

# AAB International

## ANNUAL MEETING

### Agenda



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**Jacksonville, Florida, USA**

**February 16-19, 2026**



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## 16 February — Monday

0830-1430 St. Johns

0945-1015 St. Johns

1200-1300 St. Johns

1500-1830 Seminole

## 17 February — Tuesday

0730-1730 Foyer

0730-0830 Foyer

0830-0900 Duval AB

0915-1030 Duval AB

St. Johns

1030-1100 Foyer

1100-1215 Duval AB

St. Johns

1215-1330 Seminole

1345-1500 St. Johns

Duval AB

1500-1530 Foyer

1530-1700 Duval AB

1800-1830 Amelia

1830 — Amelia

**Accreditation Seminar -- Visit Simulation**/Mark Dusenbury, Shannon Morrison & Triant Flouris

Refreshment Break **Sponsored by Vaughn College**

Seminar Lunch **Sponsored by Middle Georgia State University**

Executive Committee/Julie Speakes (**Closed Meeting**) **Break sponsored by RAA**

Registration/Vic Montañez & Ceci Shirley

Continental Breakfast **Sponsored by Auburn University**

AABI Welcome and Conference Overview/Julie Speakes & Elizabeth Bjerke

**Accreditation Development Series Round 1** (Concurrent sessions)

**Criterion 3.6: Modernized Facilities for the Future of Aviation Education**

**Session Sponsor: National Business Aviation Association**

Moderators: Chas Ellis & Mike McLean, JLG Architects; James Birdsong, Auburn University; and Jeremy Roesler, University of North Dakota

**Criteria 3.1: Supporting Student Success in AABI Programs**

**Session Sponsor: Diamond Aircraft Industries, Inc.**

Moderators: April Millaway-Axton, The University of Oklahoma; Stephen Belt, Saint Louis University; and Adon Clark, Middle Georgia State University

Refreshment Break **Sponsored by The University of Oklahoma and RAA**

**Accreditation Development Series Round 2** (Concurrent sessions)

**Criterion 3.5: Attracting and Supporting Faculty and Staff**

**Session Sponsor: National Business Aviation Association**

Moderators: Tony Foster, University of Dubuque; and Wendy Beckman, Middle Tennessee State University; and Hatice Kucukonal, Ozyegin University

**Criterion 3.11: Maximizing the Use of Flight Data in the Assessment Process for Continuous Improvement**

**Session Sponsor: Talon Systems, LLC**

Moderators: Kathryn Boutwell, Flight Schedule Pro; Nicholas Cataldi, Middle Georgia State University; Edward Hardick, Talon Systems, LLC; and Raymond Thompson, Western Michigan University

Lunch On Your Own

Nominating Committee Working Lunch/Darrin Greubel (**Closed Meeting**)

**Sponsored by the Regional Airline Association**

**Accreditation Development Series Round 3** (Concurrent sessions)

**Criterion 3.9: Effective Industry Relations to Improve Program Outcomes**

**Session Sponsor: National Business Aviation Association**

Moderators: Gail Avendano, Southern Illinois University; Stanley Adams, Air Line Pilots Association, International; John Robbins, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and Matt Tuohy, Jacksonville University

**Criterion 3.7: Leveraging University Services to Assist in the Continuous Assessment and Improvement of Programs**

**Session Sponsor: National Business Aviation Association**

Moderators: Will Miller, Rebecca Gibbons & Lauren Thompson, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Cindy Lewis, Dave Cohen & Mike Petroski, Lynn University

Refreshment Break **Sponsored by Weave**

**AABI Town Hall Meeting: FAA Modernization**/Ken Byrnes & Jeremy Roesler

1st Timers Reception (**By Invitation**) **Sponsored by Purdue University**

Welcome Reception — Networking Opportunity **Sponsored by Propel**

## 18 February — Wednesday

0700-0730	Hotel 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 BGSU, DSU, PSU and SIUC</b>
0800-0820	Terry Concert Hall (TCH)	Industry/Educator Forum Welcome/Stanley Adams
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> Steve Bruss, 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>
1300-1330	TCH	<b>Industry/Educator Forum — Educators Respond to Panel 1</b> Elizabeth Bjerke & Mark Dusenbury, Aviation Accreditation Board International
1330-1430	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 Aviation Maintenance and Avionics/Electronics/Raymond Thompson Aviation Management/Gail Avendano 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
1700-1720		Transportation to DoubleTree <b>Sponsored by BGSU, DSU, PSU and SIUC</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		<b>Committee Session 1:</b> Criteria Committee/Juan Merkt & David Tidwell Aviation Innovation/Shaun Kelly AT-CTI/Steve West & Craig Carlson
0930-1430	Duval A	Coffee Service <b>Sponsored by UFA, Inc.</b>
0945-1045	Duval BDE	
	Amelia	
1100-1200	Foyer	<b>Committee Session 2:</b> Collaborative Research/April Millaway-Axton & Andrea Smith Safety/Ken Carson & Randy Babbitt
	Duval A	<b>Committee Session 3:</b> Global Membership & Outreach/Triant Flouris
	Duval BDE	I/E Forum/Stanley Adams
	Amelia	Strategic Planning & Corporate Communications/Kelvin Mason
1200-1330	Duval BDE	<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 BDE	Board of Trustees Accreditation Session/Julie Speakes ( <b>Closed Meeting</b> )
1430-1500	Duval BDE	Refreshment Break <b>Sponsored by Texas Southern University</b>

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