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## *Message from the President*

### Dear TWO members, Supporters, and Friends,

On October 16, 2004, at the TWO Board of Directors midyear meeting, the reins of TWO were passed from Marcia to myself. We celebrated Marcia's retirement and the presidential transition at a wonderful restaurant in the Nob Hill district of Albuquerque. Marcia was presented with a lovely silver bracelet, and Board members each gave her a charm to put on it. Tears and laughter punctuated the evening; a marvelous way for our group to wish Marcia well.



Because of Marcia's hard work and dedication, TWO has never been more visible and active on a nationally recognized level. I hope to continue her legacy. She leaves behind big shoes to fill.

I thank you for the many warm words of support and encouragement that I have received from you. Because of this support, I am thrilled and eager to serve as your new President. I feel the membership of TWO is focused, energized, and ready to continue our team efforts pursuing our vision, and accomplishing our goals and mission.

Thank you once again for your support. I wish you happiness and health, a wonderful upcoming holiday season, and best wishes for a joyous New Year!

Sincerely,

*Mary Ann Keller*

TWO National President

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### In This Issue:

Meet the new Vice President, Susy Peasley; and the new Regional Representatives.

## New Vice President for TWO

**Meet Susy Peasley, voted in by the Board on October 17, 2004.**

Susy has been employed in the FAA since 1997 and she is currently a NAS Operations Manager at Northern California TRACON (NCT). She also worked in the Environmental/Communications unit at NCT as a Systems Specialist. Prior to her employment with the FAA, Susy worked for McClelland Air Force Base in Sacramento, CA. She served as an electrical engineer and then Program Manager overseeing the installation, integration, and testing of the turnkey backup power systems at 21 ARTCCs, 3 TRACONs, and the FAA Aeronautical Center.



**Susy Peasley**

Susy joined TWO in 1999 and became the Western Pacific Regional Representative, serving out the remaining term formerly held by Sarah Baker. She was subsequently elected to that position, and held it for two more years. In July 2001, she was elected to the TWO Secretary position for a two year term. In this past year, she helped with the registration and budgeting for the TWO 2004 Training Conference in Reno.

In addition to Susy's FAA and Air Force experience, she also worked for the Department of Defense, U. S. Navy at Mare Island Naval Shipyard for nearly 13 years. The shipyard overhauled and repaired nuclear submarines. She worked in the Engineering Design Division on programs related to the installation, repair and upgrade of communication, navigation, and ship silencing systems. Susy has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering from California State University, Sacramento.

On a personal note, she recently celebrated her 20th anniversary with her husband Harry. They have two children, Heather, a freshman at college, and Sam, a high school junior.

## TWO Board Meeting, Albuquerque, Oct 14-18



TWO Board members at Eclipse Aviation.  
Shown with CEO, Vern Raburn.

In the background is the "friction stir welder" used to form many of the seams on the aluminum aircraft in place of rivets.

The TWO Board members met in Albuquerque for a productive 3 day meeting. It was an opportunity to get to know the new Board members in person. We also said our farewells to Marcia Corey at a lively but poignant retirement dinner. New President Mary Ann Keller presided over the final meeting day, when the Board elected Susy Peasley as the Vice President

The Board members spent several days editing the "Roles and Responsibilities" document to define the purpose of each board, committee, and coordinator position. They also worked on a "Questions and Answers" document to address commonly asked questions by new Board members.

The Board also spent several hours on an inspiring tour of Eclipse Aviation, an Albuquerque company that is building an innovative, lower priced, 6 seater jet. The company hopes to see air travel transition from large jets in the "hub and spoke" system to smaller jets in "point to point" routes and air taxi services.



## New Regional Representatives for TWO:

### Western Pacific Region

Before joining the FAA team, Kathleen Harrold worked as a DOD Pneudraulics Mechanic at Tinker AFB in OKC. During that time, she was also a still photographer in the Oklahoma Air Nat'l Guard for 6 years. She has been with the FAA since 1987. She came on board in the clerical field and was entered in the Upward Mobility program 6 months later. Her first assignment was as an Electronics Technician in a Nav/Com unit at Wiley Post in Oklahoma City. In 1996 she began a 2-1/2 year temporary position at the Red River MCC pending it's closure. From there she went to the Academy and was the course manager for the ILS Concepts course. She is currently at the POCC at San Diego. She is the primary POCC liaison for the PDS and HIP SMOs. Kathleen's assigned area of expertise is Nav Aids and she is the focal for the transition of VOR/TAC/DME Quarterly PM/Cert responsibility to the POCC.



