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PAMA, NBAA, and AMTSociety Agree to Join Their Efforts in Advancing the Industry

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In a focused effort to continue to enhance and grow the aviation maintenance professional, a meeting was held on April 6th between members of the AMTSociety, National Business Aircraft Association (NBAA) Maintenance Committee, and the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association (PAMA).

With a spirit of camaraderie never before seen in our maintenance industry, all parties agreed to move forward in a positive and proactive manner in order to show a united front to our members and colleagues and take command of our industry.

Brad Townsend, current Chairman of the NBAA Maintenance Committee, stated:

“We have been talking about opportunities for awhile. We acted on it during the NBAA Maintenance Managers Conference this year just held in San Diego. Coincidentally this year’s theme was “Building a Community of Leaders”. Choosing to act on that spirit, we made a simple but elegant commitment to build a community of partnership benefiting individual brother and sister aviation maintenance professionals around the globe as well as those we have pledged to serve.”

The organizations have agreed to align efforts on common interests for the betterment of aviation technicians throughout the industry.

Tom Hendershot, Executive Director of AMTSociety, stated:

“At the Maintenance Management Conference we agreed to collaborate on issues related to aviation maintenance including regulatory concerns, National AMT Day and the education of technicians. This initiative puts together, for the first time, a prominent force dedicated to promoting the aircraft technician and professionalism within the ranks. As we move forward together with these initiatives, each organization will maintain their own autonomy and mission while partnering on issues of mutual interest.”

Clark Gordon, PAMA Chairman stated:

“It is incumbent as industry leaders for us to work as one to further the acknowledgement of the aviation maintenance professional.”

Dale Forton, PAMA President stated:

“As our economy continues to grow the demand for well trained maintenance professionals will be in the forefront of each organization. Working together will ensure the proper recognition and economic growth of our individual members.”

All three groups plan to hold regular meetings together to build on this momentum and work through selected common causes that will unite the global aviation maintenance community.

About AMTSociety:

AMTSociety's mission is to actively promote and protect the professional aircraft maintenance technician's craft and profession, enhance the future of the profession and to provide resources and benefits to its members. Individual self-improvement, technological advancement, safety enhancements, and maintenance human factors training are available through membership, annual Maintenance Skills Competition, and access to IA renewal seminars and industry scholarships. For more information, visit www.AMTSociety.org.

About the NBAA Maintenance Committee:

The Maintenance Committee's purpose is to address the high level strategic issues pertinent to the maintenance operations of NBAA Member Companies. Issues are examined and deemed applicable if they affect or will affect the majority of Member Companies. The Committee uses as its primary source the input from the Committee members, the Technical Committee, Safety Committee, Board of Directors and the Membership. The Committee has oversight of the Maintenance Management Conference and the Maintenance Scholarship Program.

About PAMA:

The purpose of PAMA, the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, is to promote a high degree of professionalism among aviation maintenance personnel, while improving methods, skills, learning, and achievement in the field of aviation maintenance. In addition to conducting national, state and local meetings and seminars, PAMA's ongoing activities include fostering communications, recognizing excellence and collaborating with governmental and other organizations to enhance the safety and stature of the maintenance profession. For more information, visit PAMA online at pama.org.

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