



LEADERS CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 20 - 21, 2022 • WASHINGTON DC

Final Agenda May Reflect Changes

Confirmed Speakers as of September 16, 2022

- The Honorable Randy Babbitt, Former Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration
- Dan Elwell, Former Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration/President, Elwell & Associates
- Congressman Chip Roy (R-TX)
- Senator Krysten Sinema (D-AZ), Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations and Innovation, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
- Congressman Rick Larsen (D-WA), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Aviation, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
- Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations, and Innovation (Ranking Member)
- Dion Flannery, President, PSA Airlines; RAA Board of Directors Chair
- Chip Childs, President & CEO, SkyWest Airlines
- Tim Komberec, President & CEO, Empire Airlines
- Rick Leach, President & CEO, Go Jet Airlines
- Bryan Bedford, President & CEO, Republic Airways
- John Sullivan, Executive Chairman & Founder, CommutAir
- Rob McKinney, CEO, Ravn Alaska
- Eric Morgan, President & CEO, Piedmont Airlines
- Linda Markham, President & CEO, Cape Air
- Savanthi Syth, Managing Director, Global Airlines, Raymond James
- Steve Martin, Senior Vice President, InterVISTAS
- Matthew Poitras, Partner, Oliver Wyman Consulting
- Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association
- Drew Jacoby Lemos, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Regional Airline Association
- Sharon Pinkerton, Senior Vice President Legislative & Regulatory Policy, Airlines for America
- Don Dillman, Senior Vice President, Flight Operations, FedEx

- Dana Donati, CEO, United Aviate Academy
- Ed Bagden, Director Operations and Academic Programs, LIFT Academy
- Richard Morris, Director of Global Safety, Quality Assurance and Compliance, CAE
- Ross Mitchell, Vice President, Strategy, Business Development, Marketing, Communications, and Business Operations, MHIRJ Aviation ULC
- Mark Neely, Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Commercial Aviation, Embraer
- James Tempel, Director, Sales and Marketing, Pratt & Whitney Canada
- Courtney Miller, Founder & Managing Director, Visual Approach/Managing Director of Analysis, The Air Current
- Hassan Shahidi, CEO, Flight Safety Foundation
- Chris Brown, Vice President of Government Affairs and ULCC Policy, National Air Carriers Association
- Brian Bell, Majority Staff Director, US House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Aviation Subcommittee
- T Hunter Presti, Republican Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Aviation
- Ronce Almond, Senior Counsel on Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
- Mike Reynolds, Senior Public Policy Advisor, Baker Donelson
- Stephen Neuman, Vice President Global Government Affairs, American Airlines
- Kate Geldaker, Director of Government Affairs, Alaska Airlines
- Bobby Fraser, Director, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Atlas Air
- Holly Woodruff Lyons, President & Founder, HWL Aerospace Policies
- Sam Whitehorn, Co-Founder & Principal, Elevate Government Affairs
- Rob Chamberlin, Co-Founder & Principal, Elevate Government Affairs
- Mike Hall, CEO, New York Aviation Management Association
- Aly Sider, Reporter, The Wall Street Journal
- Pilar Wolfsteller, Reporter, FlightGlobal
- Leslie Josephs, Reporter, CNBC
- Lori Aratani, Reporter, The Washington Post
- Ethan Klapper, Reporter, The Points Guy

AGENDA

Monday, September 19, 2022

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Sponsor Display Set-Up

LOCATION: 1201 15th St NW, Washington, DC, 20011

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Chairman's Welcome Reception

Invitation only event for the RAA Board of Directors, Diamond sponsors and invited guests

LOCATION: Westin City Center

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – Day One

*All conference sessions to take place at RAA Headquarters at
1201 15th Street NW
Washington, DC, 20005*

Session I (8:30 AM-11:45 AM)

8:30 AM Welcoming Remarks

SPEAKERS:

- Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

8:35 AM Partner Keynote: Embraer

SPEAKER:

- Mark Neely, Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Commercial Aviation, Embraer

8:50 AM Fireside Chat: State of the Industry

RAA President & CEO and Board of Directors Chair discuss the current state of the industry and what the future may hold for regional airline operations.

