Representative (Rep.) Arlando Teller, who served as an Executive Director for AzAA from 2015 to 2017, is a member of the Arizona House of Representatives representing District 7. District 7 covers a large area in northern Arizona encompassing seven counties and eight tribes. His service began on January 14, 2019.

Arlando was first interviewed for the February 2019 AzAA newsletter where he shared his experience in the aviation industry as well as goals for his tenure in office. With the next legislative session coming up, he was willing to answer follow-up questions for this article.

Q. Can you provide us with a summary of your experience during last legislative session?

During the last legislative session, I served on the House Transportation and the House Land and Agriculture Committees. I also participated on the Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Aviation and Aerospace Caucus, and the LBGTQ Caucus. Lastly, I am serving on two study committees. The first is a study committee for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. (story continued on page 7)
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Applies to Federal Actions:
- Federally funded actions - $5
- Changes to the approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP)
- Approval to impose/use PFC (Passenger Facility Charge) Funds
- Approval of Part 150 Noise Compatibility Plans

NEPA/Environmental Review:
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Records Retention: Records retention for federal grants is three (3) years after the final expense date. This includes grant application, property acquisition, contract agreements, monitoring, performance reports, indirect costs, litigation, etc. See the correspondence that was transmitted on October 23, 2019 for additional information.

System of Award Management (SAM): Account – Check the SAM registry - https://usaspending.gov
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/
The time of year was again upon us to participate in the annual Walter Burg Fall Conference. This year’s conference was held at the Desert Willow Conference Center on October 16-17, 2019, in Phoenix. The event kicked off with a Welcome Reception the evening of October 16th. Guests were treated to an assortment of appetizers and beverages, as well as the pleasure of catching up with industry friends.

Everyone reconvened the morning of October 17th and spent some time having breakfast and visiting with the exhibitors. Welcome remarks were then made by AzAA President, Mike Smejkal, who officially kicked off the day’s conference and provided some entertaining AzAA history.

This year’s conference presented a myriad of interesting topics, along with the usual updates from ADOT Aeronautics Group and the FAA Phoenix ADQ. Of note from ADOT’s presentation was a timeline provided for an RFQ for the triennial APMS study, new details about changes to state grant environmental requirements, and revisions to the ADOT Airport of the Year selection process. The only information not graciously received by all from Don Kriz’s presentation was the inclusion of his beloved University of Arizona Wildcats photographs – Go Sun Devils!

FAA’s presentation included a continued emphasis of the Runway Incursion Mitigation (RIM) Program within the organization and the news that the Airports Geographic Information System (AGIS) Portal is now known as the Airport Data and Information Portal (ADIP). Also, Sponsors can now make their own simple edits such as contact, remarks, and services and facilities information to their Airport Master Record (FAA Form 5010-1).

The environmental hot topic session included an overview of the impacts of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at airports, as well as the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality’s Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) process and important updates. Special airport topics included an in-depth look at the state’s aircraft registration system and process; the importance of understanding Arizona regulations; and the appraisal process as it relates to ground leasing at airports.

Other notable sessions included a panel presentation on the increasingly changing aviation workforce, the development of new generations into the industry, and how to address the industry personnel shortage. Additionally, presentation of the Prescott Regional Airport (PRC) Runway 3R-21L Rehabilitation and RIM Project Case Study rounded out the topics for the day. This session provided the history and background for the project, the engineering obstacles and aggressive schedule that were successfully overcome, unique aspects of the project that contributed to its success, and the immense amount of coordination and teamwork that took place throughout the project.

The corporate appreciation luncheon and AzAA General Membership meeting provided a break between the morning and afternoon sessions. This year, a special election was held to elect an additional Associate Director (see article on page 7). The General Membership meeting was followed by a fun and informative presentation on the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) – Chapter 856 and why the EAA and the Young Eagles program is so important to the aviation industry. Mr. Adam Deibel (EAA) was introduced by his close friend, AzAA’s own Barney Helmick, Airport Director at Flagstaff Airport, who shares Deibel’s passion for aviation and inspiring youth to pursue careers in the industry. The General Membership meeting, special guest speaker, and all of this year’s presenters and sessions culminated in an overall great day with a great group of people spreading their knowledge and love of aviation for the benefit of the AzAA organization. Another successful AzAA Fall Conference is in the books, and we look forward to next year’s event.

Note: All conference presentations and speaker biographies are available to AzAA members on the AzAA website via the Events Tab.

Conference Fun Facts:
- Number of Attendees: 134
- Number of New AzAA Member Attendees: 7
- Number of Exhibitors: 9
- The Bee Gees showed up! Just kiddin’!
The airport encompasses approximately 334 acres and has one 5,000-foot-long, 75-foot-wide runway (Runway 17-35) and nine helipads. It is designated as Airport Reference Code B-11 and is a Primary Service airport in the 2017-2023 NPIAS. The Administration office/control center has views not only of the runway and the airport’s brand new aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) building on the opposite side of the airfield, but panoramic views of the west rim of the Grand Canyon.

The airport has plans to replace its terminal “bubble” structure, which is over 10 years old, and all three modular buildings with a new permanent building. A Terminal Feasibility Plan (2017) estimated that by 2038, the airport could need more than 40,000 sf in terminal and concessions space. The “bubble” building and the three modular buildings combined provide less than 15,000 sf.

