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## **RAA PROMOTES SCOTT FOOSE AND FAYE MALARKEY BLACK TO SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT ROLES**

The Regional Airline Association (RAA) announced the promotion of two long-time association executives with the naming of Scott Foose to Senior Vice President-Operations and Safety, and Faye Malarkey Black to Senior Vice President-Government Affairs.

“These promotions are well-earned since for more than a decade Scott and Faye have helped guide RAA and our member airlines through perhaps the most challenging times in our industry’s history,” noted RAA President Roger Cohen. “The RAA Board of Directors and regional airline professionals nationwide have come to rely on their counsel, expertise and commitment to member service, added Cohen. “They are cornerstones of the RAA team, we couldn’t have achieved all we have without their contributions, and with the stakes rising, we’re counting on them even more going forward.”

Since 2000, Scott Foose has worked with DOT, FAA and other stakeholder organizations on a wide range of safety, policy and regulatory issues. A 9,000 hour ATP pilot, Foose was previously with Allegheny Airlines for 21 years as a line pilot, pilot union official, and later held senior roles in the airline’s flight operations and corporate safety departments.

Faye Malarkey Black has worked on virtually every legislative, advocacy and communications issue touching regional airlines since joining RAA in 1998. She has become a credible and trusted advocate for the industry, and prior to her service with SmithBucklin (RAA’s association management firm), Malarkey Black worked for former U.S. Senator Harris Wofford (D-PA) and the election campaigns of former President Bill Clinton.

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*With safety as its highest priority, RAA represents North American regional airlines, and the manufacturers of products and services supporting the regional airline industry, before the Congress, DOT, FAA and other federal agencies.*

*With more than 13,000 regional airline flights every day, regional airlines operate 53 percent of the nation’s commercial schedule. Some 160 million passengers annually -- more than one of every five domestic airline passengers -- travel on regionals, and the more than 2,700 regional aircraft comprise about nearly 40 percent of the US commercial passenger fleet. Most notably, regional airlines serve 631 communities across the country and in 492 of those communities -- 75 percent of the US -- regional airlines provide the only scheduled service.*

*Founded in 1975, Washington, DC-based RAA also provides a wide array of technical, government relations and public relations services for regional airlines. The association’s 30 member airlines and nearly 200 associate members represent the key decision makers of this vital sector of the commercial aviation industry.*

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