



VISION

Our vision is to be the “**Voice of Florida Airports**” before the Florida Legislature, U.S. Congress state and government officials, and the general public—influencing government regulations, policies, and funding through the collective strength of our members.



Valkaria Airport

LEADERSHIP BY COMMITTEE

The lifeblood of any association is the contribution and efforts of its committees. The Council has become one of the nation’s premier airport organizations, in a large part, due to the volunteer efforts of its members who are encouraged to join and become active in one or more of the following standing committees. All members are encouraged to be active in at least one of the following committees:

- ◆Corporate
- ◆Education
- ◆Environmental
- ◆Facilities
- ◆Federal Affairs
- ◆General Aviation Committee
- ◆Information Technology
- ◆Noise Abatement & Community Affairs
- ◆Security
- ◆State Affairs

HISTORY

The Florida Airports Council (FAC) is recognized by aviation experts as one of the most effective airport organizations in the nation.

Originally formed as the Florida Airport Managers Association (FAMA), the organization was created in 1969 primarily for the purpose of increasing state funding for airport development in Florida. From this meager beginning, FAC has forged strong alliances with Florida’s Legislative and Department of Transportation leaders to form one of the nation’s premier airport development programs; In 2015 the aviation program received a budget of \$365 Million in state matching funds for airport improvements, including \$30 Million for spaceport development.

FAC is a 501(c)(6) trade organization composed of airport and aviation industry professionals advocating the development, improvement and enhancement of airports and aviation in Florida, as well as supporting the education and professional development needs of its members.

When your airport or company joins the Florida Airports Council, all full-time employees and members of its governing board automatically become members as well, enjoying all benefits of membership outlined in this brochure.

The Council is composed of members representing each of the state’s publicly-owned general aviation airports, 1 Spaceport (Cecil Airport) and more than 250 corporate, educational, affiliate and student members.

MISSION STATEMENT & STRATEGIC PLAN

Our mission is to develop common positions on the varied interests of Florida’s airports and communicate them to the legislative and executive branches of state and federal government, the media, and the public; to increase governmental funds allocated to Florida’s airports and private sector investment, where possible; to increase the awareness of the importance of Florida’s airports to the state, national, and global economy; to provide our members with timely, useful information on a wide-spectrum of airport issues; and to enhance and promote the professional development of our members through annual conferences, meetings, seminars, and training programs.

Core Services

Legislative

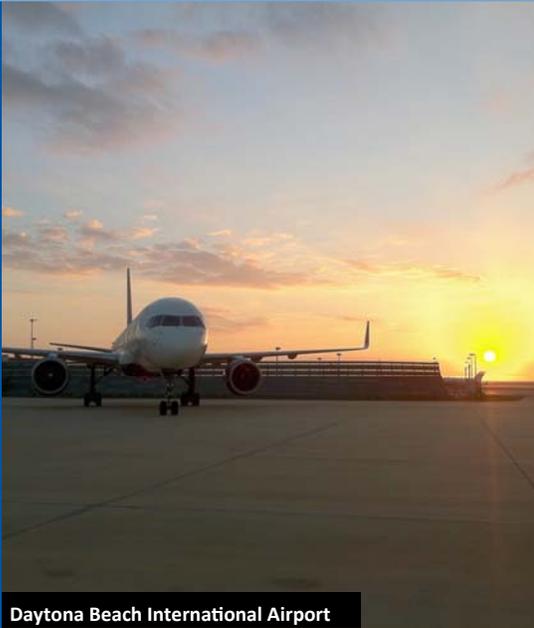
- ◆ Represent the interests of Florida’s airports with the state and federal governments
- ◆ Provide information on Florida’s aviation issues to members, local, state and federal government leaders
- ◆ Advocate for a strong financial partnership with state and federal agencies

Educational

- ◆ Provide programs to increase the level of professionalism of Florida’s airport industry
- ◆ Provide networking opportunities for FAC members
- ◆ Forge alliances with other aviation interests to promote and enhance the Florida aviation system, airports, and members’ professional development



Tavares Seaplane Base



Daytona Beach International Airport

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



The FAC Education Foundation is a 501c(3) corporation offering scholarships and internships for students interested in pursuing careers in the aviation industry.

Since its inception in 1990 the council has Awarded \$296,100 in scholarships to 140 students.

In 2013, FAC, in partnership with the University of South Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) and the Florida Department of Transportation, began offering a three-day Airport Leadership Development Class, aimed at preparing airport staff to assume executive leadership position within the industry.

"This training provides a lot of new management strategies and other valuable information, making it well worth the investment. It provides a significant input of information in a relatively short timeframe. It would be beneficial to any manager working at an airport"

Mr. Terry Beacham
Assistant Airport Director
Bartow Municipal Airport

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Council Headquarters—FAC maintains an office and employs a full-time staff in Tallahassee to interact with state leaders and assist members with state agency issues.

Legislative Advocacy—FAC-member issues are presented to the Florida Legislature, Governor and state leaders. FAC is assisted by the Tallahassee-based governmental consulting firm of Ballard Partners, LLC.

State Summit—held in Tallahassee each year to bring together FAC members and state legislative leaders to discuss issues of importance to the Council. This is a members-only event.

Membership Directory—to assist members in locating and contacting industry suppliers, as well as colleagues in the airport/aviation industry. There are opportunities to advertise in the directory, as well as on the FAC website.

Bi-Weekly Electronic Newsletters—providing current information to members on local, state and federal issues. RFPs, RFQs and bids are emailed directly to corporate members and advertised in the Council's newsletter, along with job opportunities throughout Florida.

Annual conference and Exposition—providing educational sessions for members and exhibiting opportunities for aviation service and product providers. FAC Members receive deep discounts for registration and exhibiting opportunities.

Specialty Conference—providing educational opportunities for technical specialists in areas including Environmental, Noise Abatement & Community Affairs, Airport Facilities, security and general aviation issues, and Information Technology. FAC Members receive discounts for registration and exhibiting opportunities.

Federal Summit—held in Washington, D.C. each year to present members' issues to national leaders including the Florida Legislative Delegation, Federal Aviation Administration and others as needed. This is a members-only event.

Educational Seminars—various airport-related issues are presented each year in 1/2-day seminar format and webinars; presentation materials are made available to members on the FAC website

Student Chapters— the FAC Educational Foundation provides support to student chapters to establish a bond between Florida's future aviation leaders and the Council.



Naples Municipal Airport

FAC is only as strong as the commitment of its members to participate in Council events, committees, and conferences, and to effectively advocate for airport issues at both the state and federal level. FAC has been one of Florida's most effective aviation organizations for more than 46 years and each additional member provides new ideas, energy and enthusiasm to make the Council ever more successful in the next 40 years! For more information, or to join the Florida Airports Council, please contact us.



Melbourne International Airport



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