

The Jacksonville Aviation Authority Announces New Chief Executive Officer



Mark VanLoh, A.A.E.

JACKSONVILLE, FL – The Jacksonville Aviation Authority has appointed Mark VanLoh Chief Executive Officer, responsible for a four-airport system including Jacksonville International Airport, Herlong Recreational Airport, Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport and Cecil Airport/Cecil Spaceport. Mr. VanLoh replaces retiring Steve Grossman, who served as JAA CEO for the past nine years.

Mr. VanLoh is a 32-year aviation veteran. He most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer for the Tulsa Airports Authority where he directed airport staff at three Tulsa-area airports for a newly created authority. In the 18 months he was in this position, he completed an overhaul of the airport terminal's concession area, expanded the parking garage and increased non-aviation revenues 15%. Mr. VanLoh has also worked for the Kansas City Aviation Department, the Chattanooga Airport Authority, the City of Cleveland, the Toledo Port Authority and the Rockford Port Authority.

“The selection committee is ecstatic to nominate Mark VanLoh to succeed Steve Grossman,” said Patrick Kilbane. “Mark will bring extensive experience, proven results and passion to the aviation authority. We look forward to working with him.”

“Clearly JAA is a highly desirable job,” Kilbane added. “We had a tremendous number of highly qualified applicants from which to choose.”

The aviation authority's outside executive search firm, ADK Consulting & Executive Search, received 73 applications for the position. The firm narrowed the list to the top four candidates, each of whom was individually interviewed and ranked by the selection committee members. ADK President and CEO Doug Kuelpman noted that VanLoh was the clear winner in the rankings.

Mr. VanLoh received a bachelor's degree in Aviation Management from the Minnesota State University. He is an Accredited Member (A.A.E.) of the American Association of Airport Executives and serves on the Board for the International Association of Airport Executives. He received his pilot's license while serving in the U.S. Army.

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