

Kenneth J. Hylander, Chairman, Board of Governors, Flight Safety Foundation



Kenneth J. Hylander serves as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Flight Safety Foundation. He is also an independent member of the Board of Directors of Monroe Energy in Trainer PA, an oil refinery subsidiary of Delta Air Lines. Hylander is the retired Senior Vice President - Corporate Safety, Security & Compliance of Delta Air Lines. In this role, he was responsible for management and performance of the airline's overall safety and security programs and served as the FAR 119.65 Director of Safety. He also chaired the 8 member Delta Connection Safety Alliance which worked towards a single level of safety in operations among the entire Delta Air Lines managed network. In addition to operational safety and security, he was also responsible for the carrier's Internal Evaluation Program, occupational safety program and environmental compliance and sustainability. Appointed to this role in October, 2008, as part of the Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines merger, he was responsible for merging the operating certificates of Delta and Northwest and representing Delta's safety, security and compliance interests with regulatory bodies worldwide.

Hylander was with Northwest Airlines in the role of Senior Vice President – Safety and Engineering, Chief Safety Officer prior to the Delta Air Lines merger. He joined Northwest in September, 1997 as the Vice President of Engineering. Prior to that, Hylander spent nearly 17 years at United Airlines where he held a variety of engineering, quality assurance, and operations management positions.

He has served as the chairman of the SkyTeam Alliance Safety, Security and Quality Functional Executive group where he oversaw the broad programs used by the airline alliance to ensure integrity in worldwide operations. He has been a member of the SAE's Aerospace Program Office and a senior advisor to the United States Air Force's Fleet Viability Board, a group which advised the secretary of the Air Force on its fleet maintenance and sustainability plans. He is the past chairman of the Airlines for America (A4A) Engineering, Maintenance and Material Council and a Safety Council member. He was also the past chair of the American Society for Quality's Aviation, Space and Defense Division.

Hylander graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He obtained a master's degree in business administration from California State University. He resides, with his wife in Savannah, Georgia, USA.