



SOUTHWEST CHAPTER of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES



Awards History

1953-2020

Airport Executive of the Year

This award is presented to a deserving airport executive who has demonstrated superior performance in the following areas:

- 1) Provided public service to the community in the form of an efficient air transportation facility;
- 2) Public relations accomplishments in the areas of 'Good Neighbor relations';
- 3) Environmental achievements in the areas of aesthetics, noise, or pollution reduction or control;
- 4) Good business management in budget control, utilization of airport revenue, development of new sources of revenue and control of expenses;
- 5) Efficient handling of the administrative complexities of state and federal grant programs;
- 6) Management functions and good labor relations with employees and tenants; and
- 7) Personal integrity and professional reputation, both in the public community and among peers in the airport management field.

2020 No Recipient	1997 James Monger	1974 Nicholas Dallas
2019 Barry Rondinella	1996 Roland Elder	1973 Robert Bresnaham
2018 Richard Smith	1995 Robert Broadbent	1972 Roy Bayless
2017 Gladys Brown	1994 John Swizer	1971 John Dickenson
2016 Brendan O'Reilly	1993 Doyle Ruff	1970 Marvin Scott
2015 No Recipient	1992 Ray Beninga	1969 Edwin Thurmond
2014 John Martin	1991 Robert Olislagers	1968 William Barnard
2013 Scott Malta	1990 Charles Foster	1967 Harry Sham
2012 Todd McNamee	1989 Ralph Tonseth	1966 Delmar Canady
2011 Gary Petersen	1988 Thomas Greer	1965 David Zebo
2010 Lynn Kusy	1987 David Andrews	1964 No Recipient
2009 Jon Stout	1986 Hal Wight	1963 Harry Culver
2008 Leander Hauri	1985 William Partain	1962 No Recipient
2007 Carl Honaker	1984 Dan Sabovich	1961 No Recipient
2006 Rod Dinger	1983 Howard Corbin	1960 No Recipient
2005 Klaasje Nairne	1982 Clifford Moore	1959 No Recipient
2004 Barry Rondinella	1981 James McCall	1958 Wilmer Garrett
2003 Ray Bishop	1980 William Critchfield	1957 No Recipient
2002 Krys Bart	1979 William Brodek	1956 No Recipient
2001 Robert Trimborn	1978 Wallace Berry	1955 James Nissen
2000 Karen Ramsdell	1977 Stephen Schmitt	1954 No Recipient
1999 Chris Kunze	1976 Robert Goodman	1953 Walter Fell
1998 Rodney L. Murphy	1975 Nicholas Ford	

Corporate Award of Excellence

The Corporate Award of Excellence is presented to a company whose professionalism and recent contributions to the Association and the airport industry have made a significant difference in fostering aviation. One award is given annually and is presented during the Awards Banquet at the Summer Conference.

2020 ADK Consulting	2008 Steve Bultman, Michael Hotaling, Lance McIntosh, & Mike Shutt	1999 No Recipient
2019 No Recipient		1998 Z&H Engineering
2018 Curt Castagna		1997 Shutt Moen Associates
2017 No Recipient	2007 Z&H Engineering	1996 Coffman Associates
2016 No Recipient	2006 Moore & Associates	
2015 Mead & Hunt, Inc.	2005 Mead & Hunt	
2014 CommuniQuest	2004 Parsons Brinkerhoff (PB Aviation)	
2013 No Recipient	2003 No Recipient	
2012 C&S Companies	2002 CommuniQuest	
2011 Pro DIGIQ	2001 Erect-A-Tube	
2010 No Recipient	2000 Pavement Consultants	
2009 Kimley-Horn & Associates		

Wanamaker Award

The Robert Wanamaker Award was established by the California Association of Airport Executives (CAAE), the forerunner organization to SWAAAE, to honor the memory of Robert Wanamaker, a long-time member of the association and Executive Emeritus. Robert Wanamaker was the owner of the airport in El Monte, Los Angeles County from 1954 through 1971. He joined the CAAE in 1958 and served on numerous committees and as President in 1964. As an attorney, Robert Wanamaker gave generously of his time to the solving of legal matters for the CAAE.

