

# AAB International

## ANNUAL MEETING

### Agenda



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## 16 February — Monday

0830-1430	St. Johns	Accreditation Seminar -- <i>Visit Simulation</i> /Mark Dusenbury, Shannon Morrison & Triant Flouris
0945-1015	Foyer	Refreshment Break <i>Sponsored by Vaughn College</i>
1200-1300	St. Johns	Seminar Lunch <i>Sponsored by Middle Georgia State University</i>
1500-1830	Seminole	Executive Committee/Julie Speakes ( <i>Closed Meeting</i> )

## 17 February — Tuesday

0730-1730	Foyer	Registration/Vic Montañez & Ceci Shirley
0730-0830	Foyer	Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Auburn University</i>
0830-0900	Duval A	AABI Welcome and Conference Overview/Julie Speakes & Elizabeth Bjerke
0915-1030	Duval A	<b>Accreditation Development Series Round 1</b> (Concurrent sessions)
	Duval B	<b>Criterion 3.6: Modernized Facilities for the Future of Aviation Education</b> Moderators: Chas Ellis & Mike McLean, JLG Architects; James Birdsong, Auburn University; and Jeremy Roesler, University of North Dakota
	Duval B	<b>Criteria 3.1: Supporting Student Success in AABI Programs</b> <b>Session Sponsor:</b> Moderators: April Millaway-Axton, The University of Oklahoma; Stephen Belt, Saint Louis University; and Adon Clark, Middle Georgia State University
1030-1100	Foyer	Refreshment Break <i>Sponsored by</i>
1100-1215	Duval A	<b>Accreditation Development Series Round 2</b> (Concurrent sessions)
	Duval B	<b>Criterion 3.5: Attracting and Supporting Faculty and Staff</b> Moderators: Tony Foster, University of Dubuque; and Chaminda Prelis, Middle Tennessee State University; and Hatice Kucukonal, Ozyegin University
	Duval B	<b>Criterion 3.11: Maximizing the Use of Flight Data in the Assessment Process for Continuous Improvement</b> <b>Session Sponsor: Talon Systems, LLC</b> Moderators: Kathryn Boutwell, Flight Schedule Pro; Nicholas Cataldi, Middle Georgia State University; Edward Hardick, Talon Systems, LLC; and Raymond Thompson, Western Michigan University
1215-1330	Seminole	Lunch On Your Own
1215-1330	Seminole	Nominating Committee Working Lunch/Darrin Greubel ( <i>Closed Meeting</i> )
	Duval B	<b>Sponsored by</b>
1345-1500	Duval B	<b>Accreditation Development Series Round 3</b> (Concurrent sessions)
	Duval A	<b>Criterion 3.9: Effective Industry Relations to Improve Program Outcomes</b> Moderators: Gail Avendano, Southern Illinois University; Stanley Adams, Air Line Pilots Association, International; John Robbins, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and Matt Tuohy, Jacksonville University
	Duval A	<b>Criterion 3.7: Leveraging University Services to Assist in the Continuous Assessment and Improvement of Programs</b> Moderators: Will Miller, Rebecca Gibbons & Lauren Thompson, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Cindy Lewis, Dave Cohen & Mike Petroski, Lynn University
1500-1530	Foyer	Refreshment Break <i>Sponsored by Weave</i>
1530-1700	Duval A	<b>AABI Town Hall Meeting: FAA Modernization</b> /Ken Byrnes & Jeremy Roesler
1800-1830	Amelia	1st Timers Reception ( <i>By Invitation</i> ) <i>Sponsored by Purdue University</i>
1830 —	Amelia	Welcome Reception — Networking Opportunity <i>Sponsored by Propel</i>

## 18 February — Wednesday

0700-0730	Lobby	Grab-N-Go Breakfast <b>Sponsored by Cirrus Aircraft and Talon Systems, LLC</b>
0730-0750		Transportation to Jacksonville University's Davis College of Business & Technology <b>Sponsored by Delta State University</b>
0800-0820	Terry Concert Hall (TCH)	Industry/Educator Forum Welcome/Stanley Adams & Maryanne DeMarco
0825-0940		<b>Industry/Educator Forum — Industry Panel 1</b> <b>Navigating Risk: Aviation Insurance Trends Impacting the Industry</b> <b>Session Sponsor: University of North Dakota</b> Tom Hauge, Wings Insurance; Sean Kallsen, LLJohns Aviation Insurance; Amanda Kirk, Starr Aviation; and Todd Fallbacher, Old Republic Insurance Group
0940-1000	TCH Lobby	Refreshment Break <b>Sponsored by Air Line Pilots Association, International</b>
1000-1115	TCH	<b>Industry/Educator Forum — Industry Panel 2</b> <b>Cleared for Green: Driving Innovation in Aviation Sustainability</b> <b>Session Sponsor: Western Michigan University</b> Emma Galarza, Delta Air Lines; and Eric Kaduce, Boeing
1130-1245	Moran Center	Awards Luncheon <b>Sponsored by Jacksonville University</b>
1300-1345	TCH	<b>Industry/Educator Forum — Educators Respond to Panel 1</b> Elizabeth Bjerke, University of North Dakota
1345-1430	TCH	<b>Industry/Educator Forum — Educators Respond to Panel 2</b> Andrew Leonard & Nick Wilson, University of North Dakota; and Juan Merkt, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
1430-1530		<b>AABI Programmatic Criteria Breakouts</b> Flight Education/Ken Byrnes Gooding Classroom 110 Aviation Maintenance and Avionics/Electronics/Raymond Thompson Reid Medical Science Ctr. Aviation Management/Gail Avendano Gooding Classroom 101 Air Traffic Management/Stephen West & Craig Carlson
1530-1600	TCH Lobby	Refreshment Break <b>Sponsored by Florida Tech</b>
1600-1645	TCH	<b>Propel Pathway Update</b> Delta Air Lines: Kelvin Mason, and Endeavor Air: Rebecca Lambert-Widmark
1645-1700	TCH	Industry/Educator Forum Wrap-up/Stanley Adams & Maryanne DeMarco
1700-1720		Transportation to DoubleTree <b>Sponsored by Delta State University</b>

## 19 February — Thursday

0730-1345	Foyer	Registration/Vic Montañez & Ceci Shirley
0730-0830	Foyer	Breakfast Buffet <b>Sponsored by Republic Airways</b>
0830-0930	Duval A Duval B Seminole	<b>Committee Session 1:</b> Criteria Committee/Juan Merkt & David Tidwell Aviation Innovation/Shaun Kelly AT-CTI/Steve West & Craig Carleson
0930-1430	Foyer	Coffee Service <b>Sponsored by UFA, Inc.</b>
0945-1045	Duval A Duval B Seminole	<b>Committee Session 2:</b> Professionalism & Ethics/Stanley Adams & James Birdsong Safety/Ken Carson & Randy Babbitt Governance/Julie Speakes
1100-1200	Duval A Duval B Seminole	<b>Committee Session 3:</b> Global Membership & Outreach/Triant Flouris I/E Forum/Stanley Adams & Maryanne DeMarco Strategic Planning & Corporate Communications/Kelvin Mason
1200-1330	Duval B	<b>AABI Annual Meeting and Lunch with the Board of Trustees</b> /Julie Speakes <b>Sponsored by Piper Aircraft, Inc. and Textron Aviation</b>
1345-1600	Duval B	Board of Trustees Accreditation Session/Julie Speakes ( <b>Closed Meeting</b> )
1430-1500	Duval B	Refreshment Break <b>Sponsored by</b>

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