

Julie Ellis Term as IAWA President Ends

Julie's Message to Members Highlights Website and Scholarship Growth

To the IAWA Community,

And what an exciting community of women we are! Effective networking opportunities among aviation women executives and professionals are what IAWA commits to deliver to its members. We heard in Argentina your support for the breadth of our programs from which we can all learn from one another. Flattening global silos and occupational designations to permit inquiries, information sharing and conversations is one of the new strategic steps which will better synchronize our industry by its women leaders. It is truly uplifting to be around such accomplished and fun women.



I have enjoyed leading this amazing group of IAWA members for the past two years. We have had two outstanding conferences in New York and Buenos Aires, launched our new website to improve networking, awarded four scholarships to deserving women who have chosen our industry, and reached out to new organizations with whom we can partner. To my outstanding Board of Directors and Advisory Board members, I say thank you for your gifts of wisdom, leadership and time. You have all given much of each. To Ed Pinto, our Communications Consultant and to Kim Gaasland, our Conference Consultant, our thanks for jobs well done. And, last but not never least, to our Executive Secretary, Karen Griggs, we can never say or show sufficient thanks for your patience, graciousness and commitment to meet the goals we set for IAWA.

I now have the privilege of serving on the Board, as Debra Fowler takes the gavel on January 1, 2008. I hope each of you renews your membership, actively gets involved in an IAWA committee, and comes to Chicago on October 22, 2008, to celebrate IAWA's 20th Anniversary. I look forward to renewing the many new associations I have made and making new ones. Please join me.

Thanks again. The memories are truly golden.

Julie

New Members

IAWA's new members this month includes former FAA Administrator Marion Blakey. Along with Marion, the association welcomes to its distinguished rolls Dr. Fang Liu, a Director of the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China, Rita Fillaggi, and Lorretta Martin, a Regional Director for the International Civil Aviation Administration.

MARION C. BLAKEY, former Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), which represents the leading U.S. manufacturers and suppliers of civil, military, and business aircraft, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles, space systems, aircraft engines, missiles, materiel and related components, equipment services, and information technology. Ms. Blakey became the 8th full-time Chief Executive of the Association earlier this year after serving a 5-year term with the FAA. Prior to heading FAA, Marion was Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. In addition to being NTSB Chairman, she has held four previous presidential appointments, two of which required Senate confirmation: as Administrator of the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from 1992 to 1993 and key positions at the Department of Commerce, the Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the White House and the Department of Transportation.



From 1993 to 2001, Ms. Blakey was the principal of Blakey & Associates, now Blakey & Agnew, a Washington, D.C. public affairs consulting firm with a particular focus on transportation issues and traffic safety. Born in Gadsden, Ala., Marion received her bachelor's degree with honors in International Studies from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. She also attended Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies for graduate work in Middle East Affairs.

DR. FANG LIU is Director of the Bureau of Administration and Services for the International Civil Aviation Association. Prior to joining ICAO, Dr. Liu served as Director of International Affairs Division, Department of International Affairs and Cooperation, General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC).

Dr. Liu joined the CAAC in 1987. She successively acted as counsel of CAAC's Legal Affairs Division, Deputy Director of CAAC's International Affairs Division. She is in charge of the formulation of China's international air transport policy and regulations, China's bilateral air consultations with foreign countries and the multilateral relations between China and international or regional organizations, such as the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Trade Organization, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.



She was elected as Chairwoman of the Air Services Group of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and nominated by China as a member of the Air Transport Regulation Panel of ICAO and expert on Mediation of Dispute Resolution of ICAO in 2004. She has Ph.D degree in law and is Director of Air Law Institute of China. She has published articles and given lectures on international air transport regulation and air law.

LORETTA MARTIN is Regional Director North America, Central America, and Caribbean Office of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). She previously served as FAA Senior Operations Advisor to the U.S. Operational Evolution Plan to increase effective capacity in the U.S. National Airspace System. She has held a number of key FAA positions, including: Acting U.S. Eastern Region Assistant Air Traffic Division Manager; U.S. Eastern Region Air Traffic Chief of Staff; U.S. Eastern Region Air Traffic Airspace Branch Manager, and New York Terminal Radar Approach Control Manager. She began her FAA career as an air traffic controller and is a former Airline Pilot, Flight Instructor, Instrument, and Ground Instructor.



Loretta has served as FAA's U.S. Delegate on the Informal Pacific ATC Coordinating Group and North Atlantic System Planning Group, and as U.S. policy advisor for the establish-

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ment of the Informal South Pacific ATC Coordinating Group. She is a former committee member of the U.S. RTCA, the Regional Airlines Association, the Air Transport Association, and ACI-NA Technical Committees and is a member of the Professional Women Controllers Association. She earned a Bachelors Degree in Aeronautics from San Jose State University.

RITA FILAGGI serves as the Head of IATA e-freight, Governmental-Legal and Strategic Development. Rita joined the IATA e-freight Project in September 2005. During 2005-2006, Rita led the effort to define the strategy and scope of e-freight, globally assessed the preparedness of governments to engage in e-customs, and formally engaged customs administrations to participate in the 2007 pilot implementation program. In 2007, Rita is facilitating the legal implementation activities for the e-freight pilot program and she is leading the development of the strategy for e-freight beyond the pilots.



Rita is also a Partner in the Chicago, Illinois USA based law firm of SmithAmundsen, L.L.C. Her practice includes counseling and defending corporate clients in the areas of aviation, commercial transportation, and contractual liability law. Rita is on a leave of absence from SmithAmundsen while serving on the IATA e-freight Project; she plans to return to SmithAmundsen in March 2008.

Rita holds a Bachelors degree in Anthropology and Psychology from Washington University in St. Louis and a Juris Doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

IAWA 20th Anniversary To Be Celebrated in Chicago



Special events are being planned as IAWA begins the journey to Chicago to celebrate the Association's 20th Anniversary Special.

You can help in the planning of the 2008 Conference!

We're looking for photographs of past conferences, receptions or events to use in our 20th Anniversary Conference Celebration.

We're also hoping to gather anecdotes and special recollections of memorable events.

Please send these to Karen Griggs at karengriggs@iawa.org