The Wanamaker Award may be presented to one awardee each year at the annual Summer Conference. The award is intended for persons who are not currently exercising active responsibility for the management, general supervision, or administration of a public-use airport. The goal of the award is to recognize individuals who have provided leadership for the betterment of airports or aviation in its entirety.

2020	No Recipient	2005	Howard Cook	1990	Joseph Irvine
2019	No Recipient	2004	Jim McCue	1989	Tim Merwyn
2018	No Recipient	2003	No Recipient	1988	John L. Pfeifer
2017	No Recipient	2002	No Recipient	1987	Mark Mispagel
2016	No Recipient	2001	Robbin Stoddard	1986	No Recipient
2015	Senator Jean Fuller	2000	Ginne Mistal	1985	No Recipient
2014	Chris Kunze	1999	Raymond Bucher	1984	No Recipient
2013	James Lite	1998	Nancy Benjamin	1983	Herman Bliss
2012	John L. Pfeifer	1997	Norene Hastings	1982	No Recipient
2011	No Recipient	1996	Jerome T. Bennett	1981	Gen. William Fox
2010	Michael Alan Shutt	1995	Sylvia L. Paoli	1980	Walter Gillfillan
2009	Anne-Marie Guay	1994	Jack Kemmerly	1979	No Recipient
2008	Bill Critchfield	1993	Jay C. White	1978	Thomas Leonard
2007	Ralph Tonseth & Howard Cook	1992	Spyridon N. 'Speedy' Sideris	1977	David Hatfield
2006	Mark McClardy	1991	Don Smith	1976	Carl G. Hand

Award of Distinction

The SWAAAE Award of Distinction was created in 1994 to recognize those few members of the association who have served the Association and/or promoted aviation with uncommon dedication. Although this award criteria is not specific, the accomplishments of previous recipients should be considered in comparison to those of future candidates for the award.

Candidates for this award shall be nominated by the membership. The Awards Committee will review all nominations to determine if the presentation of the award will be recommended to the SWAAAE Board of Directors. If the Awards Committee decides to recommend the presentation of the award, the SWAAAE Board of Directors will review the recommendation and the nominee(s) to make the final decision about the presentation of the award.

Typically, the award will be presented during the Awards Banquet at the Summer Conference, but may also be presented during the banquet at the Winter Conference.

The Award of Distinction will not necessarily be awarded annually, but only at such time that a worthy recipient(s) has been identified.

2020	No Recipient	2008	Klaasje Nairne	Neilson A. 'Dutch' Bertholf, Jr., & Robert N. Broadbent	
2019	Joseph Husband	2007	Randy Berg, & Gary Petersen		
2018	No Recipient	2006	No Recipient	1996	No Recipient
2017	Eric Perterson	2005	Walt Gillfillan	1995	No Recipient
2016	Mark Bautista	2004	No Recipient	1994	James Magnus 'Jim' Nissen, Delmar 'Del' Canady, & Joseph R. 'Joe' Crotti
2015	Rod Dinger	2003	Barclay Dick, & Tom Greer		
2014	Jon Faucher	2002	No Recipient		
2013	No Recipient	2001	Herman Bliss		
2012	Mark Witsoe	2000	No Recipient		
2011	No Recipient	1999	No Recipient		
2010	No Recipient	1998	Richard C. 'RC' Smith		
2009	Todd McNamee	1997	Ralph G. Tonseth,		

Aviation Excellence

The Aviation Excellence Award is intended to recognize those airport management professionals, other than the person having primary responsibility for the airport, who have gone out of their way and given substantial extra effort to ensure the promotion, operation, maintenance or development of aviation and/or the airport. The Awardee is a person of exceptional qualities who may perform management, supervisory, engineering, planning, or maintenance functions in the second or other level of the airport organization.

