

Executive Vice President's Message

Dear Fellow NTSB Bar Association Members and Colleagues:

Since taking office as Executive Vice President, two of my initial objectives have been to:

- Increase Bar Association membership; and
 - Increase involvement by our Regional Vice Presidents.
- The two objectives are very much intertwined.

Over the past six months, our membership roster has increased by 104.

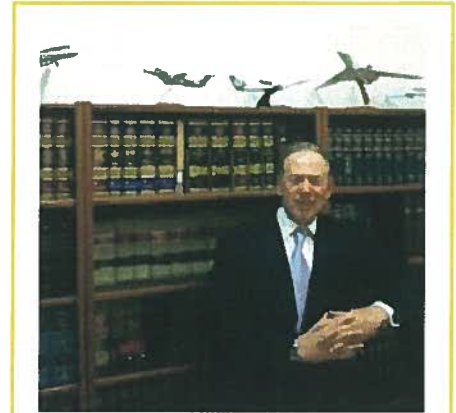
How did we do this? Aside from increasing the frequency of our already-excellent Newsletter and planning and publicizing a world-class Air and Transportation Law Conference, much of the credit goes to our Regional Vice Presidents.

Recognizing that the Bar Association needs to reach out to lawyers and aviation professionals who have either not yet joined the Bar Association or who are members but had thus far not taken an active role, our Regional Vice Presidents contacted members within their respective regions to solicit involvement and participation and contacted attorneys and other aviation professionals who are not members to consider joining. As the numbers reflect, they are succeeding in this task—memberships and renewals are still coming in.

Our Regional Vice Presidents have also organized Regional

Bar Association programs. Of particular note are Central Region Vice President Elizabeth Vasseur-Browne's upcoming Central Region lunch meeting in Kansas City on October 6 featuring guest speaker, Joe Standell, FAA Aeronautical Center Counsel and Eastern Region Vice President Jeff Small's Eastern Region lunch meeting in New York on October 15 featuring Chief Administrative Law Judge William E. Fowler, Jr., newly appointed Administrative Law Judge Alfonso J. Montaña, FAA Eastern Regional Counsel Alfred Johnson and NTSB Assistant Chief Counsel Shannon Bennett. Kudos to Elizabeth and Jeff for organizing these events.

As this goes to press, Northwest Regional Vice President Bob Hedrick and Western-Pacific Regional Vice President, John Van Geffen, are working on events in their respective regions. And speaking of John, aside from being my Associate, he is the Editor in Chief of our Newsletter—and in six short



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months has put out not less than four newsletters. Obviously, he could not have done this alone. Our members have been extremely generous in article submissions.

There have also been a couple of changes in the Regional Vice President roster. Due to other professional commitments, Alaskan Regional Vice President Greg Miller has resigned from that position (but remains an active member). Greg went so far as to solicit his fellow Anchorage attorney (and airplane partner) Erin Marston to not only join the Bar Association,

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but take on the Regional VP job! In Southern Region, Harry Riggs (who was our President for some 8 years in the 1990's), has retired from the practice of law. I've known Harry personally and professionally for 25 years and want to thank him for his past efforts and service and wish him the very best. Our new Southern Regional Vice President is Wayne Ferrell of Jackson, Mississippi. You'll get to meet Erin and Wayne at our

November Conference.

Speaking of the November Conference, I cannot overstate the importance and the absolute quality of this Conference. Tony Jobe and Bill Elder have put together something that you will not want to miss—not to mention the Black Tie-Optional Dinner at the National Air and Space Museum and the presentation of our Annual Joseph T. Nall Safety Award to Herb Kelleher.

And if that's not enough, we've already started plan-

ning the Pensacola, Florida "Blue Angels Conference" for November, 2011!

This still lots of hard work, fun and excitement—and a lot of room for member participation. Want to help? Give me a call at 415-421-2500 or email me at mdworkin@avialex.com.

With best regards,
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