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FERNS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
NEW HAMPSHIRE AERONAUTICS DIRECTOR WILL HEAD
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AVIATION OFFICIALS

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces that NHDOT Director of Aeronautics Jack W. Ferns has been elected 2002 Chairman of the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO). The election took place at the annual NASAO conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Founded in 1931 and based in Washington, D.C., NASAO is one of the most senior aviation organizations in the United States, representing state government agencies in all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and Guam.

Prior to his appointment as Aviation Director in 1996, Jack Ferns served as an aviation planner for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for two years. He was previously owner and chief pilot of Ferns Flying Service, Inc. in Concord for more than 20 years.

In addition to his state responsibilities, Ferns serves on the boards of a number of organizations, including as past president of the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society.