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Annual Meeting

Industry/Educator Forum Agenda

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February 18, 2026
Jacksonville, FL, USA

Panel 1: **Navigating Risk: Aviation Insurance Trends Impacting the Industry**

This panel brings together top brokers and underwriters to discuss emerging trends impacting aviation programs. Learn how shifts in risk assessment, coverage strategies, and regulatory changes influence the insurance market. Discuss how these developments connect to curriculum for aviation managers and maintenance professionals. Gain a deeper understanding of how aviation insurance affects flight programs and learn strategies to better prepare your students for careers in this critical sector of aviation.

Steve Bruss, Wings Insurance; Sean Kallsen, LLJohns Aviation Insurance; Amanda Kirk, Starr Aviation; and Todd Fallbacher, Old Republic Insurance Group

Panel 2: **Cleared for Green: Driving Innovation in Aviation Sustainability**

Discover how industry giants are reducing environmental impact, advancing cleaner technologies, and preparing the next generation for a greener future in aerospace. Participants will gain valuable insights to bring back to their classrooms and companies, from real-world applications of sustainable aviation fuel and next-gen aircraft design to the different corporate initiatives shaping a more responsible and sustainable aviation industry. This session will empower, and provide you insight into how you can inspire students with the cutting-edge knowledge of the work happening in today's aviation industry.

Emma Galarza, Delta Air Lines; and Eric Kaduce, Boeing

Educator Responder Panels:

Panel 1: Elizabeth Bjerke & Mark Dusenbury, Aviation Accreditation Board International

Panel 2: Andrew Leonard & Nick Wilson, University of North Dakota; and Juan Merkt, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



18 February — Wednesday

0700-0730	Hotel Lobby	Grab-N-Go Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Cirrus Aircraft and Talon Systems, LLC</i>
0730-0750		Transportation to Jacksonville University's Davis College of Business & Technology <i>Sponsored by Bowling Green State University, Delta State University, Prince Sultan University and Southern Illinois University Carbondale</i>
0800-0820	Terry Concert Hall (TCH)	Industry/Educator Forum Welcome/Stanley Adams
		Industry/Educator Forum — Industry Panel 1
		Navigating Risk: Aviation Insurance Trends Impacting the Industry
		<i>Session Sponsor: University of North Dakota</i>
0940-1000	TCH Lobby	Refreshment Break <i>Sponsored by Air Line Pilots Association, International</i>
1000-1115	TCH	Industry/Educator Forum — Industry Panel 2
		Cleared for Green: Driving Innovation in Aviation Sustainability
		<i>Session Sponsor: Western Michigan University</i>
1130-1245	Moran Center	Awards Luncheon <i>Sponsored by Jacksonville University</i>
1300-1330	TCH	Industry/Educator Forum — Educators Respond to Panel 1
1330-1430	TCH	Industry/Educator Forum — Educators Respond to Panel 2
1430-1530	AABI Programmatic Criteria Breakouts	
	TCH	Flight Education/Ken Byrnes
	Gooding Classroom 110	Aviation Maintenance & 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 <i>Sponsored by Florida Tech</i>
1600-1645	TCH	
		Propel Pathway Update
		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 <i>Sponsored by Bowling Green State University, Delta State University, Prince Sultan University and Southern Illinois University Carbondale</i>