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Northwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (NWAAAE) Board Elects John Parrott President

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) -- Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) is pleased to announce that ANC Manager John Parrott, A.A.E., is the newly elected President of the Board of The Northwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (NWAAAE). Fairbanks International Airport Manager Jesse VanderZanden has also joined the NWAAAE board.

The NWAAAE is composed of airports throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada and works on issues of common concern such as unfunded mandates, increasing regulations, and how to remain competitive in a changing marketplace.

"This is a great honor," said Parrott. "I look forward to working closely with the Board to find solutions to common challenges and position our industry for the next generation of travelers."

Parrott has been a board member with NWAAAE since 2009 and has previously served as the NWAAAE's Secretary/Treasurer and First Vice President. In addition, he is the Past President of the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska, is an Ex Officio Advisor to the Visit Anchorage Board of Directors, is an Ex Officio Member of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, and serves on the University of Alaska Anchorage College of Business and Public Policy Advisory Board.

A retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and instructor pilot, Parrott has worked for the State of Alaska at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport for the last 15 years and is currently the Airport Manager. He holds a master's degree in Aeronautical Sciences from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has held the title of Accredited Airport Executive from the American Association of Airport Executives since 2007.

The Alaska International Airport System (AIAS) - comprised of Ted Stevens Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports - is home to over 30 international and domestic

airlines providing passenger and cargo service throughout Alaska, the United States, Europe, and Asia. AIAS is an extraordinary economic engine; serving nearly 6 million passengers per year and accounting for 1 in 10 jobs in Anchorage and 1 in 20 jobs in Fairbanks. The purpose of AIAS is "To Keep Alaska Flying and Thriving."

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities oversees 254 airports, 11 ferries serving 35 communities, 5,619 miles of highway and 720 public facilities throughout the state of Alaska. The mission of the department is to *Keep Alaska Moving* through service and infrastructure.