**Kathleen Harrold**

In her off duty time, Kathleen and her husband are busy developing 40 acres of mountain top real estate (she calls it 40 acres of Heaven), located about 20 miles east of downtown San Diego. "Through the years I have seen attitudes change drastically regarding the capability of women in technical fields. I hope I have helped in that change. I have always taken it as a personal challenge to excel at whatever I did. I am excited about the direction I see TWO going: training our members, building our confidence, becoming excellent at what we do. We have so much to offer each other and the agency."

### Alaska Region

Deborah Stephens first entered the electronics field when she joined the Air Force as a Ground Radio Equipment Repairman in 1976 shortly after the position was opened to women. In 1984 she began working for the Department of Defense at Rickenbacher ANGB in Columbus, Ohio as an Electronics Mechanic.. Her technical experience since transferring to the FAA in 1988 has covered a broad range of duties. Her first duty station after completing fundamental training was in Nome, Alaska. While in Nome she maintained both Communications and Nav-Aids equipment. After transferring to the Anchorage ARTCC in 1991 Deborah began working on the En-Route Automated Radar Tracking System (EARTS). In 1995 she was selected as a PASS Employee Involvement Coordinator for the Alaskan Region. This turned out to be a great opportunity for learning about the AF organization. In the year 2000 Deborah returned to the Anchorage ARTCC to the Automation SSC. She is currently the Automation SSC coordinator where she directs the day-to-day operations of the unit that maintains the Radar Data, Flight Data, and Weather processing systems.

### Central Region



**Mary M. Thomas**

Mary M. Thomas returns to the TWO Executive Board as the Central Region Representative. "I just couldn't stay away," she said! Mary has previously served as the Western-Pacific Representative, Secretary, and as TWO President. She is also the marketing committee chair. Mary is known for the beautiful quilts she makes and donates to the conference matching fund raffle.

Mary left DOD in 1991 for the FAA and joined TWO in 1993. She came through the Springfield Training Center and graduated in 1993. She has worked Nav/Comm at the Kansas City KCI Airport and the Denver DIA Airport. Mary worked in Data/Comm for three years at the Southern California TRACON. She is now a Service Delivery Specialist at the MOCC in Kansas City. She is looking forward to getting to know the ACE members better and to putting together a terrific conference for 2006 in Kansas City.

## New Regional Representatives for TWO:

### Great Lakes Region

Ronnette Wynn-Walker has worked for the FAA for 10 years as an Airways Transportation Systems Specialist (ATSS). Throughout five of those years she worked in the Environmental unit maintaining the facility, including electronic equipment, electrical power distribution, emergency backup power, power conditioning systems, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC).

She currently works in the Automation unit at the Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC). She initiates action for repair or restoration of services and systems such as Display System Replacement (DSR), Direct Access Radar Channel (DARC), and Central Computer Complex Host (CCCH) taking into account the availability of possible reconfigurations to minimize service interruptions. She coordinates, plans, and directs installation personnel in the accomplishment of many technical projects. She performs weekly certification on NAS equipment for operational performance and reliability. Ronnette holds a bachelors degree in electronics engineering from DeVry Institute of Technology. She is a Professional Airways System Specialists (PASS) Union Representative and a member of the Black Coalition. She enjoys all sports, dancing, and skating.



