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## NEWSLETTER

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### *63rd Annual Wisconsin Aviation Conference*

The next Wisconsin Aviation Conference (WAC) is just 6 months away and will be held at the beautiful Wilderness Hotel & Golf in the Wisconsin Dells from May 6-8, 2018. Registration is now open [HERE](#). Hotel information is available [HERE](#).

The WAC Planning Committee is excited for our new conference format with the conference opening on Sunday with sporting clays and golfing. Conference attendees are encouraged to bring their families to enjoy all the Wilderness Hotel has to offer. Monday and Tuesday of the conference will be filled with timely topics for all attendees including Wisconsin airports, consultants, and representatives from the state and FAA. The conference will once again feature Speed Dating with the FAA Chicago ADO. Space is limited for Speed Dating so register now to ensure your spot!

We hope you will join us at the 2018 Wisconsin Aviation Conference!



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*Call for WAC Sponsors & Exhibitors*

The Wisconsin Aviation Conference isn't possible without the support of our sponsors and exhibitors. On behalf of the Wisconsin Airport Management Association and the WAC planning committee, please consider joining us again as a sponsor and/or exhibitor in 2018.

EXHIBITORS - Please register by March 1, 2018 to receive the early bird rate [HERE](#).

SPONSORS - Sponsorship options can be found [HERE](#).

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### *Membership Dues*

Membership Dues will remain unchanged for participating airports and corporate partners during 2018. Invoices will be emailed during the 2nd week of December.

#### **2018 Dues Schedule:**

Small General Aviation Airports: \$100  
Large General Aviation Airports: \$350

Non-Hub Airports: \$850  
Small-Hub Airports: \$1600  
Medium-Hub Airports: \$2250

Small Corporation Partners (1-10 employees): \$100  
Medium Corporation Partners (11-25 employees): \$275  
Large Corporation Partners (26+ employees) \$500

*Note: Membership includes all employees of Participating Airports and Corporate Partners.*

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### *Southwest Wisconsin Aviation Group (SWAG)*

*Alaine Olthafer-Lange*

*Airport Manager, Platteville Municipal Airport*

On Tuesday, November 14th the Southwest Wisconsin Aviation Group (SWAG) held its first meeting at Southwest Technical College in Fennimore, WI. The group met to go over many topics specifically related to small GA airports in Wisconsin such as budgeting, planning, marketing, events, creating revenue, economic development, and growth. Those in attendance enjoyed the networking experience and are excited to meet again in January at the Boscobel Airport. Future meetings will focus on airport collaboration with hopes to expand the group to others interested in airports in the Southwest Wisconsin area.

In attached photo: Front row, left to right: Peter James, President of the Boscobel Municipal Airport



Commission; Greg Monahan, Boscobel Airport Manager; Alaine Oltafer-Lange, A&A Aviation and Platteville Municipal Airport Manager and WAMA Board member; Dave Fry, Richland Airport Manager; Tom Pelz, Boscobel Airport Commission member. Back row, left to right: Bob O'Brien, Executive Director of WAMA; Marc Higgs, Tri-County Regional Airport Manager; Larry Bierke, Iowa County Administrator; Bill Kloster, President of the Platteville Municipal Airport Commission; Mike Kaufman, Richland Airport Commissioner; and Dennis Cooley, Strand Associates.

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### *WAMA Legislative Day*

Following last year's extremely successful event, the Wisconsin Airport Management Association will once again be hosting a Legislative Day in Madison in March 2018. The Legislative Day provides a great opportunity for airports to talk to their legislators about aviation issues and the importance of aviation to the State of WI.

Opening and closing events will once again be held at the beautiful "Top of the Park" meeting room, located at the Best Western Plus Inn on the Park, 22 South Carroll Street, Madison, WI 53703. Specific date information, registration and talking points will be available soon.

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### *WAMA Awards*

The Wisconsin Airport Management Association is seeking nominations for the 2018 WAMA Aviation Awards. To nominate a person or project submit via this online Award Nomination Form (it's really easy). Your nomination must be submitted before March 16, 2018. Award winners will be recognized at the 2018 Wisconsin Aviation Conference.

To view Past Aviation Award Recipients, click on the award name below:

- [Distinguished Service Award](#) - Awarded to the persons who have made an outstanding contribution to aviation.
- [Blue Light Award](#) - Awarded to persons in the media who have distinguished themselves by their excellent reporting on Wisconsin Aviation.
- [Person of the Year Award](#) - Awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves in Wisconsin Aviation during the past calendar year.
- [Lifetime Service Award](#) - Awarded to persons who have devoted themselves to promoting and serving Wisconsin aviation for at least ten years.
- [Airport Engineering Award](#) - Awarded to persons who have made significant professional contributions in the airport engineering or

## *WAMA Scholarships*

WAMA annually awards up to \$2,000 in professional development scholarships to our members. You must be a member of the Wisconsin Airport Management Association and a resident of Wisconsin or an active duty service member with an entrance point in Wisconsin at the time the award is made. Candidates can receive reimbursement 12 months past an award date or 12 months prior to the next award date. Reimbursements will be awarded to members upon confirmation of successful completion of conference or training attendance.

WAMA also annually awards up to \$2,000 in collegiate scholarships to students who meet the following requirements: Enrolled in a bachelors degree level Aviation Degree Program at an accredited college or university and plan to continue this pursuit in the following year OR enrolled in an associates degree or technical college program pursuing a degree in the aviation field and plan to continue this pursuit in the following year; a student that attends a Wisconsin college or university, a resident of the State of Wisconsin attending a college or university outside the State, or an active duty service member with an entrance point in Wisconsin at the time the award is made; applicants must be in at least their first (freshman) year of college at the time the application is submitted; applicants must have achieved academic proficiency (grade point average) at the time of the application of 2.5 or better (based on a 4.0 system); applicant must not have previously received the scholarship from the Wisconsin Airport Management Association; and applicants must complete all requested information on the scholarship application form.

Applications for both scholarships can be found [HERE](#) and must be completed by March 16, 2018. Winners will be announced at the 2018 Wisconsin Aviation Conference.

Please email [Dave Jensen](#) for additional information.

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## *CM Study Testimonial*

*Anderson Ott, CM*

*Operations Coordinator, La Crosse Regional Airport*

I recently completed the Certified Member (CM) program through the American Association of Airport Executives. My favorite part of the CM study is the vast amount of knowledge it exposed me to. Because I'm still new to working in the aviation industry, I have little experience with many aspects of it, such as lease agreements, interacting with federal authorities, and community relations. The CM study modules gave me a breadth of knowledge that I feel would have taken me significantly longer to learn if I had waited for real world experience.

Throughout the process, I came to realize that the CM designation is less about knowing every single aspect and regulation of aviation or airport management, though that is fairly important for passing the exam. Instead, the CM designation indicates that one knows the proper questions to ask and places to look for information when a problem presents itself. For example, I may not be able to list the specifications of every imaginary surface surrounding an airport, but I know that I can find the descriptions in Part 77.

The hardest part for me was consistently studying the modules, though this reflects more on me than the CM program.

I found the CM study program to be highly worthwhile. If anyone is considering working towards the designation, I encourage them to do so. If you have any specific questions, or would like to hear more about my experience working toward my CM designation, please send me an [email](#). I'd be happy to talk to you.

