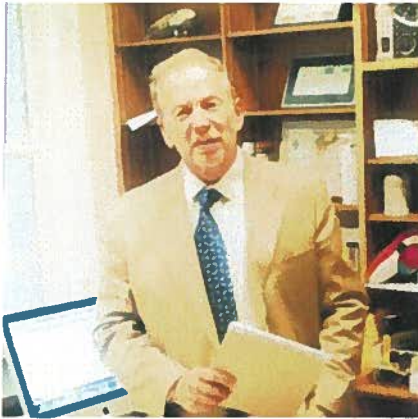


Letter from the Executive Vice President

by Michael L. Dworkin



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drive. We are about to do this again and I am again enlisting the support of our Regional Vice Presidents. And speaking of membership, we have a new Membership Director, Associate Member Matt Robinson. Matt will be working with our Regional Vice Presidents and with Webmaster Rob Duncan in updating the membership listing on our website.

Speaking of Regional Vice Presidents, we have a vacancy in Northwest Mountain Region. As you may know, our Regional Vice President Jim Waldon has left Seattle to take a job not only in the Middle East, but very close to the war zone. We wish Jim the best of luck and look forward to his safe return. If any of our members in the Pacific Northwest are interested in becoming a Regional Vice President, please let me know.

The Bar Association also recently submitted public comments on the NTSB's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend certain provisions of Parts 821 and 826 of the Board's Rules of Practice. This is addressed in this Newsletter with a point/counter-point by Hays Hettinger and myself. While the Bar Association's Board of Directors commented favorably on the proposed amendments, we were mindful of the fact that a number of our members (and two of our officers and directors) are FAA employees and that if adopted in a rulemaking, the ANPRM would possibly make it more difficult for the FAA to prevail in challenges

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In the past year, our Bar Association has put on a world-class aviation legal conference and two regional events. The November 2010 Washington Conference, which culminated in an exquisite black-tie dinner at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, could not have succeeded without the incredible efforts of our President Tony Jobe, his wife Nancy, and our Program Chairman, Bill Elder, who literally spent thousands of hours over 8 months planning this event. Thank you, Tony, Nancy and Bill. Thanks also go to Regional Vice Presidents Jeff Small and Elizabeth Vasseur Browne for the New York and Kansas City luncheon meetings. And more thanks to Elizabeth for serving as our MCLE coordinator, so that we can all get credit for attending these and future events.

Speaking of future events, planning for our November 2011 "Blue Angels Conference" in Pensacola, Florida is more than underway. Our Program Director for this Conference, Garrett Pendleton, is putting together a spectacular conference agenda and

Tony has, once again, used his best negotiating skills in procuring beachfront hotel rooms for us at substantially under market price. Please see Garrett's article in this Newsletter for more information.

Aside from our events, I recently attended (and spoke at) the Lawyer Pilots Bar Association Meeting at Rancho La Costa, California. LPBA puts on some great meetings at some of the most spectacular locations. In addition to MCLE, LPBA plans activities for the spouses, significant others and families of those attending, so a good time is always had by all.

LPBA's next meeting is July 20-24, 2011 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, Idaho. The golf course is among the best in the Country, complete with a floating green. I'm dusting off my clubs (and scuba gear) as I write this. There's more on this meeting in LPBA President Charlie Finkel's article in this Newsletter.

LPBA has also agreed to co-sponsor our Pensacola Blue Angels Conference.

Several months ago we had a very successful membership

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to its emergency determinations. Quite understandably, these members recused themselves from the Bar Association's deliberations and recommendations. This was done with the utmost in grace and professionalism, and I think that it is a testament to our valued FAA members and to the Board of Directors.

Looking forward, two more developments require mention.

First, in our 25-plus years of existence, our By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation have gone unchanged. We have appointed a committee to undertake a comprehensive review of all of our corporate governance documents.

Second, and not the least important, is that there is an organizational name change on

the horizon. Due to a change in federal law and NTSB policy, which has to follow that law, the NTSB has no choice but to rescind its permission for our Bar Association to use the NTSB name. The NTSB has agreed to give us until November 2011 to effectuate and implement this name change. Notwithstanding this, there would be no objection by the NTSB for us to have an "NTSB Practice Section". Regional Vice Presidents Paul Lange, Elizabeth Vasseur Browne and Linda Modestino formed a committee to explore names and their recommendations are reported in this Newsletter. We are also accepting suggestions from our members. So if you have any recommendations or suggestions, please contact Paul, Elizabeth

or Linda directly. A vote on the name change will come in the late summer or early fall. I do want to emphasize that our relationship with the NTSB, the Office of Administrative Law Judges and Board staff is excellent, and we will strive to continue same. There is nothing in this name change that in any way should imply or suggest that our relationship is otherwise.

There is 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,

Michael L. Dworkin
Executive Vice President

NTSBBA's Blue Angels Air & Transportation Law Conference

A letter from Garrett L. Pendleton

This year marks NTSBBA's fifth return to Pensacola Beach for the ever popular "Blue Angels Air & Transportation Law Conference." Continuing legal education credits ("CLE") will be available to all attendees. The Florida Bar Aviation Law Committee and the Lawyers-Pilots Bar Association are co-sponsors for the program and a large turnout is expected.

We are entitling our Program "A Walk Down Memory Lane- the last 60 Years of

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