



# 63rd Annual SWAAAE Airport Management Short Course\*

January 22 – 25, 2023

Monterey Plaza Hotel | Monterey, CA

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## Saturday – January 21, 2023

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Accreditation Final Interview Workshop** (Separate Registration Required)

*Ocean Club*

*Lead by AAAE Board of Examiner Representative Rosalyn F. Bond, A.A.E., Deputy Director (Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport)*

[Click here](#) to view the Final Interview Workshop flyer for additional information; flyer available on SWAAAE.org.

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**The Role of the Airport Attorney Workshop** (Separate Registration Required)

*Carmel Room*

*Lead by Adrienne L. Patterson, Deputy County Counsel (Solano County Counsel's Office)*

The goal of The Role of the Airport Attorney workshop is to facilitate the sharing of knowledge amongst public-use airport managers and their attorneys, learn new material beneficial to aviation job responsibilities with ever-changing rules and regulations, find new opportunities for collaboration and networking, all while providing valuable professional development and experience in beautiful Monterey. Topics to be discussed include:

- **When The Law & The Environment Collide: Unleaded Avgas, PFAS and ESG Initiatives**  
*Danielle K. Morone, Partner (Gatzke Dillon & Ballance LLP)*  
*Eric C. Lu, Managing Principal (Ramboll Group)*  
*Steve Luis, Principal (Ramboll Group)*
- **Planning for Sustainable Initiatives to Meet the Net-Zero Climate Challenge**  
*Chris Morello, Deputy Director (Monterey Regional Airport)*  
*Kelly Moulton, Managing Partner (C&S Companies)*  
*Doron Lean, President (Lean Technology Corporation DbA Lean Engineering)*  
*Joseph Nielsen, Electrical Engineer / Practice Builder (Kimley-Horn)*
- **A Conversation with the Western-Pacific Region Airports, FAA**  
*Cathryn Cason, Manager, FAA (Los Angeles Airports District Office)*
- **Title VI and More: Grant Compliance and ACDBE Changes**  
*David Y. Bannard, Partner (Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP)*
- **CEQA: A Year in Review**  
*Danielle K. Morone, Partner (Gatzke Dillon & Ballance LLP)*
- **Land Use Update: What is a "Mixed-Use Facility"? And Other Burning Questions**  
*David Y. Bannard, Partner (Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP)*

Attorneys can receive six (6) general MCLE credits, free of charge, when attending the workshop.



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**Board of Directors and Conference Committee Dinner (By Invitation Only)**

*El Torito Restaurant*

### Sunday – January 22, 2023

7:30 am to 10:30 am

**SWAAAE Board of Directors Meeting**

*Carmel Room*

All Chapter members are invited and encouraged to attend Board of Directors' meetings. If you are interested in attending, please contact Executive Director Cathy Herring ([cathy@swaaae.org](mailto:cathy@swaaae.org)). A virtual participation option is available.

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Todd McNamee Past President's Golf Tournament (Separate Registration Required)**

*Monterey Pines Golf Club*

10:00 a.m. registration, 10:30 a.m. tee time start. Registration required via the conference registration form (limited club rentals available first come, first served). Guests are welcome to register!

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Registration Opens**

*Cypress Pre-Function Area (outside of Cypress Ballroom)*

Stop by registration to pick up your name badge and conference materials. Conference information will be accessible via the Whova conference app.

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Exhibitor Set-Up**

*Carmel Room*

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Michael A. Shutt Young Professionals, New Attendee & Mentor Meet and Greet**

*Carmel Room*

First time attendees, new SWAAAE members and young professionals are welcome (and encouraged) to attend to meet and network with others before the conference officially kicks off.

***Calling all mentors!*** Sign up to volunteer as a new attendee and/or young professional mentor during conference registration or [email us](#).

7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

**Welcome Reception and Bruce Loev Pool Tournament**

*Easy Street Billiards*

*(transportation from the Monterey Plaza Hotel provided starting at 7:15 pm)*

Join us for SWAAAE's 63rd Annual Winter Conference evening welcome reception at Easy Street Billiards located at 511 Tyler St., Monterey, CA. Two 24/28 passenger buses will be providing shuttle service in front of the Monterey Plaza Hotel starting at 7:15 pm and will be continuously running to and from Easy Street Billiards every 20-30 minutes, or as needed, until 10:45 pm (last shuttle will leave Easy Street Billiards at 10:30 pm).



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Upon arrival at Easy Street Billiards, make your way in and get acquainted with other sponsors, attendees and exhibitors. Join the Bruce Loev Pool Tournament which will conclude with trophy presentations for the top three finishers. Appetizers will be served. Dress is casual.

