

Wisconsin Aviation Trades Association



Serving Wisconsin Aviation Since 1943

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JOIN WATA

WATA represents the interests of all aviation businesses in the state. WATA is an information provider to its members. Flight centers, aircraft maintenance facilities, air charter companies, flight schools and colleges, fuel retailers, and private airports with commercial operations can all count on WATA to represent their interests before state and federal legislatures and agencies. Please join now. WATA members can utilize the WATA web site for advertising surplus parts, help wanted, equipment wanted, planes for sale, hanger space for rent, monthly specials, and a 50 word or less description of their business/service provided.

WATA NEWS

WATA held its annual meeting at the WAMA conference in May at the Paper Valley hotel in Appleton. Items discussed were an executive director, membership recruitment, yearly budget, user fees, and board election. The two main topics discussed were hiring an executive director and membership recruitment for WATA. After several ideas and proposals were considered, it was decided an additional meeting should be held in July with the board of directors present. A board of directors' election was held at the July meeting and the following positions were filled:

Britt Solverson, President
Jeff Baum, Vice President
Bruce Botterman, Secretary
Peter Laper, Treasurer

The Executive Director position for WATA was discussed at this meeting. A decision was made to watch what the Wisconsin Business Aviation Association is doing with their new ED position this year. Also, at this time WATA does not have the funding it needs in place to have an ED. Another idea considered at this meeting is to expand the board of director's membership. The purpose of this expansion would be to improve delegation, interaction, and idea promotion.

Britt Solverson recently attended the Minnesota Aviation Trades Association conference in September. They conference was informative and organized. The big issues were declining membership and state budget shortfalls. If you are more interested on the topics of the conference please contact Britt at britt@topflightaviationllc.com.

Events Calendar

November 18th-WBAA Safety
Day (Wisconsin Aviation,
MSN)
May 4-6 2009-WAMA
Conference

WATA DIFFERENCE

WATA publishes a two-page section in each issue of [MIDWEST FLYER](#) Magazine called "WATA Difference." Articles include features on member companies, state aviation business news, and editorials on various issues affecting aviation businesses and their clientele.

Please submit newsworthy items to be included in this well-read publication. Send news items to: WATA Difference, PO Box 199, Oregon, WI 53575-0199; or fax them to 608-835-3323; or email them to weiman@mailbag.com.

FAA CHART AGENTS

Effective October 1st, 2009 changes will be made affecting FAA chart agents regarding annual sales (<http://download.aopa.org/epilot/2008/081125faacharts.pdf>). If an agent does not have a minimum of \$5000/yr in chart sales, he will have to be a sub-agent of a larger chart agent. This change will affect many WATA members, so we would like to here what you think of it. Please email or call us with your thoughts.

WAMA CONFERENCE

The 54th annual Wisconsin Aviation Management Association conference will be held May 4-6, 2009 in Eau Claire. Details of the conference can be found at www.wiama.org. Many topics will be relevant to WATA members.

AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS

Are you currently a member of an aviation organization?
If you are interested, check out the following websites:

- [Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association](#)
- [Experimental Aircraft Association](#)
- [National Business Aircraft Association](#)
- [National Air Transportation Association](#)
- [Federal Aviation Administration](#)
- [Ninety Nines](#)
- [Wisconsin Aviation Trades Association](#)
- [Wisconsin Business Aviation Association](#)
- [Wisconsin Airport Management Association](#)

Magazines of Interest

Midwest Flyer

Cessna Flyer Association

AOPA

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