**Ronnette Wynn-Walker**



**Trish Autry**

Trish Autry began working for the FAA in the Air Traffic Division as an Air Traffic Assistant, and then became a Computer Specialist. Since then she has held positions in ASW-40, the Southwest Region Financial & Information Mgmt Division, ASW-9, the Southwest Region Civil Rights Staff and came to the Southwest Region Airway Facilities Division in 1997 as a Computer Specialist. She has designed, installed and subsequently helped to support and maintain computer networks in ATCTs, ARTCCs and AFSSs across the Southwest Region. Her NAS direct and support technical experience includes providing Wide Area Network (WAN) telecommunications connectivity to large, remote and new FAA facilities. Her field duty locations include the Dallas/Fort Worth Tower/TRACON and Fort Worth

ARTCC. She is currently assigned to the Southwest Region Headquarters Technical Operations organization in the Resource Management Branch, Financial Platform where she is a Fiscal Planner. Prior to coming onboard with the FAA, she had a successful career in the U.S. Navy as an Air Traffic Controller, stationed in Hawaii. Her formal education is a degree in Information Technology and in her off duty time she is working on her Master's degree in General Engineering. She is happily married, and she and her husband stay busy raising their two boys, J.P., 6 years old and Joey, 15 months old.

### Southwest Region

### Northwest Mountain Region

Cindy Lundberg's career in the FAA started as a Co-Op student studying electronics in 1990. She worked for the Airway Facilities Organization as a field electronic technician on Nav Aids, Communications, and Automated Weather Systems. Prior to her FAA career, she was a Main Frame Computer Programmer for several years.

In 2001, she became the Spokane, WA System Support Center Coordinator. She joined TWO in 1992. On several occasions she has been the Acting ANM TWO Representative assisting the prior two ANM reps.

Recently she attended the FAA Native American Alaskan Native Coalition 2004 Training Conference as the Acting ANM Rep. for NAAN in Boston. Cindy and her husband enjoy camping and wood-working. They have two grown daughters. Cindy's hobbies include collecting antiques, genealogy, and gardening.



**Cindy Lundberg**



## New Regional Representatives for TWO:

### Aeronautical Center

Stacey Zinke began her career with the FAA as an engineer in the ASM organization, back in the late 1980's. She designed, modified and tested long-range radar and weather systems. In 1991, she moved to a position as an AF Academy Instructor. She has taught many of the systems that feed the NAS, including the ARSR-3, ARSR-4, ATCBI-5, and the STARS. She designed and wrote the courseware, tests, certification exams, and other documentation for these and many other systems. Stacey had a temporary detail to assist in moving the NMCC from Washington, D.C. to Herndon, VA. She also served as the Branch Manager for the Communications Branch in the Academy and was awarded a People's Choice Award. She is currently on detail as the AF Academy Space and CIP Budget Manager, and teaching ANI Basic Program Management.



Stacey Zinke

Stacey joined TWO about 5 years ago, and has assisted the previous AMC TWO Representative setting up member get-togethers and seminars. She would like to give something back to those who have helped pave the way for her, by paving the way for future women in technical careers. Stacey also serves as the TWO Webmaster, and her creativity and technical expertise is evident on the website, [two.faa.gov](http://two.faa.gov). Her goals are to increase the TWO membership at the Aeronautical Center and provide more career enhancement/enrichment seminars. She looks for opportunities for TWO to assist in making the ATO transition as successful and painless as possible.

Stacey has 2 daughters and a son, and she enjoys being involved in their school and sports activities, and artistic projects.

## TWO Has 25 New Members in 2004 (so far!)

Please welcome the members who joined us this year:

Atlantic City Technical Center: Nancy Mathews

Eastern Region: Susan Daly, and Lisa Strushensky

Great Lakes Region: Tracy Alfaro, Carol Read, and Okeyla Welch

Aeronautical Center: Calvinara Christenbury, and Rhonda Tharp

Southwest Region: Laura Mata, and James Owens

Headquarters: Marseta Dill, Ann Graham, Brandy Ingargiola, Myrna Jones, Susan Parson, and Linda Suppan

Western Pacific Region: William Alcala, Patricia Beshures, Elaine Brock, Mona Fiddes, Diane Flogerzi, Paul Foster, M. Kathleen Gustafson, Dina Jimenez, and Karen Peters

## In the Holiday Season...

The election is behind us and we are preparing for the holidays coming up. We are busy with our shopping, baking, and visiting with family & friends. However, I would like to take a moment to thank all of those, including many of our members, who have served in the military to protect our freedom. I'll be thinking of those who are on active duty now, especially those who are serving in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

If you would like to cheer up one of our active duty soldiers, sailors, airmen, or marines; check out the following website to be connected to someone who is serving overseas. <http://soldiersangels.homestead.com>. They would love to receive mail and care packages from someone back home.