SPEAKERS:

- Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association
- Dion Flannery, President, PSA Airlines; RAA Board of Directors Chair

9:15 AM CEO Panel Discussion Session I: Regional Airline Business and Trends

RAA airline CEOs share their views about future business, new fleets and other trends that could shape the direction of the regional market & flying.

MODERATOR: Aly Sider, Reporter, The Wall Street Journal

SPEAKERS:

- Chip Childs, President & CEO, SkyWest Airlines
- Rick Leach, President & CEO, GoJet Airlines
- John Sullivan, Executive Chairman & Founder, CommutAir
- Tim Komberec, President & CEO, Empire Airlines

10:00 AM Coffee and Networking Break in Hall of Partners

10:30 AM CEO Panel Discussion Session II: Regional Airline Business and Trends

RAA airline CEOs share their views about future business, new fleets and other trends that could shape the direction of the regional market & flying.

MODERATOR: Leslie Josephs, Reporter, CNBC

SPEAKERS:

- Rob McKinney, CEO, Ravn Alaska
- Linda Markham, President & CEO, Cape Air
- Bryan Bedford, President & CEO, Republic Airways
- Dion Flannery, President, PSA Airlines; RAA Board of Directors Chair

11:15 AM Lawmaker Keynote

SPEAKER:

- Congressman Chip Roy (R-TX)

11:30 AM Lawmaker Keynote

SPEAKER:

- Congressman Rick Larsen (D-WA), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Aviation, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

11:45 AM Lunch in Hall of Partners

Session II (12:45 PM-5:00 PM)

12:45 PM Partner Keynote: Pratt & Whitney Canada

SPEAKER:

- James Tempel, Director, Sales and Marketing, Pratt & Whitney Canada

1:00 PM Keynote: Savanthi Syth, Managing Director, Global Airlines, Raymond James

Back by popular demand, Savi Syth will provide her take on the regional airline market. Known for her insightful questions on earnings calls and incisive statements in aviation press, Syth has a unique vantage point into the challenges and opportunities before regional aviation.

SPEAKER:

- Savanthi Syth, Managing Director, Global Airlines, Raymond James

1:30 PM Lawmaker Keynote

SPEAKER:

- Senator Krysten Sinema (D-AZ), Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations and Innovation, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

1:45 PM Panel Discussion: The Pilot Shortage & the Future of Regional Aviation

MODERATOR: Ethan Klapper, Reporter, The Points Guy

SPEAKERS:

- Matthew Poitras, Partner, Oliver Wyman Consulting
- Bryan Bedford, President & CEO, Republic Airways
- Eric Morgan, President & CEO, Piedmont Airlines
- Ross Mitchell, Vice President, Strategy, Business Development, Marketing, Communications, and Business Operations, MHIRJ Aviation ULC

2:30 PM CEO Walk Through of Sponsor Display Area in Hall of Partners

3:15 PM Panel Discussion: FAA Reauthorization: Stakeholder Priorities

As the FAA Reauthorization cycle begins, advocates and Hill staff highlight their issues of focus. The pilot shortage and lost air service make the list, but what else will Washington be focusing on for the next 9-12 months?

MODERATOR: Holly Woodruff Lyons, President & Founder, HWL Aerospace Policies

SPEAKERS:

- Drew Jacoby Lemos, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Regional Airline Association
- Chris Brown, Vice President of Government Affairs and ULCC Policy, National Air Carriers Association
- Sharon Pinkerton, Senior Vice President Legislative & Regulatory Policy, Airlines for America
- Mike Reynolds, Senior Public Policy Advisor, Baker Donelson
- Brian Bell, Staff Director, US House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Aviation Subcommittee
- Ronce Almond, Senior Counsel on Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
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4:05 PM Panel Discussion: Pilot Training Leadership & The Next Level of Safety

Airlines continue the quest for ever improving safety by going to the "Next Level of Safety" to better train and equip tomorrow's pilots with tomorrow's technology, panelists will provide an overview of safety and pilot training history, including elements of the Airline Safety Act that have advanced pilot training and qualifications, to more use of multi-crew training, CRM, virtual reality, Simulation and more.

