



Legislative Matters

A Conversation with Representative Teller

Article contribution: Carmen Rose, Dibble Engineering



Aviation & Aerospace Day at the Capitol

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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 LGBTQ Caucus. Lastly, I am serving on two study committees. The first is a study committee for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.



Representative Arlando Teller

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Calendar of Events

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AVIATION DAY
JAN 14
2020

SWAAAAE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSE
JAN 26-29

AzAA SPRING CONFERENCE
APR 26-28
MARANA, AZ

SWAAAAE SUMMER CONFERENCE
JUL 19-22
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Updates from FAA

The Phoenix ADO (Airports District Office) is pleased to welcome BRAVEN DYER, as our Lead Civil Engineer, SHARZAE' CAMERON as the Airports Program Specialist and MATTHEW BILSBARROW as our Environmental Protection Specialist. We're excited to have these individuals joining our office.

Based Aircraft:

The deadline for non-primary NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems) airports to update their based aircraft data is **DECEMBER 13, 2019**. The based aircraft count factors into determination of the airport's published NPIAS role. From a practical standpoint, the most significant consequence of the based aircraft update is that it can determine whether an airport rises out of, or drops into, Unclassified status. There are several airports that have missing and/or inaccurate data. Additional information will be forthcoming from your assigned Phoenix ADO Planner. **DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!**

Airport Data Information Portal (ADIP):

Formerly Airports GIS (AGIS), ADIP now includes an Airport Master Record (5010) application. Sponsors can now make edits to their own 5010, such as 1) Contact Information; 2) Remarks; and 3) Airport Services and Facilities. Any changes to runway data continue to require submission through the Phoenix ADO. See <https://airports-gis.faa.gov/agis/public/#/public> for additional information.

FAA CONTACT:



Mike Williams,
Manager - Phoenix
Airports District Office
at Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA)

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Applies to Federal Actions:

- Federally funded actions - \$\$ (Airport Improvement Program - AIP)
- 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:

AIP-funded projects require a NEPA Determination to be completed prior to grant issuance. Fiscal Year (FY) 20 projects require the NEPA determination to be **completed** no later than **December 28, 2019**.

- FY20 NEPA submissions are due to the ADO by **October 1, 2019**.
- The ADO has been logging NEPA requests submitted this fiscal year. With Matthew Bilsbarrow now on board, he is reviewing the requests and beginning the analysis. We ask for your patience, Matthew is working as diligently as possible.

NEPA Submittal Process (see sidebar information)

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.

NEPA SUBMITTAL PROCESS

- All official NEPA submittals should be sent via email to 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.

System of Award Management (SAM): 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/

Updates from ADOT

ADOT CONTACT:



Don Kriz,
ADOT -
Aeronautics
Group Manager



The ADOT has added three more staff members to the Aeronautics Group

- **Matthew Munden as the new State Airport Engineer.** Matthew will be managing the Airport Pavement Management System (APMS) program, providing 30% project reviews and technical assistance to Sponsors, assisting with the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) process and ADOT programming, overseeing the Airport of the Year selection, providing grant and project oversight, and helping Grand Canyon National Park Airport as needed, as well as other tasks.
- **Sonia Pizano as our new Administrative Assistant.** Sonia will be assisting mainly with our internal processes including project and financial tracking as well as reporting and quality control.
- **Mike Klein as a Programming Assistant.** Mike is working as a temporary contract worker assisting us with updating our computer software and systems.

House Bill 2748 added \$10M to the State Aviation Fund and ADOT has committed \$1M to Prescott (as required by the Bill) and \$9M to the State-Local (SL) program. The entire amount has been awarded and added an additional 16 projects to the FY2020 plan. ADOT is asking all Sponsors to reach out and say "Thank You" to their respective legislators.

ADOT is still intending to issue Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for services related to an Economic Impact Study and to reselect a consultant to provide engineering services (design and construction admin) related to our APMS program. These two RFQs have been submitted to Procurement and we are awaiting Advertisement now. We are expecting these to be advertised by the end of this calendar year. Aeronautical charts will also be submitted and advertised soon. A selection for the Triennial update will occur after July 1, 2020.