### Monday – January 23, 2023

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| 7:15 am to 4:00 pm   | <b>Registration</b><br><i>Cypress Pre-Function Area (outside of Cypress Ballroom)</i>  |
| 7:30 am to 8:30 am   | <b>Hot Breakfast with Exhibitors – Learning/Networking Opportunity</b><br><i>Carmel Room</i>   |
| 8:30 am to 9:00 am   | <b>Conference Opening Ceremonies</b><br><i>Cypress Ballroom</i><br>Conference Chair: Alice Bimrose, A.A.E., C.A.E., ACE, Executive Program Director (PSM <sup>2</sup> )<br>Welcome Speaker: Michael La Pier, A.A.E., Executive Director (Monterey Regional Airport)<br>SWAAAE President: Corinne Nystrom, A.A.E, Airport Director (City of Mesa - Falcon Field Airport)  |
| 9:00 am to 10:00 am  | <b>Keynote Presentation: Kurt Wedberg, Founder</b> (Sierra Mountaineering, Inc.)<br><i>Cypress Ballroom</i><br>Aligned with our Short Course and reaching-new-heights conference themes, Wedberg will deliver an informational and motivational talk, sharing his 40 years of professional mountain guide experience, including summiting Mount Everest three times by two different routes. Beyond successfully climbing the world's highest mountain, Wedberg has also guided 120+ expeditions to high peaks in Africa, Alaska, the Alps, Antarctica, Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Russia, Tibet, and Turkey. Wedberg runs Sierra Mountaineering, Inc. from his hometown of Bishop, CA, along the slopes of the awe-inspiring Eastern Sierra. We look forward to having him share his stories and words of motivation about working with people and challenging ourselves, both mentally and physically. |
| 10:00 am to 10:45 am | <b>Break with Exhibitors – Learning/Networking Opportunity/Attendee Giveaways</b><br><i>Carmel Room</i>  |



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10:45 am to 12:00 pm

### Session A: Leadership Development: Developing Leaders at Every Level of Your Organization

*Cypress Ballroom*

Speakers: Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E., Chief Financial and Commercial Officer  
(San Francisco International Airport)

Corinne Nystrom, A.A.E, Airport Director (City of Mesa - Falcon Field Airport)

Daren Griffin, A.A.E., President/CEO (Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority)

Moderator: Alice Bimrose, A.A.E., C.A.E., ACE, Executive Program Director (PSM<sup>2</sup>)

Join us for an interactive roundtable discussion with a panel of seasoned airport leaders from around the Southwest region. Attendees of this session will come away with tips, tricks, strategies and ideas to:

- Recognize talent in their organizations
- Identify future leaders in their organizations
- Help in developing and retaining talented staff members
- Connect with leadership candidates
- Create plans and programs to train, support, and promote leadership candidates into progressively responsible positions and ultimately lead to organizational leadership roles

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

**Lunch on your own**

12:15 pm to 1:15 pm

**First Time Attendee Lunch** \*Invite and RSVP Required

*El Torito Restaurant*

Hosts: Lisa Watada, Vice President, West Aviation Principal (WSP) and Graham Ritz, C.M., C.A.E., ACE, Director of Airport Operations (Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority)

1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

### Session B: What Are You Signing? Obligations and Responsibilities in Airport Management

*Cypress Ballroom*

Speakers: David Y. Bannard, Partner (Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP)  
Fai Ali, Deputy Aviation Director, Planning and Development (Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport)  
Mike Williams, Manager (Phoenix Airport District Office at Federal Aviation Administration – FAA)

Moderator: Kevin Smith, A.A.E., Planning Market Leader (Mead & Hunt)

With the influx of federal funding coming our way with CARES, BIL, AIP among others, there has never been a better time to stop and consider our responsibilities when it comes to our federal grant obligations. As airport professionals, we are regularly required to “sign on the dotted line.”



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Are we always confident we know what we are signing and agreeing to? Grant applications and agreements have numerous Sponsor Certifications, NEPA Regulations, and Agreement Articles that commit airports to various responsibilities. This session will provide an overview of important obligations and responsibilities assumed when we sign and execute our FAA Grants.

Our panel of experts from the FAA, Legal, and Airport Executive profession will each provide their “Top 5” items to consider as you prepare and process your next FAA Grant application and sign your next Grant Agreement. You will leave with a “Don’t Miss List” of items to check which will put you on a solid foundation as you help prepare your airport for the future.

2:45 pm to 3:30 pm

**Break with Exhibitors – Learning/Networking Opportunity/Attendee Giveaways**  
*Carmel Room*

3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

**Session C: Peer to Peer Discussions: Commercial Service Airports**  
*Cypress Ballroom A*

Facilitators: *Judy Ross, A.A.E., C.A.E., Assistant Director of Aviation (Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport)*  
*Jennifer Maples, A.A.E., C.A.E., ACE, Aviation Superintendent (City of Phoenix Aviation Department)*

**Session C: Peer to Peer Discussions: General Aviation Airports**  
*Cypress Ballroom B*

Facilitators: *Ken Moen, A.A.E., C.A.E., ACE, Special Projects & Program Manager (Armstrong Consultants)*  
*Mark Witsoe, A.A.E., C.A.E., Airport Manager (Napa County Airport)*

