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## ARIZONA AIRPORTS ASSOCIATION (AZAA) AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

### Recipients Announced

*Jenny Watts, C.M., Senior Aviation Planner, Dibble*

AzAA awarded the Airport Executive of the Year and announced the President’s Award at its annual spring conference held in Flagstaff, AZ. Chad Makovsky received the 2023 Airport Executive of the Year Award and Tammy Martelle received the President’s Award. Each honoree has made lasting positive impacts on airports in Arizona, and AzAA recognizes their outstanding contributions.

#### Airport Executive of the Year

Chad R. Makovsky, A.A.E., who currently serves as Director of Aviation Services at the City of Phoenix Aviation Department, was awarded Airport Executive of the Year. Makovsky was named City of Phoenix Director of Aviation Services in March 2021. He provides executive leadership and strategic direction for the Phoenix system of airports, including Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX), Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (DVT), and Phoenix Goodyear Airport (GYR).

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## 2023 Calendar of Events

### October 4

**Fall Conference**  
 Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix

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In this capacity, Makovsky leads one of America's largest airports, with more than 20 airlines providing nonstop service to more than 140 destinations across North America and Europe. Additionally, Makovsky is responsible for implementing a \$6 billion capital improvement program and is committed to sustainability, setting a bold sustainability vision for the airport system to achieve net zero emissions nearly a decade ahead of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) goal. Makovsky returned to Phoenix after serving as the Executive Vice President of Operations at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW). There, he led the airport's Department of Public Safety, Environmental Affairs, Sustainability, Airport Operations, and Integrated Operations functions. Prior to DFW Airport, Makovsky held a variety of roles with the City of Phoenix Aviation Department, Burbank Airport, John F. Kennedy International Airport, and America West Airlines during his 32-year professional career. Makovsky is an Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) with the American Association of Airport Executives where he serves on their International Board (IAAE) and national Policy Review Council. He is also actively engaged with Airports Council International and serves on several Boards including the Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association, the Arizona Governor's Tourism Advisory Council, the Arizona Humane Society Board, and the Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board. He holds a Private Pilot's License, a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Operations from St. Cloud State University, and a Master of Business Administration from Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business. He is also an avid participant in AzAA and very well respected in the local, state, and federal aviation community. His dedication to AzAA and other industry organizations, broad depth and knowledge and understanding of aviation issues, proven contributions to the industry, and his strong passion for aviation and mentoring of others make him an ideal recipient of the Executive of the Year award.

## **President's Award**

Tammy Martelle, Grant Administrator at Kimley-Horn, was awarded the President's Award. In her current role at Kimley-Horn, Martelle assists airport clients with grant administration, which includes preparing ADOT and FAA grant applications, reimbursement requests, and assisting with airport capital improvement program (ACIP) documentation. Prior to joining Kimley-Horn, Martelle worked with the ADOT Multimodal Division, Aeronautics Group as an airport grants manager, where she successfully managed over 25 airports with over 450 grants for airport projects worth approximately \$500 million within Arizona. In total, she has over 33 years of experience in government work, including the 11 years spent at ADOT. She has also been a loyal and active member of AzAA for many years. She diligently serves on the Spring and Fall conference committees year after year, where she organizes and facilitates door prizes and give aways. In his speech presenting the award to Martelle, AzAA President Matt Smith, C.M. (now immediate past president) stated, "Without her efforts, the conferences wouldn't be nearly as fun. She's one of my favorite people ever." He went on to say, "Tammy has selflessly served Arizona airports for over 20 years, and I could think of no one more deserving of the President's Award than her to formally recognize her dedication and efforts over the years."

The AzAA Board of Directors would like to congratulate both Chad Makovsky and Tammy Martelle as recipients of this year's Excellence Awards, and for their dedicated service to AzAA and aviation in the state of Arizona.





