

## PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

On the day preceding the Air Safety Forum's awards banquet, Capt. Tim Canoll, ALPA's president, presented two presidential citations to "pilots who have performed outstanding work on behalf of the Association and its members." This year's recipients were Capt. Scott Hammond (Delta) and F/O Matt Clark (Delta).

"Capt. Hammond's dedication to his colleagues and to advancing the airline piloting profession is a stellar example of how one individual can impact an entire industry," said Canoll. "Through his efforts on ALPA's Safety Council, Capt. Hammond has promoted a safer environment for pilots around the globe. He's a true asset to ALPA and a powerful advocate for aviation safety."

In addition to his work with ALPA's Safety Council, Hammond also serves as chairman of the Delta MEC's Central Air Safety Committee, where he's been a tireless advocate for aviation safety. His work in advancing safety reporting programs has resulted in a collaborative approach between the pilot group and management.

"ALPA volunteers like F/O Clark are the foundation of our union and a major component in ensuring that ALPA remains the largest, most effective nongovernmental safety organization in the world," said Canoll. "His dedication to ensuring that pilots have the resources needed to protect the cockpit helps promote aviation security across the industry. We're grateful for all of F/O Clark's efforts and proud



Capt. Scott Hammond (Delta)



F/O Matt Clark (Delta)

to recognize his numerous accomplishments that continue to advance the piloting profession."

In addition to serving as chairman of the Delta MEC's Aviation

Security Committee, Clark has been a strong advocate for pilots through his role with the Critical Incident Response Program and the Delta Pilot Network.

## AIRPORT SAFETY LIAISON AWARD

On July 20, the final day of the forum, Capt. Mike Wickboldt (Spirit) received ALPA's Outstanding Airport Safety Liaison Award for his efforts to advance the highest standards of aviation safety at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nev.

"For years, Capt. Wickboldt has worked with local stakeholders to ensure that, as commercial areas near the airport continue to develop, we keep the importance of maintaining the highest possible standards of aviation safety for the passengers and air cargo shippers who depend on air transportation at the forefront of discussions," Canoll said.

Wickboldt has actively engaged local airport leaders to address the effects



Capt. Mike Wickboldt (Spirit)

of future real estate development. After new Las Vegas sports franchises were announced, proposed locations for a new stadium and arena presented possible challenges for landing and departing aircraft. Wickboldt quickly developed good working relationships with airport stakeholders to ensure

that the line-pilot perspective was considered in all proposals that affect the airport.

"Pilots across the country rely on ALPA's airport safety liaisons to be the voice of their profession at airports nationwide. We're thankful for Capt. Wickboldt's efforts to ensure that pilots continue to be a driving factor in all matters that could impact the area in which we work," added Canoll.

In addition to serving as the airport safety liaison for McCarran International Airport, Wickboldt is the course director of ALPA's Accident Investigation Course, a course instructor of ALPA's Advanced Accident Investigation Course, and has participated in NTSB accident investigations.

## AIRPORT RECOGNITION

During the last day of the Air Safety Forum, Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, Wis., was honored as ALPA's 2016 Airport of the Year for its collaborative approach to keeping aviation safety its top priority by regularly seeking input from industry stakeholders.

One of the airport's recent projects of note was the installation of a new instrument landing system on the main runway, which helps provide precision navigation guidance to approaching aircraft during adverse weather conditions. Airport officials thoroughly communicated construction plans and other airport developments to ALPA and aviation stakeholders, keeping safety at the forefront of the process and directly increasing the level of safety.

"The Dane County Regional Airport team clearly understands the importance of staying ahead of the safety curve at all times," said Canoll. "The airport proactively solicits ALPA pilots' expertise and feedback on numerous issues, which ultimately helps mitigate potential operational issues down the road. Dane County Regional Airport is a stellar aviation safety partner, and ALPA commends its tactical, cooperative operating philosophy."