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# Airport Funding Takes Off

## Aviation Funding to Go Before New York Voters

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Finally, airport capital and aviation related projects have been formally addressed by our state elected officials! For the NYAMA Officers and Board of Directors, this is a major victory and is the result of a tireless campaign to have airport issues addressed on a state level.

Included within the terms of the recently enacted 2000-2001 state budget is a renewed commitment by the state of New York to invest and improve New York's aviation industry. This new program has been named the Statewide Opportunities for Airport Revitalization, or NY SOARS program. As you may know, NY SOARS was initiated by NYAMA and has been the top priority for the Association during the 2000 budget session.

The funding for this program is targeted at \$75 million and is included within the terms of the Transportation Bond Act which will go before the voters in November 2000. The bond act, named "Transportation Infrastructure Bond Act of 2000," includes, at NYAMA's request, airports and aviation projects, as well as equipment and related programs.

Specific language is as follows:

- Highways or bridges either on or off the state highway system necessary or reasonably expected to be necessary as a project component or incidental to projects otherwise authorized by this act involving airports and aviation facilities, ports, transit and rail projects;
- Airports and aviation facilities, equipment and related projects exclusive of airports and facilities under the jurisdiction of the port authority of New York and New Jersey or operated by the state of New York

Should the bond act be approved by the voters in November, the bonds will be sold and project selection will commence. **It is imperative that airport officials submit projects to Governor Pataki and Members of the State Legislature as early as possible.** It is my understanding that project selection will be documented in a Memorandum of Understanding between the Governor and State Legislature and approved sometime in June. General Aviation facilities are also included within the terms of NY SOAR. Project requests could include projects already submitted to the NYS DOT under the AIR 99 grant and loan program.

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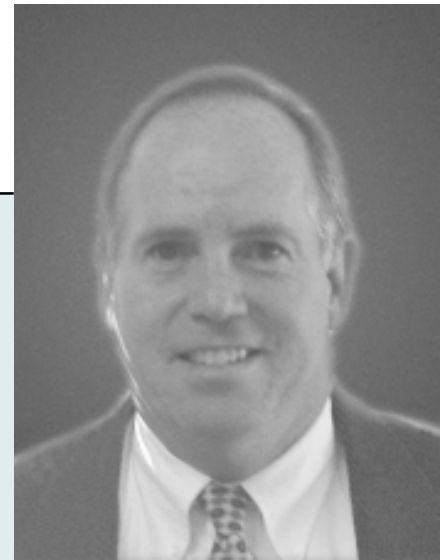
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## From the President

New York State Airports have  
much to be excited and re-ener-  
gized about!

### 2000 Bond Act

The State Legislature recently ap-  
proved the terms of the 2000 State  
Budget – proving an unprec-  
edented commitment to invest-  
ing in statewide airport capital  
improvements.



Terrence G. Slaybaugh  
NYAMA President

Included within the budget bills is the NY SOARS program, ini-  
tially recommended to the Legislature by Senate Majority Leader  
Joseph Bruno. The Statewide Opportunities for Airport Revitaliza-  
tion, as you know, was initiated by NYAMA and has been the top  
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SOARS.

### Aviation Advocacy Day

Our success with NY SOARS can partly be attributed to the work  
we did at our 2000 Aviation Advocacy Day held last March in Al-  
bany. My sincere thanks to all of you who attended the event, helped  
fund it, and actively communicated the importance of the State's  
aviation industry to our state lawmakers. The Board has agreed to  
offer the program again next year, and to combine it with our an-  
nual Spring Conference. Please watch for more details at the end of  
the year.

### Fall Conference 2000

Our 2000 Fall Conference is scheduled for October 1-4, at the Sheraton  
Four Points in Rochester. The focus of the conference is aviation  
and airport safety. Jim Hall, Chairman of the National Transporta-  
tion Safety Board, has been invited as our keynote speaker. Please  
plan to attend, and to bring along your colleagues!

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# Rochester Walks the Runways

The Monroe County Department of Aviation partnered with the Lifetime Assistance Foundation, a not for profit organization, to present the first "Walk the Runways" event, held on Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 am - Noon.