# 2023 AZAA Summer Networking Mixer Recap

*Brandon Robinson, PE, Associate Engineer, Kimley-Horn*

Great food, great views, and great people were the ingredients that made this year's Summer Networking Mixer a success! Aviation professionals from around the state, persevering the record setting temperatures we've experienced this summer, assembled on Thursday, August 17th, at the Barrio Brewing Co. restaurant located within the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport. As usual, this mixer serves as a bridge for social connections between the annual spring and fall conferences and it's always amazing to see how many members take advantage of this opportunity to interact. Attendees were treated to a fantastic buffet style food spread, beverages, and close-up views of the aircraft parking apron. The event came to an end after a few hours of socializing with everyone looking forward to reconnecting at the fall conference in October.

We'd like to thank all the sponsors of this event, as well as the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport and Barrio Brewing Co. for hosting!



# National Aviation Day

*Jenny Watts, C.M., Senior Aviation Planner, Dibble*

National Aviation Day (August 19) is a United States national observation that celebrates the development of aviation. The holiday was established in 1939 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who issued a presidential proclamation which designated the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday to be National Aviation Day (Wikipedia, 2023).

In honor of National Aviation Day 2023, we asked our members: *"What do you love most about aviation and the industry?"*

Here are a few of our favorite responses:

- The people!
- I love how passionate the industry is!
- Seeing new places.
- Freedom to go anywhere on short notice.
- A career that makes work feel less like work.
- The ability to bring people together across the globe as well as emergency goods/supplies to wherever they are needed in a short amount of time.
- The tight knit connections that are more like family than colleagues! And the amazing results produced because everyone pulls together to make extraordinary impacts in the industry!

Although a couple of days before National Aviation Day (August 17th), AzAA members got together to celebrate both aviation and the people that make it great at the Summer Networking Event that was held at Deer Valley Airport. Thanks to those that participated in our on-site survey providing their thoughts on aviation and the industry. For AzAA members, every day feels like Aviation Day, and we wouldn't have it any other way!



*Deer Valley Airport at Sunset; Photo by Jenny Watts, C.M.*



Kingman Airfield Military Planes



Original WWII Control Tower

## **Airport Spotlight:** Kingman Municipal Airport

*Crystal Garcia, Western Pacific Region Business Development Representative, C&S Companies*

Kingman Municipal Airport boasts a captivating history. Originally established as the Kingman Army Airfield by the United States Army Air Corps in 1942, it served as one of the nation's largest aerial gunnery training bases until 1945. In the latter part of 1945, the airfield took on a new role, becoming a repository for around 5,500 World War II aircraft, including iconic models like the B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, and various fighters, where they remained until the aircraft were smelted down for their aluminum in the late 1940s. Following the conclusion of World War II, ownership transitioned to the Mohave County under the War Surplus Act, eventually passing into the hands of the City of Kingman. However, the Airport, deeply committed to preserving its World War II heritage, retains its original control tower, three World War II hangars, and an original base barracks building, which has been ingeniously repurposed to house a restaurant and pilots lounge.

Over the decades since its civilian transformation, the facility has upheld its legacy as a prominent storage site, currently accommodating over 340 aircraft. However, the Airport and its adjoining Industrial Park have progressed far beyond their initial storage-centric role. Today, the Airport serves as a hub for a variety of aviation businesses dedicated to supporting the flying community. The services available encompass a wide spectrum, including A & P maintenance, composite aircraft repairs, aircraft painting for both private and commercial narrow-body planes, aircraft upholstery, and a newly established flight school operating on the premises. The Industrial Park is equally supportive of aviation endeavors, offering services such as aircraft tire retreading, landing gear maintenance, and the manufacturing of aviation products ranging from air filters to tow bars. In addition to providing aircraft rental, maintenance, and fueling services, Kingman Airport also provides air ambulance services, supports the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) aviation operations, and services the Mohave County Sheriff's Department aviation section.

Presently, the Airport is engaged in a significant undertaking to remove the remnants of the smelting process that took place during World War II. Aluminum Dross, a byproduct of this process, lies beneath the airport's southern ramp, causing irregularities in the surface. To rectify this, a comprehensive \$52.5 million project has been initiated, encompassing the removal of dross from approximately 15 acres of the ramp. This environmentally conscious effort involves off-site disposal and is projected to span one year.



