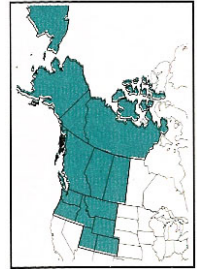




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Chapter Update April, 2005

David Ulane, A.A.E., President



President's Note

Well, as hard as I've tried to do one of these updates every month, I just haven't been able to keep up as of late. As I'm sure you can all attest, Spring is a very busy time on all fronts!



With our annual conference in Boise only three weeks away, my term as Chapter President is rapidly winding down, and this will be my last Chapter update. It has been an absolute privilege for me to represent our Chapter over the past year, and I appreciate your willingness to let me serve in this role. As a Chapter Officer, I've had the opportunity to interact with other Chapter leaders from around the country, and I can say unequivocally that we have the best talent, the most fun and greatest attitudes around.

Incoming President Dan Mann will serve the Chapter well, and I look forward to leaving our leadership in his capable hands. He has some outstanding ideas for improving our Chapter's leadership and operations, and I hope all of you will participate and weigh in as we move forward.

In closing, I would ask each of you to remember one thing- an organization is only as good as the sum of its members. We have a number of talented, dedicated and involved individuals in our Chapter, many of whom will be well-suited for future leadership roles. To ensure continuity of leadership for our Chapter, we need to work to identify, cultivate and mentor these members as our future leaders. Please take the time to get involved, and help provide our Chapter and National Association with a steady source of leadership talent for the future!

Again, it has been my distinct privilege to serve as your Chapter President over the past year, and I look forward to continuing my involvement with the Chapter and AAAE!

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2005 Annual Conference at the Boise Center on the Grove- April 18-20

By now you've hopefully registered for our 2005 Annual Conference April 18-20 in Boise!! Larissa Stouffer and John Anderson have put together an outstanding program with plenty of socializing opportunities, so don't miss out!

If you've not yet registered, you can obtain detailed conference information on the Chapter's website at www.nwaaae.org.

Another Chapter Member Completes the AAAE Accreditation Process

In March, Northwest Chapter First Vice President Dan Mann of Casper, Wyoming completed the third step of the AAAE Accreditation process- the challenging and comprehensive final interview.



To qualify for the Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) designation, Dan had to pass a 180-item written examination, write a comprehensive management research paper, and demonstrate, in the final interview by a panel of A.A.E.'s, their knowledge of airport management, business administration, and general transportation economics. For those of you interested in small community air service issues, I'd encourage you to contact Dan for a copy of his accreditation paper on the topic- it was very well done!

Attainment of AAAE Accreditation is a significant accomplishment, so please take a moment to congratulate Dan by emailing him at airport.manager@alluretech.net.

For more information on the Accreditation process and how it can benefit you, please contact Northwest Chapter Regional Examiner David Ulane at dulane@infowest.com.