

2020 AACA Board Election

ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATION Board Member Candidate Bios

Associate Member Candidate Bios

Bryan Miller Thank you for the opportunity to allow DASH Systems' (DASH) Chief Operating Officer, Bryan Miller, to apply for the Board of Directors, Associate Member position with the AACA. Below we humbly submit the requested candidate bio: Bryan E. Miller, PE, MBA is a highly accomplished aerospace executive, United States Marine Corps Aviator, professional engineer, and co-founder with proven leadership and management experience in some of the most complex global environments. He received his BS in Marine Engineering from the California Maritime Academy and worked as a Systems Engineer for Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) leading the "Alvin" HOV Launch & Recovery team before joining the Marine Corps and ultimately becoming an MV-22B Tiltrotor Pilot. During his tenure, Bryan served in a number of key roles such as: • Director of Safety • Aviation Standardization Program Manager • Chief Operations Officer for a Marine Corps VTOL squadron encompassing 225 service members and \$1.45Bn in PP&E. • Officer in Charge of a Joint DoD learning institution, during his final tour, where he was responsible for all survival and counter-interrogation training in collaboration with the US State Department. In 2015 Bryan co-founded and served as Managing Director for a boutique Management Consulting firm serving the general, business, and defense aviation spheres focusing on optimization of FBO operations, defense contract capture, and integration of new/novel technologies. Between 2017 and 2019 Bryan served as the co-founder/COO for a highly innovative LA-based sports nutrition brand where he focused on building and qualifying their global supply chain, technology stack, and operational roadmap while simultaneously completing his Executive MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management in 2019. Bryan holds commercial ratings in Single/Multi-Engine Land, Powered Lift, Rotorcraft-Helicopter, Part 107 Drone, and currently is serving as the COO for DASH in Los Angeles leading a highly innovative aviation enabled logistics team to deliver packages anywhere in the world from air to ground in one day. We thank you for again for this opportunity to participate in the AACA and we look forward to the 2020 Convention!

Erik Zetler, McGriff Insurance Brokers Below are a few bullet points below that I believe are relevant "qualifications", but before I get to those, I think it is important for you and the rest of the AACA to know why I am interested in getting involved in the organization. Ever since I got into the business of aviation insurance I have been involved with operators in Alaska, and worked alongside countless operations to understand their business and be a strategic partner in every way I knew how. As the industry is ever changing, the AACA is no different, and I see an opportunity and need to refocus and re-assert the organization to a place of relevance. I believe one of the best ways to do this is to get the insurance companies and underwriters more engaged and involved in Alaska, and I believe the history of AACA provides the platform to facilitate this.

- Received the Business Insurance "40 under 40 Broker Award"
- Have specialized in Aviation for over 15yrs, and have worked alongside Alaska based aviation operations that entire time
- Have strong relationships with senior underwriters who participate on Alaska risks
- Helped create an insurance program exclusive to Alaska Operators
- Focused on working alongside of our clients providing Strategic, Innovative, Transparent solutions

CHUCK MILLER, an Alaskan businessman with one AIRCRAFT PAINT SHOP – CHAZ AERO, five collision shops located in Fairbanks, Wasilla and Anchorage, and earned his private pilot's license 1982. After building time in a T-Craft and Cessna 182, Chuck's interest in Alaska's WWII history became the driving influence on subsequent aircraft acquisitions including the L-13, two T-6's, and a Japanese Zero. Since 1982, Chuck has logged over 1,200 hours with 300 hours in warbirds. His interest in aviation extends beyond just flying aircraft and includes significant aircraft restoration projects such as the American Pilgrim completed in May 2013, and T-6, N39313 completed in 2012. Both aircraft are among the Centennial fleet which barnstormed Alaska for the Centennial of Flight in 2013. Chuck also serves as the Vice President of the Alaska Air Show Association (AASA) and the Alaska Aviation Museum. He is a life member of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) and a member of the CAF Alaska Wing.

Active Member Candidate Bios

MATT ATKINSON was born and raised in Fairbanks. He grew up playing hockey in the old Fairbanks Youth Hockey Association and with the Gold King Midget "A"s. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business Administration. He's married to Carey and has a daughter, Miranda, and son, Simon --- both hockey players. Matt remains passionate about hockey, coaching and leading skill clinics. He is co-owner of Northern Alaska Tour Company, and of the separate but related companies of Warbelow's Air Ventures, Wright Air Service, Air Arctic, and Coldfoot, Deadhorse, and Yukon River Camps. Matt is a current board member and past-chair of the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau and is current vice-president of the Board of the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center. For past several years, Matt has enjoyed teaching spring tourism classes at Tanana Valley Campus of UAF.

