



## AZAA Summer Networking Mixer Recap

*Brandon Robinson, Associate Director & Associate at Kimley-Horn*

Wow, what an amazing time this year's Summer Networking Mixer was! With temperatures hovering around 110°F, attendees were able to escape the summer heat under an industrial sized fan inside of a brand new, state of the art aircraft hangar located at the Falcon Field Airport. Taking place on Thursday, July 21, many members were able to re-connect face to face for the first time since the annual Spring Conference. Attendees were greeted upon entry and treated to a buffet style food spread, along with beverages and desserts. The event came to a close after three (or so) hours of fellowshiping, as attendees exited with some great live music broadcasted onto the hangar wall and a demonstration of the hangar doors opening. We hope to continue the positive atmosphere as we look forward to reconnecting once again at the annual AzAA Fall Conference in October!

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## Calendar of Events

### Oct 1, 2022

Sedona Airport  
Family Fun Day  
(Sedona Airport)

### Oct 5-6, 2022

AzAA Fall Conference  
(Desert Willow)

### January 2023

Aviation Day At the Capital  
(Second week of January)



# Fall Conference Lookahead



**AzAA's Annual "Walter Burg" Fall Conference** will take place on Thursday, October 6 at the Desert Willow Conference Center. All attendees are invited to attend the Welcome Reception the evening before on Wednesday, October 5 at the Desert Willow Conference Center.

We look forward to seeing everyone in person this year. You can expect to hear updates from ADOT and the FAA as well as an Arizona-focused State of the Industry session. Other sessions will cover emerging paving materials, airport land appraisals, and new UAV PCI evaluations.

You can find the full agenda and register at <https://www.azairports.org/2022-Fall-Conference>.

## AzAA Wingman & Mentorship Program

The AzAA Membership Committee would like to remind our members of our mentorship program! This is a complimentary benefit of membership.

The AzAA Mentorship Program reflects our commitment to you and your career and professional development. This program provides an informal and a more formal opportunity to participate:

Conference Wingman – an informal program to promote networking:

- Designed to ease the social transition to AzAA Membership by providing a conference wingman to help ease you into your first in person AzAA event(s), introduce you to other members and answer AzAA questions
- Open to all members
- To participate: Watch for Conference Wingman information on conference registration forms and indicate your interest in participating.

Professional Mentor – a more formal (but not too formal) program to provide support for the following professional scenarios:

- Connect junior staff to more seasoned airport professionals
- Connect new airport managers with more experienced airport managers to facilitate a career transition
- Connect a seasoned airport manager moving from outside Arizona with an airport manager who knows the ropes of Arizona's aviation system
- Open to Executive Members
- To participate: Please fill out the form [found here](#) so you can be matched with a mentor/mentee!

## LEGISLATIVE Call to Action

*Scott Brownlee, Past President and Deputy Director/COO, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport*



With the primary election behind, now is a great time to get to know and educate your new and incumbent State House and Senate leaders. As a result of the elections and one resignation, there will be at least 37 new legislators in the State of Arizona. While we're very fortunate to have several aviation supporters returning to the State Legislature, with so many new faces it's a great time to get acquainted and lobby for continued support of the aviation system. You can learn more about the State House and State Senate candidates via [this table produced and shared with us by TriAdvocates.](#)

We've been very fortunate the last several years in securing additional resources for the State Aviation Fund but it's not been without a lot of hard work, phone calls and meetings. This is even more important now with the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding as additional State matching funds will go a long way to making sure airports can afford the additional federal funds. The additional State funds the past several years might make some forget the legislative sweeps that took place in prior years removing significant amounts of money from the State Aviation Fund. With all the infrastructure needs at airports across the State, we can use every dollar available. All of this to suggest, if you don't know your State Legislator, get to know them and if you do know them, now's a great time to get to know them better and explain the need for increased State Aviation Funding!

## Professional Development and Scholarship Committee

This Committee of AZAA offers a plethora of opportunities supporting membership continuing education and development. Scholarships for conference attendance, accreditations, student scholarships and stipends are available to the membership. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these offerings. Pass along the information on these opportunities to your employees, peers, and interested parties.

These scholarships and development opportunities paired with AAAE's series of training sessions such as: the ACE Series, ASOS Basic and Advanced, CM, and AAE all elevate our professionalism and dedication to this industry.

Is your airport hosting a training session your neighboring airports might benefit from? Invite them to join your training session!

