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Richard Wilson began his 26-year aviation career in the role of city manager, leading creation of a new airport and harbor in the Bering Sea. He then served as development director at one of the world's busiest cargo airports, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, where he was responsible for leasing, resolving airline use agreement issues, master planning, and managing the stakeholder process for a future fourth runway. He collaborated on issues at Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) conferences for 13 years, leading to his election as chair of the ACI-NA Cargo Committee.

As Anchorage Port director, Richard reorganized and revived a troubled dock project, and as an entrepreneur, he air-shipped fresh seafood from Alaska to the continental United States. His hands-on experience proved useful as a panelist on an ACRP project addressing air cargo. Richard received a Bachelor of Arts in government from Pomona College and a Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School.

CENTRAL REGION



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Tara Harl was recruited to build and lead the Kansas State Polytechnic Airport Management Program, where she introduced first-in-the-nation industry embedded field laboratories. She is the first academic to join the Kansas Association of Airports board of directors. As chair of the St. Cloud State University Aviation Department, she founded the Business Aviation Program, which links collegiate aviation with the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) via onsite industry laboratories; the program became the catalyst for the NBAA Internship

Guide. She was a member of the NBAA Corporate Aviation Management Committee, where she chaired its professional development subcommittee.

Tara's passion for professional development and diversification of the workforce inspired her to found Aviation Workforce Development in 2011 as a depository of data and incubator to address industry workforce challenges. At Aviation Workforce Development, she applied her research corridor to consult with Fortune 500 companies on how to diversify their flight operations teams. She is type-rated in corporate jets with international experience; served as chief pilot/director of operations in corporate flight departments; founded an aircraft management firm, which oversaw corporate-owned airports; has served on numerous research panels for the ACRP; and holds a doctorate in leadership development, a Master of Science in aerospace education, and a Bachelor of Science in aviation management. Her love for the airport world began serendipitously when she was born in a snowstorm on the Kodiak Alaska military airfield.



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Brenda Enos is a project manager for Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City, Missouri, where she manages environmental permitting and compliance projects for various airports. Before joining Burns & McDonnell, Brenda worked at the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), ensuring that Massport facilities complied with local, state, and federal policies and programs for environmental health and safety. Brenda began the development of several cutting-edge plans, including the Logan Airport Climate Adaptation/Infrastructure Resiliency Plan and the Logan Airport Sustainable Management Plan. She began her aviation career at the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. The highlight of her experience there was managing the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for an airport-wide improvement program at T. F. Green Airport, which included a runway extension, terminal and roadway improvements, and upgrades to the cross-wind runway safety areas.

Brenda has been active in ACRP panels almost since the inception of the program. She has served as a chair or member on numerous panels, with topics ranging from air quality and aircraft deicing to environmental management systems and public health studies for airports. She is currently a member of ACRP Project 11-03, "Synthesis of Information Related to Airport Practices," which administers the synthesis program for ACRP. Brenda has also been active in ACI-NA Environmental Affairs Steering Committee leadership. She currently serves as an at-large associate but was previously chair of the National Environmental Policy Act Committee.

Brenda received a Master of Business Administration from Bryant University and a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Hiram College. She is a certified hazardous materials manager and registered environmental manager.

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Marc Tonnacliff has been in the fire and emergency services field for over 30 years. He is currently the senior airport firefighting specialist for the FAA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Marc determines national aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) strategies and writes regulations and guidance documents regarding airport firefighting for the FAA Airport Safety and Standards Program. He produced two ARFF training DVDs: *Introduction to ARFF and Aircraft Forcible Entry and Firefighting with the HRET* and *Cargo Aircraft Firefighting*. Before joining the FAA, he spent 22 years in the Marine Corps, retiring as a chief warrant officer 3. His last position in the Marine Corps was as the officer in charge, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Branch, Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico, providing fire and rescue support to Marine Presidential Helicopter Squadron 1.

Marc has also been a member of the National Fire Protection Association Technical Committee for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting since 2006. Additionally, he serves as the rapporteur and lead FAA representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization's Rescue and Fire Fighting Working Group. This group creates the ARFF standards and recommended practices for member states worldwide. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from Averett University.



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Andrew earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Columbia College, Columbia University, in the city of New York and a Master of Public Administration from Maxwell School of Public Administration, Syracuse University. In addition, Andrew is a Certified Member (C.M.) of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

GREAT LAKES REGION



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Neal Barncard has served for 20 years at the Michigan Department of Transportation (DOT), 15 of which were with the Office of Aeronautics in Lansing, Michigan. At the Michigan DOT, he handles all engineering technician duties for the Office of Aeronautics. He is an active member of the local chapter of the Project Management Institute, as well as a current senior member and past president of the local chapter of the American Society for Quality as a certified quality process analyst. Neal is also a former member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Michigan Performance Excellence program, a non-profit based on the National Baldrige Performance Excellence Program's assessment criteria.

Neal is a Navy veteran, having served as a structural aircraft mechanic hydraulics second-class petty officer. He holds associate degrees in both applied industrial and civil engineering technology from Lansing Community College. Outside of his professional accomplishments, Neal has many years' experience in community service projects that promote self-reliance and emergency preparation. He is a district 1 board member of the Michigan Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and a licensed ham radio operator.