SUSAN HOSHAW is a lifelong Alaskan who has been the Anchorage station manager for Everts Air Cargo for 14 years. She has served on the AACA Board for six years and is chair of the Events, Scholarship, Membership and Board Development committees. Susan's aviation experience includes managing cargo operations, service centers, training & standards, in-flight services, personnel, and customer service. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from UAF and previously worked at DHL Airways, Mark Air, and Princess Tours.

DAN KNESEK – Grant Aviation, Vice President of Operations

Dan Knesek is the Vice President of Operations for Grant Aviation and previously held the position of Director of Operations. Prior to joining Grant Aviation, he was the General Manager/Director of Operations for Flight Alaska Inc., dba Yute Air Alaska. Before coming to Alaska and Yute Air, he was the Director of Operations for a NASCAR team operating a transport category jet under Part 125. Dan has also been a pilot for a couple of Part 121 airlines in the lower 48 based out of Chicago O'Hare, New York's La Guardia, and Washington Dulles airports. He earned a BS in Aeronautical Studies at the University of North Dakota with a minor in meteorology.

GIDEON GARCIA - NAC General Manager

Gideon joined Northern Air Cargo (NAC) in April 2016 and is currently the Vice President and General Manager. In this role he oversees all commercial aspects of the company with P&L authority, overseeing customer service, sales, warehouse operations, and training.

Prior to NAC, Gideon held a variety of positions in the Alaska tourism industry. He was Chief Operating Officer (COO) of CIRI Alaska Tourism (CATC). There he led five business units including lodging, whale

watching tours, and central reservations. During his tenure at CATC he led the business in achieving year over year profit margin increases and helped successfully sell the business to a publicly held company. Prior to CATC, he spent 18 years working for Holland America and HAP-Alaska. There he managed a variety of business units in Fairbanks and Anchorage, overseeing seasonal land tour operations for Holland America and Princess Cruise lines. Job responsibilities included motorcoach fleet management, budget preparation and analysis, human resources management, community relations engagement, and leading teams across Alaska and the Yukon to work towards a common goal. He was a principal member of the team that successfully merged Holland America and Princess land tours divisions in 2009, achieving considerable cost savings to parent company Carnival Corporation.

Gideon has been involved in community service organizations including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Resource Development Council, Fairbanks Rotary, and Anchorage East Rotary. He currently serves on the Alaska Aviation Advisory Board.

Gideon earned a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from The Evergreen State College. He continued his education by earning a master's in business (MBA) from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

He served in the United States Army Reserves as Military Intelligence Analyst and trained in both Japan and Hawaii.

ALAN LARSON – Trans Northern

Alan Larson purchased a Cessna 140 and learned to fly it in Anchorage in 1974. From the early 80's thru present I've held positions of operational control with various part 135 carriers in Alaska. I also have a degree in Paramedical Science from UAA and worked as a paramedic supervisor for the anchorage fire department between 1974 and 1995. I started my own Part 135 certificate (TransNorthern Aviation) in 1995 which is owned and operated by my wife, Andrea Larson. TransNorthern has operated single and twin piston and turbine powered aircraft. We also have owned/operated Restricted category geological survey aircraft in Alaska, the Lower 48, South America and Cambodia. TransNorthern is one of the few air carriers in Alaska with 10-or-more passenger authority (utilizing Super DC-3 aircraft with TransNorthern's own STC limiting the aircraft to 7,500 lb payloads and 19 passenger capacity.) We have been a scheduled contract UPS feeder aircraft carrier for almost 20 years now operating Metroliners, Volpar and Beech 99 aircraft in feeder service to Kenai, Homer, Kodiak and Fairbanks. In the past several years I've received LOA's from the FSDO to provide check airman services for several other carriers.

Alan has been not without run-ins with the FAA but believe that, for the most part, I am respected as being a knowledgeable person with valuable experience in the area of 14CFR Part 135 Air Carrier operations in Alaska.

DAN OWEN – Alaska Air Transit

Dan Owen is Owner/President of Alaska Air Transit, for the Board of Directors of the Alaska Air Carriers Association. He currently operates 2 Cessna 208EX Caravan and 2 Pilatus PC-12 aircraft from his primary base of operations located on Merrill Field, Anchorage, Alaska. Dan has served on the Medallion Board of Director for ten years. Dan is a former Naval Aviator with fifteen years combined active duty and reserve carrier based flight experience, former Part 121 major airline pilot with twenty years of domestic and international flight experience and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management.