The Committee is currently seeking applications for Conference attendance, Accreditation and Certification, and The Marty Rosness Student Scholarship. Applications are available on the AZAA website.



## Updates from ADOT

Matthew Munden, Aeronautics Group Manager



- Aeronautics is expecting Board approval on its amended FY23 5-year ACIP by the end of November
- The FY23 SL program will be increased from \$11.1M to \$32.3M
- The FY 23 APMS program will be increased from \$5.0M to \$16.4M
- The State Airports System Plan is set at \$1M in FY23
- The Aero Charts have been sent to all airports, contact me for more Aero Charts if you run out
- APMS '21 construction projects are completed
- The Triennial Study is ongoing, with completion estimated by January 2023
- We have funding to match all FSL grants from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

## Updates from FAA

Mike Williams, AAE, CAE; Phoenix ADO, FAA



### ADO Staffing

#### Airports Program Specialist

We are recruiting for one (1) candidate to fill one (1) position. We are working through the final stages of this recruitment.

#### Environmental Protection Specialist

We are recruiting for one (1) candidate to fill one (1) position. We are working through the final stages of this recruitment.

### 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 is available to assist

### Section 163

Updated guidance was published on August 3, 2022 and is available via [FAA.gov](https://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/recent_advisory_circulars/), [https://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/recent\\_advisory\\_circulars/](https://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/recent_advisory_circulars/) 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 Airport Infrastructure 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.

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

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5230-4C  
- [Aircraft Fuel Storage, Handling, and Dispensing on Airports](#) was updated on April 27, 2022.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5345-44K  
- [Specification for Runway and Taxiway Signs](#) was posted on January 19, 2022.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5210-17C - [Programs for Training of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Personnel](#) was updated on January 19, 2022.

Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5020-1A - [DRAFT Noise Control and Compatibility Planning for Airports](#) was posted for comments on January 10, 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 April 8, 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

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This is my second favorite time of year. My favorite time is the Spring, when we hold the "Dutch Bertholf" Conference. However, the "Walter Berg" Conference is a close second, and is in second place because it's only one day. I wish I had more than a day to spend with you all.

We have a great line up for this conference, and I expect it to be one the best Fall Conferences ever. We are once again at the Desert Willow Conference Center, which has proven to be a great venue not only for its location near the I-10, but also for the ease of the turnkey operation. It also happens to be near my favorite barbecue restaurant, Spee-D-Tee's.

Our very special guest will be Representative Frank Carroll, District 22. He will give us a quick talk at the opening of the conference about the latest goings on in the State.

We are honored to have Paul Patane, ADOT Assistant Director for the Multi-Modal Planning division. Paul has been with ADOT for many years and is one of the agency's top infrastructure construction experts. We are further honored to have Brian Armstrong from the FAA's Western-Pacific Regional Office. It's been a long time since we've seen Brian in person, so this is very special occasion for us.

We are bringing back the State of the Industry Panel. It was the most popular session last conference and so we thought you would enjoy having yet another update. To prove that he is not just another pretty face, Joe Husband will moderate a discussion about new paving technologies. Steven Cole will be back to offer us a presentation about airport land appraisals as well as a brief lesson in penciling out which will make your airport more money: building and managing your own hangars versus allowing a developer to build and manage hangars. Get out your calculators! Finally, there will be a case study from my own airport about doing pavement surveys using UAVs and Artificial Intelligence versus human observation. This is the latest emerging technology and we're going to learn all about it.

Aside from this great agenda, my favorite part of the conference is the fun and fellowship. I have a special guest, Erik Iverson, coming all the way from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida. When I moved to Korea in 2009, I missed the hiring cycle at the university where I later taught, and so I ended up taking a job at an international school until the next hiring cycle. Erik was in my third grade science class and a member of my aviation club. Little did I know that building balsa wood airplanes in the cafeteria after school would eventually lead him to love aviation, but it did. Erik will graduate from ERAU in December and would be happy to find an aviation job in Arizona. Please don't give him your extra drink tickets or else his mom will beat me with *la chancla*.

Finally, I want to make a book recommendation to you: Extreme Ownership by Jocko Willink. Jocko is a retired Navy SEAL and now a leadership consultant and entrepreneur. I hope you will find his books as inspirational as I do, and you may even want to check out his podcast. Jocko has had a tremendous influence on me as I try to transform from mere manager to true leader. I wish I'd discovered him years ago; I could have prevented a lot of heartache that I caused myself.

Sign up for the fall conference and I hope we get a chance to chat face-to-face.

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