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Ron Larsen receives Airport Manager of the Year Award

ASTORIA, OR – At a regional conference for the Oregon Airport Management Association, Ron Larsen retiring airport manager for the Port of Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton, accepted the award for the 2008 Airport Manager of the Year. Ron has worked with the Port of Astoria since 1991, serving as airport manager, and interim executive director as needed, during that time. Prior to joining the Port of Astoria, Ron served with the U. S. Coast Guard for 17 years after spending 6 years in the United States Marine Corps. Ron is a licensed pilot and has been a member of the OAMA since joining the Port of Astoria.

As airport manager, Ron has been responsible for all airport operations as well as oversight of the Port of Astoria airport property tenants. He will be retiring from the Port on December 31 of this year. When asked about the award, Ron replied. “This is wonderful recognition. I am extremely pleased to receive the award. Any such recognition from your peers is always meaningful.”

The wording on Ron’s award lends extra significance to his achievements. It reads: “In recognition of his extraordinary management and multi-faceted role at the Port of Astoria; managing operations, managing the airport and properties, in 2008 acting as the interim director for the Port of Astoria, for his success in obtaining grants to fund commercial air service to Astoria, and for his long-time participation and support of OAMA.”

OAMA’s mission is to provide leadership, direction, and education on aviation issues in the State of Oregon. Those duties include the welfare of the citizens of the State of Oregon which are of concern to/ the responsibility of, airport management and/ or those in the field of aviation; as well as the promotion and recognition of the importance of airport management's responsibility and the value and benefits of adequate aviation facilities; and to advance the professional skills of those involved in the administration and development of the aviation field, among other activities.

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