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Northwest Chapter AAE Recognizes 2019 Award Recipients at 48th Annual Conference

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Fairbanks, AK – Annually the Northwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives recognizes those individuals and companies who represent the very best in the field of aviation. At the Northwest Chapter's 48th Annual Conference in Fairbanks, AK held September 23rd – 25th the following awards were presented.

The **Corporate Award of Excellence** was awarded to **Jviation, Inc.** Jviation is a planning, design and construction administration firm that focuses solely on aviation-related projects. The principals and staff have completed airport projects throughout the nation, as well as at various international locations, for over 30 years. Jviation was recognized for their exceptional management of the St. George Regional Airport's (UT) runway re-construction project which came in on-time and on-budget.

The **Aviation Excellence Award** was presented to **Scott Humphrey, AAE**, Deputy Airport Director for the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (MT). The award is intended to recognize airport management professionals which have gone out of their way and given substantial extra effort to ensure the promotion, operations, maintenance or development of aviation and/or the airport. Mr. Humphrey was recognized for achieving a perfect FAA Part 139 airport inspection, a perfect TSA security audit and a perfect financial audit all while managing a significant increase in passengers and several construction projects.

The **Airport Executive of the Year Award** was presented to **Pete Higgins, AAE**, Director of Operations for the Salt Lake City Department of Airports (UT). The award is given to an airport management professional with high-level responsibility for an airport who has demonstrated superior performance in a wide variety of areas. Mr. Higgins was recognized for being an outstanding leader that represents both the airport and the city in many committees and groups. Mr. Higgins is a continuous contributor at both the Chapter and national level of AAE as well as the Airports Council International.

The **President's Award of Distinction** was presented to **Doug & Annell Kuelpman of ADK Consulting & Executive Search**. The President's Award of Distinction recognizes members of the Northwest Chapter who have served the association and/or promoted aviation with uncommon dedication. Through their combined expertise in aviation, recruitment, training and business development, the Kuelpmans have built one of the most effective and respected consulting and executive search firms supporting the aviation industry. Doug and Annell have been active supporters at both the chapter and national levels of the American Association of Airport Executive.

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