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Airport Manager Named Chair of Iowa Public Airports Association

DUBUQUE, Iowa - The Iowa Public Airports Association (IPAA) Board of Directors has elected Dubuque Regional Airport Manager Robert Grierson to serve as the board's chairman. Grierson has been a member of the IPAA since 2006 and will begin his appointment at the 2008 Federal Aviation Association's (FAA) Aviation Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 16-17.

Founded in 1984, the IPAA is an extension of the Iowa Airport Executives Association and works to provide information and represent the interests of publicly owned airports in Iowa. IPAA membership is open to any individual or corporation with an interest in aviation in Iowa. In the 20 years since its inception, the IPAA has worked closely with the Federal Aviation Administration, Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), and sponsors the annual Iowa Aviation Conference.

Grierson has served as the Dubuque Regional Airport manager since July of 2006. He holds a master of public administration degree from Northern Illinois University and a bachelor's degree in public administration from Eastern Illinois University. Grierson is also an Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) by the American Association of Airport Executives and serves on the air service committee, small commercial service airport committee, and the military relations committee. He is also an active helicopter and airplane pilot.

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