In the past few years, funding has gone towards pavement maintenance and preservation and the new ARFF facility. Also, in 2018, the airport completed several additions including storm drain improvements, box culvert construction, concrete channel construction, and underdrain and ditch flow improvements to improve drainage at the airport.

The second study committee is for Special Education Weightings and Funding for Gifted Pupils.

During the last session I pruned 11 bills of which five passed through the House - one of which passed the Senate, and was ultimately signed by Governor Doug Ducey. Additionally, I worked collaboratively with my Democratic and Republican colleagues to support my appropriation bill that included $10 million to the State Aviation Fund to improve community airports. ADOT and NDOT contributed to the success of that bill.

Q. What will be your focus during this next legislative session?

I will be focusing on infrastructure, economic development, transportation improvement, social programs, and rural Arizona infrastructure development. Additionally, I plan to prime well over 20 bills. These include a re-introduction bill to appropriate another $10 million to the State Aviation Fund and language into the state statutes to prevent future sweeps of the State Aviation Fund.

Q. What can we, as the aviation industry, do to help support your efforts?

You can submit resolutions of support, send support letters to your district representatives, and host an exciting Aerospace and Aviation Day in January. Both the Aviation and Aerospace industries provide revenue and employment to the state of Arizona.

Arizona has the opportunity to be at the top of the game when it comes to involvement on the international level. I am also involved with the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC) in Arizona. Cindy McCain is the chair and together the coalition is working in Arizona to educate and engage policy makers and community leaders on why investments in development and diplomacy help keep America safe and strong.

Arizona's economy and leadership in this country.

Q. Is there anything else you want the Arizona Aviation Industry to know?

I’d like to share with the industry to keep at it. We can lead the narrative. We are a proactive industry. We get to choose how we want to progress aviation in this state, and we have the opportunity for significant growth and leadership in this country. We can be on the leading edge of aviation and aerospace development.

Meet Your New AzAA Associate Director

At the 2019 Spring General Membership Meeting, members approved a change to the AzAA Bylaws to add a second Associate Director to the AzAA Board of Directors. The new Associate Director was elected at the Fall General Membership Meeting on October 17, 2019, in conjunction with the Fall Conference. Carmen Rose, P.E., ran unopposed, and subsequently was elected into this new position. Her immediate responsibilities include leading the public relations effort for Arizona Aviation Day at the Capitol. The Board is still in the process of finalizing the division of Associate Director responsibilities, and those will be announced at the Spring Conference in April. Her term is for a year and a half, ending in the spring of 2021.

Carmen Rose, P.E., is a Senior Project Engineer with Dibble Engineering. She has more than 10 years of experience in design and construction management of airport projects. Her career in the airport industry began in 2006 with a three-year internship at Z&H Engineering while she was still in college. Carmen now serves as both a Project Manager and a design engineer who partners with airport sponsors to successfully complete airport development projects across the state of Arizona.

Carmen is a graduate of Arizona State University (ASU) and holds a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering with a minor in Psychology. She also has a master’s degree in Transportation Engineering, also from ASU. She has her P.E. license in both Arizona and Nevada.

Involved with AzAA since 2011, Carmen is now at a point in her career where she can contribute back to the organization through involvement on the Board. Not only will she get to know the membership, but also contribute to the strengthening of the AzAA's reputation and influence.
Dear AzAA Members,

Please join me in welcoming Carmen Rose to the Board as our newest Associate Director. Carmen was elected at the Fall General Membership meeting and will serve in the new board position that membership created last spring. Carmen has been active on AzAA committees for a number of years and we very excited to have her on the Board. In this new position will work closely with the Judi Krauss, Associate Director, to work on public relations and social media among other items.

I hope you all enjoyed the Fall Conference at Desert Willow this year! Please check out the recap in this newsletter for more details on the presentations. Many thanks to Scott Brownlee and the Conference Committee for pulling together a great conference. We always appreciate your feedback and whether to keep the fall conference at the same venue. If you haven’t completed the Survey please do so and/or provide feedback to any AzAA Board Member. We strive to provide high value conferences for our members and providing critical feedback will help us improve in the future.

As we move into the Arizona’s “winter” months you will see a heavy push on legislative issues. The legislative committee is working hard to build on the successes from last years additional funding. If you would like to get involved please reach out to Steve Johnston, Immediate Past President and Chair or Ed Faron, Vice Chair of Legislative Committee. In addition, our annual Aviation Day at the Capitol has been scheduled for January 14th. This year we will be teaming with the Aerospace States Association to have a single day on the Capitol to drum up support for all issues aviation and aerospace. We are working through the details of combining our events but want to make sure you get it on your calendar now.

Please let me know if there is anything the AzAA Board can do to help you. You will find our contact information on the AzAA website.

Mike
Mike Smejkal
Arizona Airports Association President 2019-2020

On a personal note, Carmen was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has lived in Arizona for 14 years. She lives with her husband, Wade, and their dog Boo near the foothills of the Superstition mountains east of Phoenix. In her spare time, she enjoys running, hiking, snowboarding, mountain biking, boating, and traveling with friends and family. Carmen is an instructor of the Airport Design course at ASU once a year, and she also authored a book entitled, “How to Believe in Yourself: A 7-Step Guide for Overcoming Fear and Self-Doubt.” Carmen is no doubt a woman of many talents, and AzAA looks forward to what might come from her fresh perspective and go-getter attitude during her term as Associate Director.