Have a great holiday ... And a Happy New Year! - Editor



*Soldiers' Angels*  
"May No Soldier Go Unloved"



Did you ever dream of being a pilot, an engineer, a teacher?  
If you are still striving to achieve your goals through education, TWO can help.

Four scholarships for TWO members up to \$500 each.

One scholarship for a non-member, sponsored by a TWO member, up to \$500.

Applications available on the TWO website:  
**two.faa.gov**

Or contact your regional representative for more information.

**Give yourself the gift of a lifetime!**

Applications due March 25, 2005



If one does not know to which  
port one is sailing, no wind is  
favorable. - Seneca



## TWO Member in the News:

Denise Knight was recently selected as the Manager for the Mid-States Operations Control Center (MOCC) in Kansas. She joined the FAA in 1990 after serving as an electronics technician in the Navy. Denise worked as a technician in the Radar and Communications fields in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Dallas/ Ft. Worth TRACON before moving to Stockton, California. In California, she moved up from technician to coordinator to supervisor of the Sacramento Radar/NavAids/ Communications Unit. Denise has been the Manager for Technical Support at the Sierra Nevada SMO for the past 3 years.

Denise says the support of supervisors and managers has been instrumental in her career success, and she hopes to provide guidance and mentoring to others as they progress in their careers.

Denise has been a member of TWO for four years, and she is looking forward to supporting the TWO conference when it is held in Kansas City in 2006. The time she has spent in California has been very rewarding, but she is looking forward to moving back among her family and friends.



**TWO Conference**  
*Albuquerque, New Mexico*  
**June 20-24, 2005**  
*"Ascension Towards Success . . ."*

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Sheraton Old Town (event hotel)

[www.buynewmexico.com/heritagehotels/sheraton/sheraton\\_home.html](http://www.buynewmexico.com/heritagehotels/sheraton/sheraton_home.html)

Albuquerque Convention & Visitors' Bureau  
[www.itsatrip.org](http://www.itsatrip.org)

New Mexico Visitors' Guide  
[www.newmexico.org](http://www.newmexico.org)

*See you in  
Albuquerque!*



Natural History Museum  
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Board members and the Eclipse 500—Factory Tour. CEO Vern Raburn is a conference speaker!

Atomic Museum with Sheraton Old Town in background  
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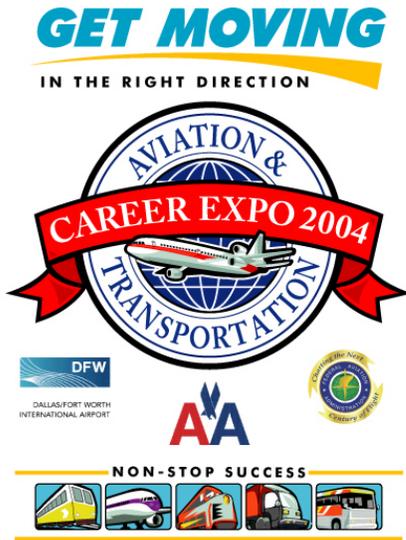


Conference committee members at Old Town entrance: Mary Ann, Beverly, Trish, and Laura.  
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# Dallas / Fort Worth Career Expo



## SCHOOLS

Join us in this career awareness event. It's an opportunity to help students learn more about aviation and transportation in their community, and it ensures that students will know how to pursue these career fields.



TWO is involved!

**Date: December 16, 2004**

**Location: DFW Airport**

Check registration form for time slots.

*Government/Industry/Education Partnerships Helping Students Prepare for 21st Century Careers*

**FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

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## Training Classes on the Web!

By Monica Colunga, Southwest Region

I am a relatively new FAA employee, having come to the agency this year. Since beginning my employment with the FAA I have completed one Skill Soft course, *Getting the Most from Business Documents*, and am currently enrolled in *The Role of Critical Thinking in Organizations*.