## Updates from ADOT

Matthew Munden, Aeronautics Group Manager, ADOT



- The Land Use Study is underway and estimated to be completed by December 2024
- The Triennial Study RFQ is expected to be issued by the end of spring 2024

## Updates from FAA

Mike Williams, AAE, CAE; Phoenix ADO, FAA



### Closing Out FY23, Looking Ahead to FY24

#### Electronic Signatures

As we continue using electronic signatures for grant processing, please remember to keep your contact information, specifically email addresses current. Not having current contact information delays the grant processing.

- Jocelyn Hazlewood and/or Zaina Aljazzar are available to assist.

We continue to see inaccuracies in this sponsor provided information, particularly with sponsor legal counsel. Inaccurate information delays the processing of your grant.

#### Section 163

Updated guidance was published on August 3, 2022 and is available via FAA.gov: [https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning\\_capacity/airport\\_layout\\_plan\\_reviews\\_projects\\_potentially\\_affected\\_section\\_163](https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/airport_layout_plan_reviews_projects_potentially_affected_section_163)

#### Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#), formerly known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) has been enacted. This new legislation will improve airport safety and capacity, address climate change, create good jobs, and advance equitable access to airports. BIL establishes two new programs directly relevant to the Office of Airports, 1) the AirportInfrastructure Grants Program and, 2) the Airports Terminal Program.

- [Learn more about BIL](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) are available.
- The [Airport Infrastructure Grants](#) Program allocates \$15 billion over 5 years primarily for formula grants to both primary and nonprimary airports, with each year's money available for obligation over five years.
- [Airports Terminal Program](#) - Through BIL, \$5 billion has been granted to provide competitive grants for airport terminal development projects. These grants will fund safe, sustainable and accessible airport terminals, on-airport rail access projects and airport-owned airport traffic control towers. Projects may also include multimodal development.

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## NEPA Submittal Process

All official NEPA submittals should be sent via email to [9-PHX-ADO-Environmental@faa.gov](mailto:9-PHX-ADO-Environmental@faa.gov)

Subject lines MUST include your airport's three character LOCID, Project Name, and documentation type (i.e., CATEX, Purpose and Need, Preliminary Draft EA). If the submitted document is a CATEX supporting an upcoming grant application, FYXX GRANT APPLICATION must also be included in the subject line.

The body of the email must include the federal action that the document is intended to support (i.e., federal funding (with proposed fiscal year), ALP change, land release).

Submittals from Sponsor authorized consultants will be accepted with the following provisions:

- The Sponsor Director/Manager and/or Primary Point of Contact shall be a CC on the submittal. Submittals without the Sponsor as a CC will be returned without ADO action.
- Sponsors are expected to have read the documentation and understand and concur with the contents. Sponsors are held responsible for the quality of all documents.

## REMINDERS

**SAM** (System of Award Management) Account  
Check the SAM registry  
- <https://uscontractorregistration.com/>

**DELPHI** - Expired or Incorrect Delphi Account  
Check your account – if you need to register a new user, follow help directions at  
- [https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/grant\\_payments/](https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/grant_payments/)

- Jocelyn Hazlewood, Airports Program Specialist is available as needed to assist.

## GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5210-23A - [ARFF Vehicle and High Reach Extendable Turret \(HRET\) Operation, Training and Qualifications](#) was published on May 25, 2023.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5220-26 - [Airport Ground Vehicle Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast \(ADS-B\) Out Squitter Equipment](#) was updated on May 10, 2023.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5210-17C - [Programs for Training of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Personnel](#) was updated on April 27, 2023.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5230-4C - [Aircraft Fuel Storage, Handling, and Dispensing on Airports](#) was updated on April 27, 2023.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5345-53D - [Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program](#) was updated on April 14, 2023.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150-5300-20 - [Submission of On-Airport Proposals for Aeronautical Study](#) was published on April 7, 2023.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5200-18D - [Airport Safety Self-Inspection](#) was updated on February 23, 2023.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150-5200-37A - [Safety Management Systems for Airports](#) was published on February 15, 2023.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5390-2D - [Helicopter Design](#) was published on January 5, 2023.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5300-13B - [Airport Design](#) was updated on August 19, 2022.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5190-4B - [Airport Land Use Compatibility Planning](#) was updated on September 16, 2022.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5000-9B [Guidelines for Sound Insulation of Structures Exposed to Aircraft Noise](#) was posted on June 8, 2022.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5300-19 - [Airport Data and Information Program](#) was posted on October 19, 2022.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5200-28G - [Notice to Air Missions \(NOTAMs\) for Airport Operators](#) was posted on May 26, 2022.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5335-5D - [Standardized Method of Reporting Airport Pavement Strength - PCR](#) was posted on May 12, 2022.

