

# Aviation Legislative Forum Panel



## Richard J. Doubrava, Vice President, Government Affairs

Richard J. Doubrava, vice president, government affairs for the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), is responsible for developing and representing NBAA's legislative and regulatory positions before Congress and executive agencies. Prior to joining NBAA in 2004, Doubrava was a senior associate with the DC-based federal affairs consulting firm, Carmen Group, Inc., advising clients on aviation and homeland security issues. During his extensive career in aviation and aviation security arenas, he has previously served in senior government relations and regulatory affairs positions with Delta Air Lines in both Washington, DC, and Atlanta, GA, as well as with Airlines for America (A4A), the DC-based airline trade association.



## Scott Verstandig, Senior Director of Legislative Affairs

Scott is responsible for representing AOPA's legislative positions in both the House and Senate. Prior to joining AOPA in 2009, Scott spent 8 years as a political appointee at the U.S. Department of Energy during President George W. Bush's Administration. From 2003 – 2009, Scott was the Senior Policy Advisor to the Director of the Office of Legacy Management. From 2001-2003, Scott served as the Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Worker and Community Transition. Before joining the Bush Administration, Scott worked on the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee's Aviation Subcommittee from 1994 to 2001.

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## Rebecca Mulholland, Director of Legislative Affairs

Rebecca is responsible for development and managing of key relationships with Capitol Hill staff to support current issues facing the aviation business community. She tracks legislative issues and developments to serve as advocate for member companies on behalf of the association in addition to writing legislative reports, press releases, association news articles and policy papers. She is a registered lobbyist, responsible for filing quarterly (LD-2) and bi-annual (LD-203) contribution reports on behalf of the association in accordance with Honest Leadership and Open Government Act.



## **Sean Elliott Vice President, Advocacy and Safety**

Sean joined the EAA Staff in April of 1996. After 4 years of serving as the Executive Director and President for EAA's affiliate, the National Association of Flight Instructors, Sean took over EAA's Aircraft Operations and Air Tours in 2000. As the head of EAA Aircraft Operations, Sean is responsible for the development and implementation of pilot training and standardization in some of the most rare and challenging aircraft to fly. In addition, the aircraft maintenance department reports to him and handles the significant challenges of maintaining the fleet. Oversight of a national B-17 tour, national Ford Tri-Motor(s) tour, and the annual carriage of over 18,000 passengers are all part of what EAA accomplishes with its very special fleet of aircraft and is a significant part of Sean's duties at EAA.

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On the Government Advocacy side, Sean has been Vice President of Advocacy and Safety since December of 2010. With this responsibility, he manages EAA's government affairs offices at both EAA headquarters and in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for reviewing and analyzing government policy on the federal, state, and local levels that affect recreational aviation, as well as advocacy for EAA members and private individuals who build and fly aircraft for recreation.

Sean is a pilot and instructor in most of EAA's vintage and experimental fleet. He is qualified in many different types of vintage aircraft including: 1929 Ford 4-AT-E Tri-Motor, 1929 Travel Air E-4000, PT-17 Stearman, 1937 Waco YKS-7, 1930 Pitcairn Mailwing, 1930 Consolidated PT-3, 1927 Ryan NYP "Spirit of St Louis Replica", 1935 Stinson SR-9, 1930 Stinson SM-8A, 1930 D-25 New Standard, 1927 Curtis Swallow, 1932 Waco UEC, North American T-6, Socata TBM 700, Douglas DC-3 (type rated), Boeing B-17 (type rated), and N-P64 (Experimental Authorization). Sean's credentials include holding an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate, FAA Designated Pilot Examiner (SAE), over 8300 hours of Pilot in Command time, and over 5500 hours of dual instruction given. He holds CFI, CFII, CFMEI, Gold Seal, AGI, and IGI.