



## Arizona Airports Association

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## Recipients of Arizona Airports Association (AzAA) Awards of Excellence Announced

PHOENIX (April 28, 2020) – The Arizona Airports Association (AzAA) awarded the Airport Executive of the Year, the Corporate Member of the Year, and announced the President’s Award at its Spring General Membership Meeting. Mr. Ed Faron, A.A.E. (Phoenix Deer Valley Airport) received the 2020 Airport Executive of the Year Award, Mr. Lance McIntosh, P.E. (C&S Companies) received the 2020 Corporate Member of the Year Award, and Arizona State Representative Arlando Teller (District 7) received the President’s Award. Each honoree has made lasting positive impacts on airports in Arizona, and AzAA recognizes their outstanding contributions.

Mr. Ed Faron, A.A.E., who is currently serving as Airport Manager of the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (DVT), was awarded Airport Executive of the Year. Mr. Faron has served in the aviation industry with the City of Phoenix for the past 18 years, the last 6 years as Airport Manager for DVT. He works tirelessly to advocate for the growth and development for not only DVT but for aviation in Arizona as a whole. DVT is the busiest general aviation airport in the country. Mr. Faron’s deep passion for general aviation allows him to not only run a seamless operation but also advocate for pilots, tenants, and stakeholders throughout the state of Arizona. Mr. Faron served as the President of AzAA (2017-2018) followed by Immediate Past President (2018-2019) and has continued to commit time and effort advocating and lobbying for the continued funding, support, and development of the airports in Arizona. Ed is also a pilot which allows him to understand airport operations and users from all sides of the industry. He regularly attends the tenant and pilot associate meetings, to hear first-hand the concerns, needs, and ideas of the local aviation community.

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Mr. Lance McIntosh, P.E., was named 2020 Corporate Member of the Year. Mr. McIntosh is Department Manager for Airfield Design at C&S Companies, overseeing airport development projects for C&S Companies' Southwest Region. He currently serves as Corporate Director on the AzAA Board of Directors and is a well-known engineer / consultant with over 25 years' experience. He has worked successfully with numerous individuals and entities at the federal, state, and local levels, including developing and implementing ADOT Aeronautics' Pavement Preservation Program. The program was the first ever state-wide pavement maintenance management program for airports in the United States. Mr. McIntosh also participated in the creation of the first of its kind "Arizona Best Practices Guide" and he was asked to participate in the development of the same type of document for California. Mr. McIntosh was nominated, and ultimately awarded, Corporate Member of the Year award for his unwavering dedication to the aviation industry throughout his 25 plus year career.

Representative Arlando Teller, who currently represents the 7<sup>th</sup> District of the Arizona State House of Representatives, received the President's Award . Representative Teller was raised on the Navajo Nation in a single-parent household alongside traditional grandparents, one of whom was a Navajo Code Talker. Though raised traditionally, Representative Teller's family encouraged him to "think outside the box" and "challenge the status quo." In doing so, he graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Prescott as the first Navajo (and one of the first American Indians) to do so. Representative Teller served as an Executive Director for AzAA from 2015-2017. Prior to running for District 7 Representative, Representative Teller served as Deputy Division Director for the Navajo Department of Transportation which included overseeing the development of the five Airports within the Navajo Nation. During his first year representing District 7 in 2019 he primed eleven bills. Of those eleven bills, five passed through the house and one passed the Senate and was ultimately signed by Governor Doug Ducey. The bill that passed resulted in the appropriation of ten million dollars to the State Aviation Fund to improve Arizona community airports. Representative Teller's continued support of Arizona airports through his service on the AzAA Board of Directors and service as a State Representative are recognized and greatly appreciated by the Arizona aviation industry.

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The Arizona Airports Association (AzAA) was formed in 1979 to bring together the representatives of public and private airports and others interested in the general benefit of aviation to provide information, expertise, and support to all those in the State of Arizona's aviation industry. Further, the Association works to foster public recognition of airports and the airport executive profession, and to assist in the future development of air transportation in Arizona.

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