7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

**Monday Night Networking Event**  
*The Salty Seal on Historic Cannery Row*

### Tuesday – January 24, 2023

7:15 am to 3:30 pm

**Registration**  
*Cypress Pre-Function Area (outside of Cypress Ballroom)*

7:30 am to 8:45 am

**Hot Breakfast, General Membership Meeting, AAAE Update and Elections**  
*Cypress Ballroom (breakfast available in the Carmel Room)*



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8:45 am to 10:00 am

### Session D: Recognizing Human Trafficking through your Airport

*Cypress Ballroom*

**Speakers:** Erin Albright (*Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition Airport Initiative*)  
Edith Klimoski (*Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition Airport Initiative*)  
Susan Kim, Esq. (*San Francisco International Airport*)

**Moderator:** Betty Ann Hagenau (*Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition*)

Learn from subject matter experts, airport law enforcement personnel, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion specialists about how the aviation industry can effectively take steps to mitigate human trafficking occurring in and through airports and surrounding local communities. Panelists will speak to the intersection of the human trafficking business cycle and the aviation industry, the power of successful training efforts, and best practices in reinforcing an airport's emergency protocol system.

10:00 am to 10:45 am

### Break with Exhibitors – Learning/Networking Opportunity/Attendee Giveaways

*Carmel Room*

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

### Session E: Finance and Procurement: How Do We Buy That for Our Airport?

*Cypress Ballroom*

**Speakers:** Chris Wimsatt, MBA, Deputy Director/Finance and Administration (*Sacramento County Department of Airports*)  
Ross Nelson, Client Relations (*Sourcewell*)

**Moderator:** Alex Kovacs, C.M., C.A.E., Director of Finance (*Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority*)

Airports are faced with many challenges ranging from the need of increased funding for capital programs, equipment purchases and operating activities, supply chain issues, purchasing rules and regulations to determining the best strategy for the most effective and efficient resource utilization while accomplishing their mission. This session will explore potential funding and procurement options and discuss how to best approach them from a strategic and technical perspective.

12:00 pm to 1:15 pm

**Lunch on your own**



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1:15 pm to 2:30 pm

## Session F: Mobility and the Electrification Imperative

*Cypress Ballroom*

**Speakers:** Chad Reese, Environmental Affairs Manager (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority)  
Catherine Stedman, Director of Communications and Outreach (Central Coast Community Energy)  
Andrew Swanson, C.A.E., Airport Manager (City of Palo Alto)

**Moderator:** Jinelle Crosser, ENV SP, LEED AP, Sustainability and Resiliency Project Manager (Gresham Smith)

The growing adoption of electric vehicles and the development of emerging electric aircraft technology represents a major step towards cleaner mobility, with reduced contributions to local air pollution and potentially global climate change. This increase in electrification brings about a new set of challenges for airports related to managing power infrastructure. As airports pursue reductions in their own contributions to climate change, they are also in a position of managing the energy needs of passengers and business partners alike. This combined with challenges related to extreme weather events and energy security reveal that transitioning to a renewable, efficient and resilient energy system is important now more than ever. Within this session, we will discuss this shift and seek to answer the question - How can airports best plan for the transition towards increased electrification, ensuring development of a sustainable energy system? A diverse set of panelists will share their perspectives, including the challenges and successes they've encountered.

2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

## Break with Exhibitors – Learning/Networking Opportunity/Attendee Giveaways

*Carmel Room*

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

## Session G: Peer to Peer Discussions: Finance & Administration and Communications & Community Relations

*Cypress Ballroom A*

**Facilitators:** Angi Daus, MPA, Marketing Supervisor (City of Santa Barbara Airport)  
Barbara Yamamoto, Vice President, Business Development (PSM<sup>2</sup>)

## Session G: Peer to Peer Discussions: Planning, Construction & Environmental and Airport Operations, Security & Maintenance

*Cypress Ballroom B*

**Facilitators:** TJ Chen, P.E., C.M., Airport Deputy Director – Planning and Development (Sacramento County Department of Airports)  
James Duke, P.E., Associate Vice President, Aviation Discipline Lead (CP&Y, an STV Company)

4:30 pm to 4:45 pm

## Conference Wrap Up and Exhibitor Bingo Card Giveaway Grand Drawing

*Cypress Ballroom A*





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4:45 pm to 5:45 pm      Corporate Membership Meeting  
*Big Sur*

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm      Cocktail Reception  
*Upper Plaza*

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm    President's Banquet  
*Dolphins Ballroom*

10:00 pm to 11:30 pm    Post Banquet Reception  
*Carmel Room*

### Wednesday – January 25, 2023

8:00 am to 10:00 am      FAA Consultant Roundtable  
*Big Sur*

10:00 am to 11:00 am    77th Annual 2023 Summer Conference Committee Planning Meeting  
*Dolphins Ballroom*

*All volunteers interested in serving on the 2023 Summer Conference Committee are encouraged to attend this planning kick off meeting. All are welcome, and it is a great way to get involved in the Chapter!*