The 5k event brought walkers down an actual runway and was the first of its kind for the Greater Rochester International Airport. According to County Executive Jack Doyle, "This fun-filled event was certainly an ideal opportunity for residents and businesses to come together and support the Lifetime Assistance Foundation in providing much needed services to many children and adults in the community."

There were plenty of prize giveaways, plus a wrap up party with entertainment in the Piedmont Hawthorne Hangar. GRIA is committed to working with organizations to bring community-sponsored events out to its facilities. ✈

# Airshow Lands in Syracuse



The Syracuse International Airshow 2000 will once again soar into Central New York on July 8 and 9, 2000 at Syracuse Hancock International Airport, Syracuse, NY. Sponsored by the City of Syracuse and the Aviation/Aerospace

Education Foundation (AAEF), Inc., Airshow 2000 will feature thrilling performances by the Northern Lights Aerobatic Team of Quebec, the U.S. Navy F-14 Demonstration Team, and the U.S. Air Force F-15 Demonstration Team. Spectators will be in amazement as they watch

Beauty and the Beast Wingwalking, the Newman Antonov AN-2, the Heritage Flight with the P-51 Mustang Warbird, and the Super Mario Jet Funny Car. An exhibit by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Aviation Interest Group is just one of the many exhibits and displays which will be at Airshow 2000.

There will be both military and civilian static aircraft on display, in addition to aircraft simulators and food, beverage, and souvenir vendors. Advance sale tickets will go on sale June 1 at various locations, including the customer service desks at Carousel Center, Wegmans, Peters, and the Department of Aviation Office and gift shops, both located at Syracuse Hancock International Airport.

## Welcome New Members

- Perry B. Duryea, Jr. • Montauk Airport, Inc.
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## OGDENSBURG INT'L AIRPORT OFFERS 24/7 FUELING

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Please come out to the airport on July 8 and 9 to witness what is sure to be the most exciting airshow of the new millennium. Please call (315) 454-3263 for additional information. We hope to see you there!



# NYAMA Teams up with NYSDOT for Regional Program

NYAMA and NYSDOT teamed up in February to offer regional aviation industry meetings around the State. The program was designed to provide local forums to review the AIR '99 grant application, and to network and discuss airport development issues among colleagues.

Eight (8) meetings held at regional airports which brought over 140 people together, representing 61 airports, to learn about and discuss the essential components of this new funding source and facilitate valuable interaction among airport representatives.

To date, NYSDOT has received 75 applications, requesting 196 projects. The applicants cover the gamut of airports: of the 75 applicants, 16 were commercial service airports (5 hubs and 11 non-hubs) and 56 were general aviation airports (30 publicly-owned and 26 privately-owned).

A total of \$23 million was requested, with total project

costs (includes local match programs) in excess of \$32 million. Only two loan requests were received, the balance were applications for grants. Proposed projects are located over the whole state, representing a diverse variety of projects. Only \$2.5 million is currently available through the AIR '99 program.

It should be noted that about one-third of applicants have failed to submit the required municipal resolution or communicate with the Department of Transportation regarding its status. Projects cannot be given grants without a county/municipal resolution. The NYSDOT Aviation Services Bureau reports that evaluation of the applications is underway, along with the coordination of funding with the FAA.

The Regional Program proved to be an effective and useful method of coordination between NYAMA and NYSDOT. We hope to offer more programs of this nature in the future.

## FLIES HIGH NYAMA Spring Conference

This year's NYAMA Spring Conference 2000 was hosted by the Broome County Department of Aviation on April 12th and 13th. The event was attended by just over 100 people who converged to the Binghamton Area to discuss current issues facing the aviation industry. The attendees and speakers included representatives from airport management, federal and state government, airlines and consultant firms from all points of the State.

The conference began with opening remarks and welcoming speeches from Carl Olson, the Commissioner of Aviation for Binghamton Regional Airport; Jeffrey P. Kraham, Broome County Executive; and Stephen Williams, Vice President of NYAMA, standing in for Terrence Slaybaugh, NYAMA President. In accordance with the theme of the event — "New Opportunities for a New Age" — Richard Chimera of the Department of Transportation began by updating conference par-

ticipants on newly developed New York State aviation funding program, AIR '99. Mr. Chimera was followed-up by representatives from the FAA NYADO (Robert Lenuzza, Otto Suriani and Jennifer Boyes) to discuss the current status of the Federal AIP funding program.

