“FOR 90 YEARS, the Air Line Pilots Association, International has played a key role in bringing about almost every major safety enhancement in the aviation industry, working to ensure that air travel continues to be the safest mode of transportation. The more than 400 pilot representatives who compose ALPA’s Air Safety Organization (ASO) spearhead this effort through their commitment, knowledge, and experience.

These dedicated men and women make up the world’s largest nongovernmental aviation safety organization, offering unparalleled expertise in the fields of aviation safety, security, pilot assistance, and jumpseat. By engaging with government and industry stakeholders, they continue our efforts to ensure that U.S. and Canadian airspace and airports remain the benchmark for safety and security. My sincerest gratitude to them for carrying on this noble, life-saving legacy.”

—Capt. Joe DePete, ALPA President
ALPA ASO LEADERSHIP

NATIONAL SAFETY COORDINATOR
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Directs all ALPA activities related to Aviation Safety, Aviation Security, Pilot Assistance, and Aviation Jumpseat.

“I’m truly amazed by the selflessness our volunteers show in giving their time, experience, and expertise to ALPA’s ASO. Through their skills and dedication, the Association helps to make flying the safest form of travel in the world. This directory highlights ALPA pilot leaders who provide the power behind the ASO’s programs, projects, and initiatives.”

AVIATION JUMPSEAT CHAIR
CAPT. RICH ODBERT (FEDEX)
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Serves as advisor to the national safety coordinator on all matters of aviation jumpseat-related issues, prepares annual jumpseat budget, designates other jumpseat leadership positions, and serves as subject-matter expert to the Collective Bargaining Committee.

AVIATION JUMPSEAT VICE CHAIR
CAPT. BOB SPADEA (UNITED)
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ASO COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
(VACANT)
Integrates messaging and provides guidance for all ASO communications to advance ALPA’s strategic priorities and promotes Aviation Safety, Aviation Security, Pilot Assistance, and Aviation Jumpseat projects and initiatives.

TRAINING PROGRAMS COORDINATOR
F/O KEITH PHILLIPS (UNITED)
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Oversees all of the ASO training courses, including curriculum design.

AVIATION SAFETY STRUCTURE

AVIATION SAFETY CHAIR
CAPT. STEVE JANGELIS (DELTA)
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AVIATION SAFETY VICE CHAIR
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AVIATION SECURITY CHAIR
CAPT. WOLFGANG KOCH (DELTA)
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Serves as advisor to the national safety coordinator on all matters of aviation security, prepares the annual security budget, and designates other security leadership positions.

AVIATION SECURITY VICE CHAIR
CAPT. DARRIN DORN (ALASKA)
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PILOT ASSISTANCE CHAIR
F/O JOHN TAYLOR (UNITED)
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PILOT ASSISTANCE VICE CHAIR
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ACCIDENT ANALYSIS & PREVENTION GROUP CHAIR
F/O JEFF MEE (UNITED)
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Promotes operational understanding/awareness of organizational processes to ensure that the Association’s roles in accident and incident investigation activities contribute to the development of effective prevention strategies.

AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES GROUP CHAIR
CAPT. DOUG WILLEY (UNITED)
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Provides fundamental airspace user feedback by monitoring air traffic control operations and participating in the development and implementation of capacity enhancements.

AIRPORT & GROUND ENVIRONMENT GROUP CHAIR
CAPT. JEFF SEDIN (UNITED)
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Builds cooperative relationships with airport authorities, the FAA, and Transport Canada to share line-pilot concerns unique to specific airports, promotes airport certification requirements, and improves the understanding of airport operator challenges.

AIRCRAFT DESIGN/OPERATIONS GROUP CHAIR
F/O BRYAN LESKO (UNITED)
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Assists with development/testing of new aircraft and aircraft systems and the monitoring of aircraft airworthiness, performance, software development, and certification. Also includes ALPA efforts regarding unmanned aircraft systems.
AVIATION SAFETY COORDINATOR—
CANADA/SAFETY MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS GROUP CHAIR
CAPT. NICK SEESEMEL (JAZZ AVIATION)
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Serves as the focal point within the ASO safety structure for safety-related issues unique to Canadian operations. Also serves as ALPA subject-matter expert on safety management systems.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
GROUP CHAIR
CAPT. KATHI HURST (UNITED)
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Monitors environmental issues germane to the airline industry and promotes related policies/positions regarding aviation sustainability and environmental issues.

HUMAN FACTORS & TRAINING
GROUP CHAIR
CAPT. ROB THOMAS (UNITED)
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Provides knowledge/expertise to ensure that human factors considerations are carefully integrated in aircraft design/operations and monitors pilot training to evaluate pilot performance and reduce human error associated with airline operations.

SAFETY COUNCIL CHAIR
CAPT. TONY LOEKS (SUN COUNTRY)
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Promotes flight operations safety throughout the aviation industry by providing line-pilot input into safety decisions and oversees the Central Air Safety chairs of ALPA's pilot groups.

TRAINING COUNCIL CHAIR
F/O TODD LISAK (JETBLUE)
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Chairs meetings and coordinates activities of ALPA master executive council (MEC) Training Committee chairs.

PILOT ASSISTANCE STRUCTURE
AEROMEDICAL CHAIR
F/O ELLEN BRINKS (DELTA)
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Works with the ALPA Aeromedical Office and the FAA to address matters related to pilot health and well-being as well as medical certification standards.

CANADIAN PILOT ASSISTANCE CHAIR
CAPT. TOM O’TOOLE (JAZZ AVIATION)
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Oversees the program designed to provide confidential guidance and assistance to Canadian pilots having difficulty with any aspect of their professional/personal lives that may affect their job performance/professionalism.

CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE
PROGRAM (CIRP) CHAIR
CAPT. JOHN MCFADDEN (UNITED)
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Oversees the peer network tasked with addressing/reducing the stress reactions that accidents or incidents may have on pilots, accident investigators, and their families.

HUMAN INTERVENTION
MOTIVATION STUDY (HIMS) CHAIR
F/O CRAIG OHMSIEDER (SPIRIT)
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Manages the program that provides pilots and their families with information/resources regarding alcoholism and substance abuse/dependency.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS CHAIR
CAPT. TOM LETSON (DELTA)
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Administers peer conflict resolution protocol to protect/enhance the careers of ALPA pilots.

PILOT PEER SUPPORT
F/O CARRIE BRAUN (JETBLUE)
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Oversees the network of pilot volunteers who help fellow ALPA members deal with stress from any source—financial problems, family or relationship problems, or other work or personal issues—at any time, 24/7.

SECURITY COUNCIL CHAIR
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Promotes flight operations security throughout the aviation industry by providing line-pilot input into security issues and chairs meetings and coordinates activities of MEC Security Committee chairs/coordinates.

OTHER RELATED COMMITTEES
PRESIDENT’S COMMITTEE
FOR CARGO CHAIR
CAPT. RICH HUGHEY (FEDEX EXPRESS)
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Oversees efforts to identify/address the unique issues facing cargo pilots/operations.

PRESIDENT’S COMMITTEE
FOR REMOTE OPERATIONS CHAIR
CAPT. PETER BLACK (FIRST AIR)
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Oversees efforts to identify/address the unique challenges/issues facing professional pilots flying in or over the Arctic or similarly remote regions.

FLIGHT TIME/DUTY TIME COMMITTEE CHAIR
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Develops ALPA positions in matters concerning flight-time/duty-time regulations, scheduling systems, and science.