This is not my first experience with Skill Soft. While employed with the IRS I took Skill Soft courses that I highly recommend (*Partnering with your Boss*, *Communication with Power and Confidence*, *Effective Team Building Strategies*). When I first accessed Skill Soft as a new FAA employee I was glad to see that Skill Soft courses taken at the IRS were the same as those with this agency. This is a positive to those employees that may change agencies.



Signing on as a new user is easy. Access the website <http://www.faa-elearn.faa.gov/skillport> and click on the banner that asks if you're ready to begin to learn. Then fill out the registration form. You will have to provide information about

your agency and supervisor as well as your own personal data. Your supervisor's approval is necessary in order to participate.

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*Jumping at several small opportunities may get us there more quickly than waiting for one big one to come along. - Hugh Allen*

For the specialists in the field, the maintenance moratorium may be an ideal time to take a class or two. Although the time away from the equipment is an opportunity to catch up on modification paperwork, Facility Reference Data Files, and parts ordering, check with your supervisor about taking a few hours to complete a course.

If you take a course and want to send comments, please send them to [laura.helm@faa.gov](mailto:laura.helm@faa.gov) for publishing in a future issue of the Circuit. - Editor

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While working at the IRS, I realized there weren't many training opportunities. I chose to take the Skill Soft courses that were available. I selected courses that would not only help me in my daily job but would help advance my career

as well. You just can't beat the large selection of courses to choose from. The classes offered aren't run of the mill but interesting and applicable for today's employees. Classes that build practical skills included courses in teambuilding, communication, and one that I look forward to taking next, *Leadership Skills for Women: The Secrets of Female Leadership*.

Some of the material was obvious or basic but other times it was very applicable or offered a new and innovative strategy for the workplace. Often the course can be just as beneficial at home, especially if it's a communication-related course.

What I liked and found rewarding with Skill Soft is the course completion certificate Skill Soft offers upon successful completion of the course. Benefits to having a completion certificate are that you can submit them to your FAA training officer for inclusion to your training history. The website is very user friendly and keeps track of the courses and scores you received (this page can be printed out as a reference to keep track of taken courses).

On the average the courses are expected to take 3-5 hours. Of course it depends on how much time you can spend in one sitting. Careful time management is necessary to incorporate course work along with daily work. This is why I like the option to bookmark, leave, and return later. In this way you can pace yourself. I like the audio feature that reads the material to you, or you can turn this function off. Taking Skill Soft at your work computer can be difficult if the environment has a lot of distractions. I would recommend taking the course in a designated classroom or other quiet location if the option exists.

My experience has been very positive with Skill Soft. The wide range of courses available makes it easy to learn new skills that can help you now or later in your career. Enjoy your learning!

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*"Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity."*

*Oprah Winfrey*

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## *TWO Mission*

*To increase the number of qualified women in technical fields and to maximize the contributions of technical women in the Federal Aviation Administration.*

## *TWO Vision*

*Technical women within the FAA utilize our organization as a powerful courageous voice for change. Our technical expertise and leadership skills contribute to the overall effectiveness of the FAA mission. By providing a supportive community for all FAA employees and promoting diversity, we shape the FAA of tomorrow.*

## **Calendar Items**

**See the TWO Website for more information.**

### **November**

**Native American Heritage Month (NAAN)**

**11 Veteran's Day**

**25 Thanksgiving Day**

### **December**

**Hanukkah**

**Christmas Day**

**Kwanzaa**

### **January**

**New Year's Day**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**We're On The Web!**  
<http://two.faa.gov>



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## **Circuit Committee Looking for New Members!**

If you would like to be part of TWO's Newsletter "The Circuit", you can join the Circuit Committee. As a committee member, you may contribute articles, stories, or poems; interview members and other persons of interest for profiles; and provide photos to accompany articles. You may also assist in editing tasks to make the newsletter the best it can be. Also, having Circuit Committee members from around the country who work in different fields helps to make a more rounded newsletter, with information that is interesting to our diverse membership.

Even if you don't join the committee, please feel free to send contributions for publishing.

If you would like to participate, please contact the Editor, Laura Helm, by email, [laura.helm@faa.gov](mailto:laura.helm@faa.gov).  
Your assistance is appreciated!