

Global Voice of Pilots 2025 Election Results

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The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) has successfully concluded its 79th Annual Conference, with special thanks to ALPA Korea for their exceptional hosting of the event in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

One Association was voted into Membership by Conference. The Federation welcomes the Kuwait Pilots' Association.

Captain Ron Hay of the United States has been confirmed IFALPA's new president, "I am honored to be elected by my peers to lead this Federation. IFALPA represents an extraordinary network of pilot unions and associations, and it is this very network that forms the backbone of our strength."

IFALPA bids farewell to several longstanding volunteers with deep gratitude for their service to the global piloting community. Their commitment to ensuring the highest level of aviation safety and the wellbeing of both pilots and passengers worldwide has been exceptional. Thank you for your commitment.

IFALPA also welcomes all new and returning officers. To all returning officers, thank you for your continued leadership and dedication. We look forward to achieving even greater success together. A special welcome to all new officers, the Federation will benefit from your fresh perspective.

2025 Election Results:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

President – Cpt Ron Hay, United States

Deputy President – Cpt Akseli Meskanen, Finland

EVP Administration, Membership, & Finance (AMF) – Cpt Omar Gabriel Garcia, Mexico

EVP Technical & Safety Standards (TSS) – F/O Stacey Jackson, Canada

EVP Professional & Government Affairs (PGA) – Cpt Kevin Judkins, United Kingdom

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENTS (REGION)

EVP Asia & Pacific (APAC) – Cpt Jaffar Hassan, Singapore

EVP South America (SAM) – Cpt Daniel Bianco, Argentina
EVP Africa/Middle East (AFI/MID) – Cpt Rola Hoteit, Lebanon
EVP Caribbean & North America (CAR/NAM) – Cpt John Sluys, United States
EVP Europe (EUR) – Cpt Paul Reuter, Luxembourg

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS - Africa & Middle East (AFI/MID)

AFI/South – Cpt Carl Bollweg, South Africa
AFI/West – Cpt Jules Joseph Faye, Senegal
AFI/North – Cpt Karim Elloumi, Tunisia
AFI/East – Cpt Joseph Migwi, Kenya
MID/East – Cpt Jawad El Ayache, Lebanon
MID/West – Cpt Hagay Meyer, Israel

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS - Asia & Pacific (APAC)

Asia East – Cpt Nickolas Lagouros, Singapore
SOP – Cpt Louise Pole, Australia
Asia/West – Cpt Shavantha Pedris, Sri Lanka
NOP – Cpt Lee ChoongSub, South Korea
US/CEP – Cpt Bill Bartels, USA

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS - Caribbean & North American (CAR/NAM)

CAR/East – Cpt Erich (Chris) Witt, Cayman Islands
CAR/West – Cpt Francisco E. Gomez-Ortigoza, Mexico
CAN/Arctic – Cpt Steven Bard, Canada
NAT – Cpt Kathi Hurst, United States
US/CEP – Cpt Bill Bartels, USA

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS - South America (SAM)

SAM/North – Cpt Oscar Ugarte-Salinas, Peru
SAM/South – Cpt Sebastian Olivera-Jimenez, Argentina

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Analysis & Prevention (AAP) – Cpt Jean-Félix Barral, France
Aircraft Design & Operation (ADO) – Cpt Nikolaus Braun, Germany
Aerodrome & Ground Environment (AGE) – Cpt Jeffrey Sedin, United States
Air Traffic Services (ATS) – Cpt Paul Vissers, Italy
Dangerous Goods (DG) – Cpt Timo Lempiäinen, Finland
Helicopter (HEL) – Cpt Matthew Nielsen, Australia
Human Performance (HUPER) – Cpt David Fielding, United Kingdom
Legal (LEG) – Cpt James Ball, Canada

Professional & Government Affairs (PGA) – Cpt Arthur Haakonsen, Norway
Security (SEC) – F/O Jeroen Kruse, Netherlands

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

Jay Wells, United States

OUTGOING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President – Cpt Amornvaj (Ben) Mansumitchai, Thailand
EVP AMF – Cpt Wouter Houben, Netherlands

OUTGOING REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

RVP SAM South - Cpt Marcelo Ceriotti, Brazil

OUTGOING STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

HUPER - Cpt Tanja Harter, Germany

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Note to Editors:

The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents more than 145,000 pilots in 75 countries. The mission of IFALPA is to promote the highest level of aviation safety worldwide and to be the global advocate of the piloting profession, providing representation, services, and support to both our members and the aviation industry.

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