

**2024**  
**AVIATION INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Terre Haute Convention Center**  
All times displayed are in Eastern Time

**Tuesday, October 15**

**AAI Scholarship Fund Inc. Scholarship Golf Outing/Trap Shooting**

**[Idle Creek Country Club](#)**

**5353 Eldridge Road  
Terre Haute, IN 47802  
812/299-4653**

**11:00 am – 11:45 am**

**Golf Registration / Lunch**

**12:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Golf** - Cost - \$150 and includes lunch.  
*Will be billed separately from registration and includes a donation to AAI Scholarship Fund, Inc.*

**OR**

**[Coal Creek Sporting Clays](#)**

**1041 W Sandford Avenue  
West Terre Haute, IN**

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

**Shooting Registration/Lunch**

**1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Trap shooting** - Cost - \$150 and includes lunch.  
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**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Registration**

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**New to AI Conference?**

*For people new to the conference, this session will connect you with an AI member who will introduce you to other members as well as answer any questions you have about AI or the conference.*

**6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Welcome Reception**

**7:00 pm – 10:00 pm**                      **Dinner / Retirement Party**

**9:00 pm – 9:30 pm**                      **Committee Meetings**

**Wednesday, October 16**

**7:30 am – 3:00 pm**                      **Registration**

**7:00 am – 8:00 am**                      **Breakfast**

**8:00 am – 8:10 am**                      **Exhibitor Introductions**  
*Brian Payne, Director of Columbus Municipal and AI President will ask all exhibitors to briefly introduce themselves to members.*

**8:10 am – 8:30 am**                      **Conference Welcome**  
*Terre Haute Mayor Brandon Sakbun will welcome everyone to the conference and to the city.*

**8:30 am – 9:00 am**                      **Indiana State University Aviation Update**  
*Dr. Troy Allen, Chair & Professor, Indiana State University Bailey College of Engineering and Technology, will discuss the latest aviation programs that ISU is offering.*

**9:00 am – 9:30 am**                      **Willa Brown Story**  
*Suzy Quick, Vigo County Historian, will talk about Willa Brown, the first African American woman to earn both a pilot's license and a commercial license. The presentation will also discuss Willa's contributions to aviation and her local connections.*

**9:30 am – 10:00 am**                      **INDOT Update**  
*Marcus Dial, Manager, INDOT Office of Aviation, will discuss the changes in the office and his priorities as the new manager.*

**10:00am – 10:30 am**                      **Break with Exhibitors**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**                      **Airport Board Member Breakout Session**  
*Chad Oliver, Program Manager, FAA Chicago ADO, Marcus Dial, Aviation Manager, INDOT Office of Aviation, Ed Volk, President, La Porte Airport Authority will lead a discussion to help airport board members better understand their responsibilities. This session is also recommended for new airport managers as the session focuses on the roles and responsibilities for the airport, INDOT and the FAA.*

**10:30 am – 11:00 am**

**What is AI?**

*Scott Hinderman, Director, Ft. Wayne Airport, will lead a panel of past AI Presidents to discuss AI and why it is important to be active and how AI has come together to accomplish many successes over the years.*

**11:00 am – 11:15 am**

**NASAO Priorities**

*Greg Pecoraro, CEO, National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO), will discuss what state aviation officials across the country are working on.*

**11:15 am – 12:00 pm**

**Spotlight on Unique Indiana Airport Projects**

*The Annual Conference Committee solicited projects to showcase at the conference. These unique projects show how airports overcame obstacles to move their projects forward.*

**12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**

**Lunch**

**1:30 pm – 2:15 pm**

**Key Factors for Better Airport Management**

Dr. Mike Jones, General Aviation Associate at the Swelbar-Zhong Consultancy, will discuss recent research into quantitative methods to compare the performance of G.A. airports, the causes of under-performance, the value of peer analysis, and why the structure of your airport's management team is so important. You might see your own airport in his analysis.

**2:15 - pm – 2:45 pm**

**FAA Regional and National Update**

Erik Amend, FAA Great Lakes Regional Administrator and Deb Bartell, Acting Deputy Administrator, FAA Great Lakes Region, will give updates from the FAA from the national and regional perspective.

**2:45 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Break with Exhibitors**

**3:15 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Breakout sessions**

*Pick a session that works best for you. The FAA Consultant session is limited to 2 people per consulting organization.*

**GA Roundtable Discussion**

*Rachel Boulahanis, Manager Planning & Outreach, La Porte Airport, will lead a panel with representatives from the FAA, INDOT, consultants and GA airports to discuss a variety of issues.*

**Commercial Airport Breakout**

*Patrick Mac Carthaigh, VP Operations, South Bend Airport, will lead the discussions that will focus on PFAS, TSA and other issues.*

**Consultant/FAA Breakout**

*Deb Bartell, Acting Deputy Administrator, FAA Great Lakes Region, will lead discussions on the day to day operations between the ADO and airports.*

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Networking Reception**

**6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Dinner and Awards Banquet**

*Business Attire – Coat and tie  
Please plan to attend the awards banquet announcing the winners for the Airport of the Year, Legislator of the Year, Person of the Year, Presidential Special Recognition and AAI Scholarship Fund Inc. Scholarship recipients*

**8:30 pm – 10:00 pm**

**Hospitality**

**Thursday, October 17**

**7:30 am – 8:30 am**

**Breakfast**

**8:30 am – 9:30 am**

**AI Annual Membership Meeting**

*Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.*

**9:30 am – 10:00 am**

**Airport Infrastructure Resilience**

*Joe Marana, Director of Operations and Facilities, Ft. Wayne Airport, will discuss how the airport responded to the storms in 2022. This session is intended to help you to start thinking about what would you do if a storm or other event impacted your airport.*

**10:00 am – 10:30 am**

**FAA Update – Chicago ADO**

*Rob Esquivel, Acting Manager, FAA Chicago Airports District Office, will give an update from the ADO perspective.*

**10:30 am – 11:00 am**

**Break with Exhibitors**

**11:00 am - 11:30 am**

**NATA Update**

**11:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Hangar Development**

Sean White, Executive Vice-President, Jet Access, will lead a panel discussion on development of hangars from both the tenant as well as the airport perspective. The panel will discuss setting rates, lease designs, and why it is important for the tenant and airport to work together.

**12:00 pm**

**Box Lunch**

*If you are not staying for the FBO workshop sessions, plan to stay for lunch and finish conversations that were started during the conference or grab lunch and start your journey back home.*

**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**FBO Workshop**

*This workshop is included in your full registration. If you want to participate in only the workshop, you may pay a separate registration fee for the workshop only. Lunch is included.*

*Josh Thompson, General Manager, Hoosier Aviation will moderate and lead the workshop.*

**Topics include:**

**Aviation Fuel – Today and Tomorrow**

The presentations will discuss fuel safety as well as looking into the future to see what is on the horizon and what you need to be ready.

**Technology and Software**

As more and more data needs to be tracked, are you taking advantage of technology that can make you more efficient? We have invited multiple vendors to discuss their latest applications.

**TSA Update**

TSA will give an update on their latest initiatives as well as answer your questions.

**Open discussion**

Bring your question and ask your peers. The open discussion is an opportunity to see who has had similar issues and how they resolved them.