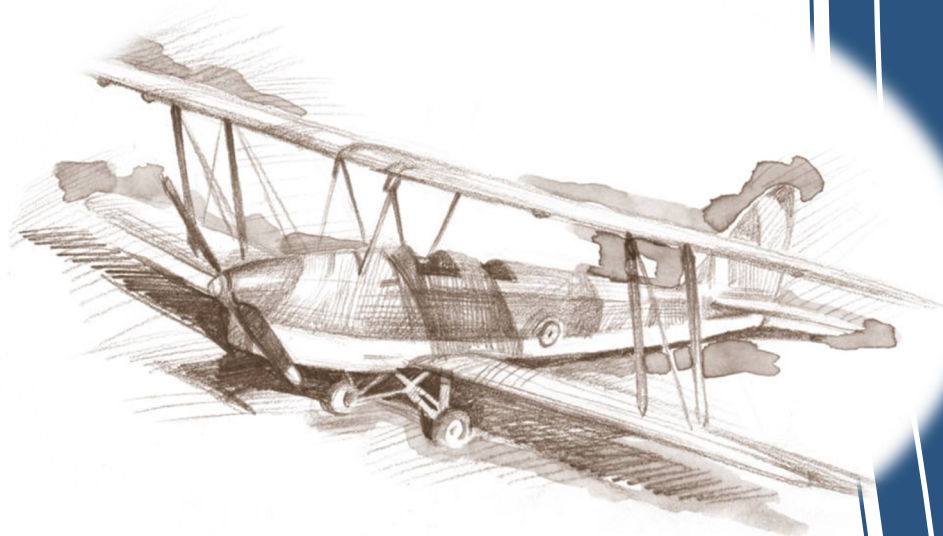
Candidates for the award are nominated by SWAAAE members. The nominations are reviewed by the Awards Committee and one recipient is selected.

2020	No Recipient	2010	Kevin Mentzer	2000	No Recipient
2019	Wayne Reiter	2009	No Recipient	1999	William Menard
2018	Carmen Williams	2008	No Recipient	1998	Debbie Klein
2017	No Recipient	2007	Skip Polak	1997	Tracy L. Williams
2016	Jennifer Maples	2006	No Recipient	1996	James E. Bennett
2015	Casey Denny	2005	No Recipient	1995	Robert R. Erickson
2014	Jorge Rubio	2004	No Recipient	1994	Krys Bart
2013	Mike Dikun	2003	Barry Bratton	1993	Robert L. Becker
2012	No Recipient	2002	Hazel Johns	1992	Gloria Vasquez
2011	No Recipient	2001	A.W. 'Jack' Schelter, Jr.	1991	Joe Potts

President's Award

The President's Award is presented during the Awards Banquet at the Summer Conference. The Award is given at the discretion of the President, and the recipient is chosen by the President. The Award is intended to recognize a member who has provided outstanding service to SWAAAE during the past year.

2020	Joseph Husband, & Michael Hotaling	2005	Charles Mangum	1989	Jack Kemmerly
2019	Jeff Leonard, & Jorge Rubio	2004	Todd McNamee	1988	Ray Burdick
2018	Jon Faucher	2003	Klaasje Nairne	1987	Phil Lock
2017	John Pheifer	2002	Gary Petersen	1986	Bob Bloom
2016	Gladys Wiggins	2001	Charles Mangum	1985	Thomas Leonard
2015	Arpit Malaviya	2000	Mark Witsoe	1984	No Recipient
2014	Jessica Mullen	1999	Klaasje Nairne	1983	Robert Mandeville
2013	Jennifer Maples	1998	Brent Shiner	1982	Ralph Tonseth
2012	Jennifer Mills Pysher	1997	No Recipient	1981	Jack Ewald, & Barbara Hunter
2011	Eric Peterson	1996	No Recipient	1980	Jack Tippie
2010	Alex Kovach	1995	Larry Gesell	1976	Edwin Thurmond
2009	Mark Witsoe	1994	Hal Bostic	1975	John Dickenson
2008	Rod Dinger	1993	Robert Trimbom		
2007	Scott Malta	1992	Phil Lock		
2006	Christine Eberhard	1991	Dave Andrews		
		1990	Henry 'Hank' Dittmar		



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