Additional information is available via the Internet [https://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/recent\\_advisory\\_circulars/](https://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/recent_advisory_circulars/)

## President's Corner

*Sarah Demory, A.A.E., ACE, Arizona Airports Association President  
Assistant Aviation Director, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport*



Dear AzAA Members –

As many of you know Jeff Webb has taken a new position with ADOT Aeronautics and we are so thrilled for him and this tremendous opportunity to serve our state in a new way. I am delighted to now serve as your President this year as we continue to work together collaboratively on important issues facing Arizona Airports. I wanted to start this update with a bit more information about my background and my passion for aviation. I do not come from an aviation family, my love of aviation developed as a child living next door to an airline pilot and hearing stories each week as to his international travels. On my 14th birthday he took my dad and I up flying in a Piper Warrior (I flew right seat) and I completely fell in

love. I'll never forget when he handed the airplane over to me to fly momentarily, what a thrill! I knew then that I wanted to be a pilot and wanted to have a career in aviation. During high school and college, I worked at our local FBO as well as a flight training center. The summer prior to graduating from the University of North Dakota I worked as an Airside Operations intern for the Metropolitan Airports Commission at Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport (MSP), my hometown airport. One of my very first tasks was to go with Airside Operations on an emergency call to pick up FOD that had been reported on the runway. And just like my first experience flying in the Piper Warrior, I fell in love with Airport Operations. Upon graduation I returned to MSP Airside Operations and I've enjoyed a rewarding career at Omaha Eppley Airfield, the Port of Seattle (Seattle – Tacoma International Airport), Boise Airport, and since 2017 I've served as the Assistant Aviation Director and Chief Operating Officer for the City of Phoenix Aviation Department (PHX/DVT/GYR). I am also a commercial pilot with instrument and multi-engine ratings, and I have an MBA from Creighton University as well as a MS in Aviation and BBA in Aviation Management from the University of North Dakota.

Our beautiful Arizona summer has ended, it is a great time to look forward to our upcoming AzAA events. The 2023 Walter Berg Fall Conference will kick off with an evening networking mixer on Wednesday, October 4th, from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. On October 5th, from 7:30 – 8:30 am, please join us back at Desert Willow Conference Center for breakfast with conference exhibitors. At 8:30 we kick off a great day of conference sessions and networking. We've put a lot of thought into this year's conference which will be a continuation of the great discussions we had at our Spring conference in Flagstaff. Members will have an opportunity to get updates from and interact with ADOT and FAA ADO staff in a new format this year. Please also join us for our golf outing on Friday, October 6th, at the Ocotillo Golf Club in Chandler, AZ, tee times begin at 0900. Please see the AzAA website for detailed information. I would like to recognize the great work of this year's AzAA Board of Directors; First Vice President Dave Reffner, Second Vice President Jeff Tripp, Past President Matt Smith, Executive Directors Jacob Allen, Chris Andres, Cameron Atkins and Ed Rose, along with Associate Directors Joel Erickson, P.E., Jenny Watts, C.M., Corporate Director Michael Hunter and our Administrative Director Desirae Barquin for all of their hard work thus far this year. We've already accomplished a lot with a very successful Spring Conference in Flagstaff and summer mixer at Barrio Brewing/Deer Valley Airport. We are just beginning; we look forward to further collaboration working with you, our members, the Airport leaders in Arizona.