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Thanks for making the 66th Wisconsin Aviation Conference a success!

Almost 200 attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, and speakers gathered at the Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire to reconnect and get updated on the latest in aviation.

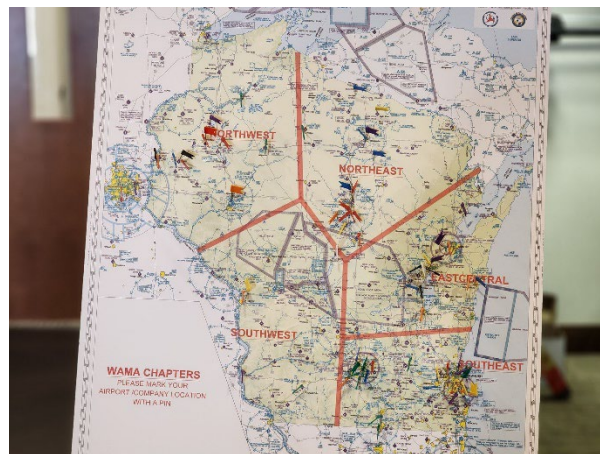
Everyone was delighted to be in-person after COVID forced the cancellation of the conference in 2020 and a hybrid meeting in 2021.

We thank the Federal Aviation Administration and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for their attendance and strong support of this year's event.

WAC kicked off with an offsite reception and dinner at the Leinie Lodge. If you have never been, it is quite the place. On night two, there was stiff competition for bragging rights at WAMA's version of bar trivia.

The conference topics covered in the general and concurrent sessions ranged from GASB 87 to FAA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. As outgoing WAMA president Greg Cullen said, "I firmly believe that there is a little something for everyone."

WAMA created regional chapters this year. To spur a little good-natured competition between the chapters, all participants were asked to mark their location on a map. Participants from the winning Southeast Region received a special goodie bag.



See the conference program [HERE](#), presentations [HERE](#), and photos of all the fun [HERE](#).

Thank you to all the participants who helped make this a fantastic event!

2022 WAC ATTENDEE SURVEY

If you attended WAC 66, we want to hear from you! Would you please complete this quick survey to help us as we start planning for next year's event in Appleton? Access the survey [HERE](#).

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WELCOMING ENGELER AS NEW WAMA PRESIDENT

At the conference, Rachel Engeler, assistant airport director at Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport, assumed the position of WAMA President and will serve until WAC 67.

We thank outgoing president Greg Cullen, airport director at Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, for his leadership.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 AWARD WINNERS

Each year, the Wisconsin Airport Management Association recognizes individuals who have made an impact on aviation in the state. At the Association Awards and Sponsor Recognition Luncheon, the following people were recognized:

Airport Engineer Award: Ryan Falch, SEH

Distinguished Service Award: Michael Stephens, Dane County Regional Airport

Lifetime Service Award: Randy Van Natta, Becher Hoppe

Blue Light Award: Frank Pipia, Jr., TSA

Person of the Year Award: Josh Holbrook, WBOA

View the award winners' bios and presentation photos [HERE](#).

2022 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP



Lauren Koss, deputy airport director at La Crosse Airport, is this year's recipient of the WAMA Professional Development Scholarship.

She is enrolled in Purdue University's Master of Aviation and Aerospace Management program, with a focus on aviation safety and training development. She plans to use the WAMA Professional Development Scholarship to cover a portion of her graduate tuition cost.

This scholarship is made possible through our Silent Auction. Thank you to all who participated!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next year's conference is hosted by the Appleton International Airport and will take place September 20-22, 2023 in Appleton. We can't wait to see you!

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2023

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Wisconsin Aviation Conference
is heading to the Fox Cities!



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