To gain an airline perspective, the Director of Public Relations for Atlantic Coast Airlines, Rick Delisi, gave an upbeat speech regarding his employer and its position in the transportation industry. Other conference topics of discussion included a FAR Part 77 obstruction discussion, current issues facing General Aviation Airports and the airport terminal building refurbishment project at Binghamton Regional Airport.

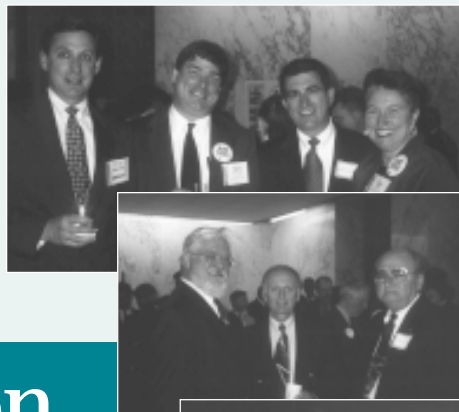
We would like to thank all of the participants, moderators and speakers for their hard work and efforts. See you at the Fall Conference!



# NYAMA's First Lobby Day is a Huge Success!

On March 28, 2000, NYAMA hosted its first-ever Aviation Advocacy Day at our State Capitol in Albany. The program provided airport managers and other aviation officials with timely information on state budget issues and state funded airport development programs; and provided a forum for constructive dialogue among colleagues and state lawmakers.

The event was capped by an evening reception in the Legislative Office Building 3rd Floor Terrace. The reception was well attended by State Legislators, and offered a wonderful opportunity to increase the visibility of the aviation industry, and impress upon lawmakers the important role aviation plays in the New York economy.



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# Qualification Based Selection Council announces new web-site

www.nysqbs.org

The Qualification Based Selection (QBS) Council of New York, which is sponsored by the NYS American Institute of Architects, American Public Works Association, NYS Society of Professional Engineers, Consulting Engineers Council of NYS and NYS Association of Professional Land Surveyors, announces the creation of its new web site, which will:

- Make information readily available regarding the mission of the QBS Council and resources available to those procuring consultant services,
- Provide answers to frequently asked questions on consultant procurement,
- Provide sample forms that can be downloaded, and
- Briefly describe how the qualifications based selection process works.

The site can be accessed at NYSQBS.ORG. We invite agencies and municipalities to link your web site to ours.

If you have questions on the NYS QBS Council, please contact either Bruce Clifford of the NYS QBS Council at 315-252-8214, e-mail at [bruceclifford@clarityconnect.com](mailto:bruceclifford@clarityconnect.com); or Claire Fisher, QBS Chairperson, at Fisher Associates, P.C., 315-923-7787, e-mail at [cfisher@fisherassoc.com](mailto:cfisher@fisherassoc.com).

## Mark your Calendars!

- June 27, 2000 — NYAMA Board Meeting, Albany
- October 1, 2000 — NYAMA Board Meeting, Rochester
- October 1-4, 2000 — NYAMA Aviation Safety Fall Conference, Rochester
- December 5, 2000 — NYAMA Board Meeting, Albany
- March 25-27, 2001 — NYAMA Spring Conference & Aviation Advocacy Day (proposed)



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### Membership Development

We formed a new Membership Development Committee at our last Board meeting in March. The purpose of the Committee is to help focus our membership outreach program, and to evaluate our member services and dues structure. Our growth and achievements since the first of the year continue to drive home our need for an active, diversified, membership base. Each accomplishment brings with it new challenges, and a need for new ideas and energy. Please continue to promote the Association, and invite your colleagues and vendors to join us.

The year 2000 continues to be a year of positive change and progress. NYAMA will continue to play an important role in advocating for aviation funding and quality aviation programs. I appreciate your support and commitment to the Association, and look forward to seeing you all in Rochester in October!