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For over 40 years, Tom Anderson represented the Metropolitan Airports Commission, which operates Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and a system of six reliever airports, retiring in September 2017. Tom began his career at the beginning of deregulation of the airline industry, and since that time has been at the center of significant issues related to airline affairs, competition and hubbing, airport development and financing, aviation security and safety, airline bankruptcies, reliever airports, and aircraft noise and environmental issues. Tom has served as past chair and member of the ACI-NA Legal Committee, and he also served on the ACRP Legal Aspects of Airport Programs project panel for several years.

In 2017, the Federal Bar Association selected Tom as the Transportation Attorney of the Year. He has also received ACI-NA's Leadership Award and the Minnesota State Bar Association's Public Attorney Award of Excellence. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and University of Minnesota Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review.



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Bill Sproule has more than 45 years of experience in government, consulting, and university teaching and research in Canada and the United States. Bill joined the faculty at Michigan Tech in 1996. Before that, he worked as a transportation engineer for Transport Canada and a consulting firm in Toronto, and he was a faculty member at Mohawk College, West Virginia University, and the University of Alberta. He has served on numerous TRB committees and ACRP panels and has been active in several other professional societies and committees in airport planning, automated people mover systems, and urban transportation. He earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Michigan Tech, a Master of Engineering from the University of Toronto, and a Doctor of Philosophy in civil engineering from Michigan State University—where he specialized in airport planning and design.

Bill is a co-author of the fifth edition of the classic textbook, *Planning and Design of Airports* (Horonjeff, McKelvey, Sproule, and Young) and has been recognized with the American Society of Civil Engineers' Horonjeff Award for outstanding service and contributions in airport engineering. He is also a hockey historian and cartoonist.

NEW ENGLAND REGION



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Denise is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in professional aeronautics and a Master of Aeronautical Science in aviation/aerospace management.



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Jean Mongillo is an associate with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. As a professional engineer registered in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Jean has designed airport improvement projects such as the McCarron International Airport Runway Rehabilitation, Manchester-Boston Regional Airport Runway Expansion Program, and many other commercial service and general aviation airports throughout the Northeast. For more than 30 years, Jean has worked closely with Hoyle, Tanner's aviation clients to identify infrastructure improvement needs at their individual facilities and develop a plan of action to address those needs. She currently serves on both the board of directors for the Massachusetts Airport Management Association and the executive board for the Granite State Airport Management Association. Jean also volunteers her time at various New England Aviation Career Education Academy summer camps, sharing her aviation knowledge and potential career opportunities with the next generation of aviation enthusiasts.



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Barry graduated from Auburn University in 2010, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a focus in aviation management and an instrument pilot rating.

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Mike Witiw is a project manager for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. He currently manages the airside portion of a new \$608-million project to design and build an international arrivals facility, which includes the first pedestrian bridge over a Group V taxiway to be built outside of England. Before joining Seattle-Tacoma, Mike worked 15 years as a consultant on projects at many airports, including Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport, Chicago O'Hare and Midway Airports, General Mitchell International Airport, and Paine Field. He is currently a panel member for ACRP Project 04-20, "Airport Emergency Operations Center Design Guide."

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From flying in a 737 to O'Hare International, to flying onto a wilderness airstrip in a single engine Cessna, Nathan Cuvala has been using and improving airports of all types and sizes since beginning his career in aviation nearly 15 years ago. He currently serves as a project manager in the aviation services group at T-O Engineers in Boise, Idaho. Most recently, Nathan helped manage a series of seven runway safety area improvement projects, bringing the Friedman Memorial Airport as close to compliance with FAA standards as possible so it could continue to serve the resort community of Sun Valley, Idaho. Throughout the planning, design, and construction of the projects, Nathan relied on several ACRP reports to help fill in the gaps in existing guidance.

After working in construction throughout high school, Nathan earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from the University of Idaho.

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Aaron Davis is an aviation professional with comprehensive knowledge in airport management and planning and development. Aaron has more than 12 years of professional management experience in the aviation and transit industries. Currently, Aaron serves as the director of asset management for the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG), overseeing the development of the airport's asset management program, which provides future planning initiatives for critical airport infrastructure. Before joining CVG, Aaron served as senior asset manager at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and was influential in developing the airport's 10-Year Renewal and Replacement Plan, which focused on future improvements for airport assets.

Aaron is an Ohio native and received his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati. His professional certifications include International Airport Professional, AAAE C.M., and Project Management Professional. Aaron also received the 2016 Airport Business Top 40 under 40 Award.



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Scott Tatro is an airport environmental manager II for the Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) with over 25 years of experience in the public and private sectors. He represents LAWA on issues related to cargo and trade as a board member of both the Los Angeles Regional Export Council and the Los Angeles Air Cargo Association and as a member of the World Trade Week Committee. From 1994 through May 2017, Scott's work at LAWA included managing the noise programs for three airports—Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Ontario International Airport, and Van Nuys Airport (VNY)—including their compliance with the California Airport Noise Standards. He supported the efforts of the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable and oversaw the Sound Insulation Grant Program, which provided millions in funding to the cities of Inglewood and El Segundo, Los Angeles County, and the Lennox and Inglewood Unified School Districts for residential and classroom sound insulation efforts. He was chair of the ACI-NA Noise Working Group and was LAWA's point of contact on the FAA's Southern California Metroplex program and the FAA Part 161 studies at LAX and VNY. From 2014 to 2016, Scott managed LAWA's sustainability programs, launching the LAX sustainability website in 2015.