



Minnesota Council of Airports

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Minnesota Council of Airports (MCOA) Awards Criteria (current as of December 1, 2017)

Scope: The MCOA Board of Directors desires to recognize those individuals and airport sponsors who have contributed their time and effort in an exemplary manner to further the growth and development of aviation in Minnesota. The MCOA Awards Committee will select the winners. The awards are presented at the annual Minnesota Airports Conference. They are presented for the accomplishments completed in the year prior to the conference and may recognize projects that required several years to complete. Candidates may be nominated for more than one award and more than one award winner may be recognized in each category. The award categories cover the spectrum of appreciation MCOA uses in honoring MCOA members, and others, for their excellent support of the MCOA mission and objectives.

1. **“Outstanding Leadership in the Promotion of Aviation in Minnesota”** This award is presented to an individual or airport sponsor whose leadership was directly or collectively responsible for making a significant contribution to the betterment of aviation in Minnesota. The nominee’s scope of accomplishment(s) may be for a single or multiple efforts toward promoting the importance of aviation in Minnesota.
2. **“Projects (s) of the Year”** Nominations are accepted from all categories of airports. These awards will be presented to nominees for projects that made a significant improvement to airport operations completed in the previous year. The project (s) could be singular, multiple, or a combination of projects that resulted in improved airport efficiency, safety, or facility enhancement.

A. Key Airports

1. Commercial Service Airports

Bemidji
Hibbing
Rochester

Brainerd
International Falls
St. Cloud

Duluth
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Thief River Falls

2. Key Intermediate GA Airports

Albert Lea
Austin
Fairmont
Grand Rapids
New Ulm
Red Wing
Willmar

Alexandria
Baudette
Fergus Falls
Mankato
Owatonna
St. Paul (Downtown)
Winona

Anoka County/Blaine
Ely
Flying Cloud
Marshall
Park Rapids
Warroad
Worthington

B. Intermediate GA Airports

C. Landing Strip GA Airports

3. **“Award of Excellence”** This award is reserved for those individuals who have demonstrated a quintessential devotion to all aspects of aviation over a sustained period of time (similar to a lifetime achievement award).
4. **“Outstanding Service Award”** This award is reserved for those individuals who have given their personal time and effort to the growth and development of aviation, either locally or statewide, and

served in various organizational leadership positions or capacities with in the Minnesota aviation industry.

5. **“James L. Oberstar Award”** This award is reserved for those special individuals or selected officials who have demonstrated a strong interest and commitment to aviation and airport development in the State. They have provided the initiative, the commitment, and kept the momentum moving to insure other State elected officials recognize the importance and economic benefit airports and their communities provide to our quality of life. Their efforts have successfully maintained a steady revenue stream so that airports, large and small, can continue to grow by development, thus prosper.
6. **“Non-Aeronautical Business Development Award”** This award is presented to an airport sponsor that makes a significant contribution to the betterment of the airport through non-aeronautical business development. Project(s) nominated by the sponsor should focus on the improved economic viability of the airport through revenue generation, unique financing and/or community engagement.
7. **“Outstanding Leadership in Airport Planning, Environment and Strategic Initiative”** This award is presented to the airport sponsor that has surmounted extraordinary circumstances or created unique solutions in planning, environmental compliance or developing strategic initiatives at their airport.
8. **“Outstanding Leadership in Local Airport Promotion”** This award recognizes airport sponsors and the activities they carry out to engage the public and raise their awareness of the value of aviation and/or their airport to their community and/or surrounding region.

Attachment 3 to the bylaws