We expect all SL grants to be offered to the Sponsors by the end of this year.

ADOT is vetting all sponsor-submitted ACIPs presently and plans to run project priorities for SL grants by the end of January 2020. Please respond promptly if you are contacted by your grant manager regarding any corrections that are required.

To clarify the Environmental process and requirements necessary for the SL grant program, ADOT is asking that all NPIAS airports follow the federal requirements for clearance (e.g., Categorical Exclusion) and that Non-NPIAS airports follow the state's environmental process. Please call us if you need clarification.

For those airports receiving an SL grant, please work with your grant managers promptly to get them any required documents as soon as possible.

A few other changes to look out for in the near future include a return of our newsletter soon and ADOT grant workshops to assist Sponsors with the process.

REMINDER



ADOT Aeronautics would like to remind everyone to contact their respective legislators and thank them for their help in returning money swept from the State Aviation Fund last year. This will be important going into the next legislative session and future requests.

Fall Conference Recap:

Article Contribution: Jenny Watts, Dibble Engineering

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 ADO. 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



2019 Walter Burg Conference in Review

Welcome reception connections



Conference presentations and fun giveaways



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'



All smiles



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.

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Airport Spotlight Grand Canyon West

Grand Canyon West Airport (GCW)

Article contribution: Judi Krauss, Coffman Associates



It may be a little off the beaten track, but people want to visit the Grand Canyon West Airport (GCW) and the tourist spots to which it provides access. For several years in a row, the airport has had over one million annual visitors. Located roughly 60 miles northwest of Peach Springs, AZ and 80 miles northeast of Kingman, AZ, it is the 5th busiest airport in the state of Arizona in terms of enplanements.

Grand Canyon West Airport is unique in that it is located on the Hualapai Reservation and, thus, owned by the Hualapai Nation. It also provides access to one of the most famous natural wonders of the world. The airport is managed for the tribe by the Grand Canyon Resort Corporation. Brad Falchetti, Airport Manager, and Rick Carlson, Assistant Airport Manager, do the heavy lifting for the Corporation, and ultimately, the Tribal Council.

The day that I visited, the place was hopping. Tourist buses and vans were dropping visitors off at the terminal/visitor center (an 8,000-square-foot [sf] “bubble” covered space), and three modular buildings. Many of the visitors wound their way through the main gift and concessions area and made their way out the back to wait for the on-airport buses that would take them out to Guano Point and the Skywalk at Eagle Point. Others made their way over to the western helicopter terminal for rides to other opportunities offered by the Hualapai Tribe - trips down the river, cabin stays and picnics at Hualapai Ranch, and a zipline. A second helicopter terminal (the eastern terminal) provides counters and holding areas for the “in and out” tours from places like Las Vegas, Nevada.

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-II 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.



Upcoming Legislative Session (continued from page 1)

A Conversation with Representative Arlando Teller (continued)

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

During the last session I primed 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 strengthen Arizona’s economy.

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.

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Meet Your New AzAA Associate Director

Article contribution: Jenny Watts, Dibble Engineering

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.



AzAA Associate Director, Carmen Rose

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 (continued on page 8)

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

Letter from the PRESIDENT

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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

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better by serving on the Board, but that she can also make a bigger impact. One of her main goals while serving as Associate Director is to continue to build on fellow Associate Director Judi Krauss' initiative to build camaraderie and relationships amongst the membership outside of the Fall/Spring conferences. Recent examples of events held outside of the typical conference timeframes include the AzAA Summer Networking Mixer held at Scottsdale Airport, and AzAA membership lunches at last year's SWAAAE Airport Short Course and FAA Western Pacific Region Conference. These fun gatherings are the types of events that Carmen would like to continue to "enhance the strength of the membership." Additionally, Carmen plans to continue her outreach efforts by sharing aviation industry opportunities with ASU students.

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.