Very truly yours,

Terry Slaybaugh



# 6th Annual Noise Abatement Symposium – Westchester County Airport –

The Westchester County Airport Noise Abatement Office hosted their Sixth Annual Noise Abatement Symposium on Thursday, April 6, 2000. The event continues to be one of the most successful noise abatement awareness programs utilized by HPN. Each year the importance of the Symposium grows and attracts more and more industry experts from all across the Eastern Region.

This year the Noise Office hosted more than 90 guests including based pilots, FAA Air Traffic Representatives, and airport officials. The agenda included a full day of distinguished guest speakers and panel discussions. The Commissioner of the Westchester Department of Transportation, Mr. Lawrence Salley, began the morning by stating the importance of environmental issues to the County and thanking all of the operators for their continued efforts. Ted Baldwin, Harris, Miller, Miller & Hanson, Bonnie Wilson, Airports Council International NA, Jeff Gilley, National Business Aviation Association and Hugh Jones, Airport Director Farmingdale, spoke on the most current local, national and international noise abatement issues facing the aviation industry. The Noise Office demonstrated their new ANOMS Flight Tracking System and discussed new initiatives.

The afternoon continued with Light General Aviation, Helicopter and Jet Corporate operator panel discussions. As always, the open communication between pilots, airport management, FAA Representatives and the noise office generated several important suggestions and new ideas. Tom Bock, FAA Project Manager, reviewed the progress of the NY Airspace Redesign Project. Jim Barry, Megadata Corporation, PASSUR Flight Tracking System gave a real-time flight tracking demonstration and Gaetan Dureau, Bombardier Aerospace Montreal finished the day with a discussion on new noise abatement technology for corporate aircraft. Megadata Corporation, Harris Miller Miller & Hanson, Inc and Bombardier Aerospace sponsored the Symposium. ✈

## Submission Deadline

Articles for the next edition of *Air Times* are due by July 31, 2000!

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## NEW YORK AIRPORT MANAGERS' HANDBOOK

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The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Aviation Services Bureau, in coordination with NYAMA, is in the process of updating the Airport Managers' Handbook that NYAMA produced in 1995.

NYSDOT and NYAMA want to produce a Handbook reflective of your needs as airport managers to allow you to make informed decisions concerning the operation of your airport. Recently a survey was forwarded to you offering an opportunity to provide input into the final product. The survey was due May 5th, but if you haven't returned it yet, please take a moment to review it and return it as soon as possible. To make the Handbook really work for you, your views and opinions are needed.

The Aviation Services Bureau also needs to know which airports currently have copies of the Handbook and which do not. Once this information is available, copies of the Handbook and/or amendments can be mailed to the listed airports.



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## Fall Program to Focus on Safety

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NYAMA's Fall Conference, scheduled for October 1-4 in Rochester, will focus on aviation and airport safety in the Twenty-First Century.

NYAMA is pleased to invite Jim Hall, Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board as our keynote speaker. Jim was appointed as a Member of the NTSB in October 1993; he became Chairman in June 1994. As head of the agency he calls the "eyes and ears of the American taxpayer," Chairman Hall has worked tirelessly to improve the safety of all modes of transportation during his tenure.

While Mr. Hall has been Chairman, the Safety Board has experienced a period of unprecedented activity, including aviation investigations into the crashes of USAir flight 427 in Aliquippa, PA; ValuJet flight 592 in the Everglades; TWA flight 800 off

Long Island; and KA flight 801 in Guam.

On average, the Board investigates some 2,000 aviation accidents and 500 accidents in the other modes (rail, marine, highway, pipeline, and hazardous materials) annually. In 1996, President Clinton and the Congress assigned the Board the additional responsibility of coordinating federal assistance to the families of aviation accident victims.

The Conference will also feature a presentation by Cynthia Brown, Executive Director of the BE A PILOT/GA Team 2000, Inc.; Richard Chipman, a certified Wildlife Biologist; and Floyd Anthony James, Air Safety Investigator for the FAA Office of Accident Investigation.

Watch your mail in the next few months for more information about the conference and trade show!