MODERATOR: Pilar Wolfsteller, Reporter, FlightGlobal

SPEAKERS:

- The Honorable Randy Babbitt, former FAA Administrator
- Dan Elwell, former Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration/President, Elwell & Associates
- Ed Bagden, Director Operations and Academic Programs, LIFT Academy
- Dana Donati, CEO, United Aviate Academy
- Don Dillman, Senior Vice President, Flight Operations, FedEx
- Richard Morris, Director of Global Safety, Quality Assurance and Compliance, CAE

4:55 PM Day One Thank you and Closing Remarks

SPEAKER:

- Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Happy Hour for all Attendees in the Hall of Partners

7:00 PM Customer Events (by invitation only)

Wednesday, September 21, 2022- Day Two

RAA Headquarters
1201 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Session III (8:10 AM-12:00 PM)

8:10 AM Welcoming Remarks Day Two

SPEAKER:

- Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

8:15 AM Fireside Chat: The Next Level of Safety

US Aviation is continuously evolving. Panelists will explore aviation safety history including One Level of Safety, ASAP, ASIAs and key items of the 2010 Safety Act and discuss their vision for the continuous advancement of aviation safety.

MODERATOR: The Honorable Randy Babbitt, Former Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration

SPEAKERS:

- Hassan Shahidi, CEO, Flight Safety Foundation

8:45 AM Panel Discussion: Aviation Issues in an Election Year

Washington legislative experts provide a “general read” of the Congress and the upcoming election. The panel would discuss election year politics and its impact on issues related to regional air service and the pilot shortage. In my experience, these types of panels generate a lot of interest. A panel on the prior day will focus more specifically on FAA reauthorization issues, although we know these are likely to come up.

MODERATOR: Sam Whitehorn, Co-Founder & Principal, Elevate Government Affairs

SPEAKERS:

- Rob Chamberlin, Co-Founder & Principal, Elevate Government Affairs
- Drew Jacoby Lemos, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Regional Airline Association
- Bobby Fraser, Director, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Atlas Air
- Kate Geldaker, Director of Government Affairs, Alaska Airlines
- Stephen Neuman, Vice President Global Government Affairs, American Airlines

9:30 AM Spotlight on RAA Scholarship Foundation

9:45 AM Coffee and Networking Break in Hall of Partners

10:15 AM Lawmaker Keynote

SPEAKER:

- Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations, and Innovation (Ranking Member)

10:30 AM Keynote Address: Steve Martin

Steve Martin, Senior Vice President, InterVISTAS, will share analysis and expertise on the connection between air service and regional economic development.

SPEAKER:

- Steve Martin, Senior Vice President, InterVISTAS

11:00 AM Panel Discussion: Protecting Small Community Air Service

A moderated panel will focus on the importance of air service at smaller communities, through the perspectives of small communities seeking to protect it, small communities that have experienced air service loss, analysts who are educating the public, and stakeholders who are determined to advance solutions.

MODERATOR: Lori Aratani, Reporter, The Washington Post

SPEAKERS:

- Mike Hall, CEO, New York Aviation Management Association
- Courtney Miller, Founder and Managing Director, Visual Approach/Managing Director, Analysis, The Air Current
- Dion Flannery, President, PSA Airlines; RAA Board of Directors Chair

11:50 PM – Closing Remarks

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12:00 PM – Adjourn

All conference attendees who are not participating in the events listed below are adjourned at 12:15.

Board of Directors Meeting (12:15 PM-3:45 PM)

Closed to RAA Board of Directors

12:15 PM- Board Working Lunch

Location: Conference Rooms ABC

Sponsor Display Dismantle (12:15 PM-4:00 PM)

Location: Partners Hall

Purchasing Official Lunch (12:15 PM-1:00 PM)

Airline Purchasing Officials Only

Location: Conference Room D

Purchasing Forum (1:00 PM-3:00 PM)

Eligible sponsors and airline purchasing officials only - please inquire for participation

Location: Auditorium

Associate Member Council Meeting (3:00 PM-5:00 PM)

Closed to RAA Associate Member Council

Location: Conference Room D