

Strategic Planning

Members of the ACC Staff, Board of Directors, and ACC Strategic Planning Committee met in Orlando, Florida on January 25 – 27, 2009 to discuss a “Vision of Success” for the organization. The attendees worked hard to develop action items that will increase the value of ACC membership.



Bruce Withrow with Meeting Facilitators International (second from left) helped organize the Strategic Planning Retreat in Orlando, Florida with the ACC Board of Directors and ACC Staff.

Capitol Hill Fly-in

ACC Vice President T.J. Schulz and members of ACC’s Legislative Committee held a successful Capitol Hill fly-in on March 19, 2009 to advocate for passage of an FAA reauthorization bill this year and application of QBS to PFC-funded projects.



(Left to right) ACC Vice President T.J. Schulz; Carlos Maeda, PBS&J, ACC Legislative Committee Vice Chair; Dale Wilde, Hoyle Tanner & Associates, ACC Legislative Committee Chair; and Todd Knuckey, Hanson Professional Systems.

ACC Coordinates with USTDA

ACC President Paula Hochstetler; ACC Vice President T.J. Schulz; and Alex Van Groenewoud, Hatch Mott MacDonald, ACC Globalization and International Affairs Committee Chair met with key representatives of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) to discuss and identify initiatives for the organizations to facilitate international business opportunities for ACC firms.



Visions Receives SMPS Award

ACC President Paula Hochstetler attended the 2009 Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) Awards Gala & Charity Auction in Dallas, Texas where ACC’s Visions brochure, developed to commemorate ACC’s 30th Anniversary, received the SMPS Annual Marketing Communications Award.



In Memory



Ronald E. Rowan

RONALD E. ROWAN, a former Chair of ACC's Board of Directors and former President of Ralph Burke & Associated, a Chicago-based consulting firm, passed away on February 2, 2009 as a result of complications associated with an accident at his home.

During his tenure as ACC's Board Chair in 1994, Rowan established a closer working relationship between ACC and the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) and invited ACI-NA Board Chair Louis Miller to an ACC board meeting to discuss the impending passage of the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program and other matters of mutual interest.

Among his favorite airport projects were Chicago O'Hare, Keflavik (Iceland), Norfolk (VA) and China, where he collaborated closely with ACC member firm Henry Shriver & Associates. Ron's former colleagues remember his desire to make his work fun and his ability to inspire and teach the next generation of airport planners, engineers and architects, a sentiment shared by Bill Richardson, Principal Airports Planner of Jacobs Aviation: "[Ron] was always a mentor, an advisor, and a true friend." Rowan was 73 years old and is survived by his wife Marilyn and three children. In the words of former ACC board member Robin Lee Monroe, "He will be sorely missed by his 'family' at ACC and throughout the airport industry."

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