set-up
- 1300 1600 Human Resources Seminars by Emond Harnden LLP Presented by Amanda Sarginson & Steve Williams of Emond Harnden LLP

### "Managing Employee Risk and Cost "

For many years our firm has focused our practice on serving the employment and labour law needs of the aviation community in Canada. We know what does and does not work for your industry. We've developed a practical half day workshop to help operators better manage their employment relationships and costs given your unique and often unpredictable operating environments. Topics covered during this interactive sessions will include:

- Writing a simple employment contract that is enforceable and will save you money from hire to fire
- Canada Labour Code hours of work what are the rules and how can you make them work for you, not against you?
- It's time to let you go how to fire an employee
- A guide to union negotiations
- Open mic Q&A on any topic related to your employees and contractors
- Sample documents and tip sheets will be provided for your future use

1610 -1710

Northern Regional Carrier Working Group on Cargo Security Meeting with Erin O'Gorman, Dir Gen Aviation Security

NOTE: This is a closed meeting with Operator representatives only and will be held in the Cumberland Room.

1800 - 2130President's ReceptionNorthern Frontier Visitors' Centre

Located across 48<sup>th</sup> Street from The Explorer Hotel Beverages & Appetizers will be served

## TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013 The Explorer Hotel

0730 - 0900	Continental Breakfast		
0900 - 0945	37 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Welcoming Address: Mayor Mark Heyck		
	<ul> <li>Reports: President, Secretary/Treasurer</li> <li>Announcements</li> <li>Announce Vacancies of the Board</li> <li>Open Nominations from the floor</li> </ul>		
0945 - 1015	Coffee Break / Opportunity to Visit Trade Show		
1015 - 1115	North of 60 <sup>o</sup> Accident/Incident Review Presenter: Peter Hildebrand, Regional Manager Transportation Safety Board of Canada		
1115 - 1200	Transportation Safety Board Presenter: Ian MacKay, Board Member Transportation Safety Board of Canada		
1200 - 1330	AGM Luncheon Guest Speaker: Minister David Ramsay Department of Transportation / Department of Industry, Tourism, and Investment Government of the Northwest Territories		
1330 - 1430	Transport Canada PanelFacilitator:Joe Sparling, Air NorthPanel:Kate FletcherRegional Director, Civil Aviation - Prairie & Northern RegionNicole GirardDirector, Policy and Regulatory ServicesErin O'GormanDirector General, Aviation Security		
1430 - 1500	Coffee Break / Opportunity to Visit Trade Show		
1500 - 1700	Transport Canada Panel Resumes		
1730	Trade Show Closes		
1830 - 1930	Reception, Explorer Hotel		
1930 - 2230	Annual Banquet Opening remarks: Premier Robert McLeod		
	Kenn Borek Memorial Scholarship Presentation Guest Speaker: Bob Cameron NATA Honorary Life Member and author of "Yukon Wings" on Preserving the Heritage		

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013 The Explorer Hotel

0730 - 0900	Bush Pilot's Breakfast			
0900 - 1030	Open Forum with Northern Airports Facilitator: Mike Dykeman, First Air			
	<b>Panel:</b> Delia Chesworth Mark Ritchie Shawn Maley John Hawkins	GNWT Airports Yukon Airports Nunavut Airports Iqaluit Airport		
1030 - 1045	Coffee Break / Opportunity to Visit Trade Show			
1045– 1115	Airport Efficiency Programs			
	Presenter: Ted Pilcher a	nd Paul Cudmore, Eagle Equipment		
1115 - 1130	15 - 1130 Pan-Territorial Air Cadet Committee, Developments in the Legue Presenter: John Hazengerg, Volunteer Registrar			
1130 - 1145	Tribute to Donald Doug	Tribute to Donald Douglas		
1200 - 1300	Donald Douglas Memorial Working Lunch			
	-	Annual General Meeting Reconvenes		
		<ul> <li>Election of Board Members</li> <li>Discussion of resolutions</li> </ul>		
1300 - 1345	Nav Canada Update			
1300 - 1343	Presenters: Dave Mast	rel. GM Edmonton FIB		
		kall, Manager Level of Service		
1345 - 1430	345 - 1430 PBN Regional Airport Plan			
	Presenter: Nav Canac			
1430 - 1445	Coffee Break / Opportu	nity to Visit Trade Show		
1445 - 1700	Presentation on CAP Revisions / Constant Descent Angle Information Presented by Mike Doiron			
Please Note: This pre AGM registration.	•	en to all operator member staff without the need for an		
1700 -1710 Clo	osing remarks			
1730 Tra	ade Show Closes			
	We look forwar	ed to seeing you at the		

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Booth	Exhibitor Name
1	Kadex Aero Supply
2	Canadian Propeller Ltd.
3	Propworks Propeller System
4	PPG Canada
5	Prairie Aircraft Sales Ltd.
6	ADB Airfield Solutions
7	SkyTrac Systems
8	Western Propeller
9	Universal Avionics Systems
10	IDS
11	Aviall Canada Ltd.
12	Airborne Engines
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