

CHANGES AT THE Speed of Flight



You are reading the second issue of *Aviation Safety World*. I sincerely hope that you like what you see, for I am very proud of the new format of Flight Safety Foundation's publication and of our staff who have done so much to make this change, the first in some 18 years. When we launched the inaugural issue of *Aviation Safety World* at a reception held in Washington last month, it was very well received, and I have been getting nothing but rave reviews since.

At the Washington reception, we announced other big news. After a career of more than 53 years in aviation, the past 12 of which have been at the helm of Flight Safety Foundation, it was announced that I will retire from my position as president and CEO later this year.

Named as my successor was William (Bill) R. Voss, a 30-year professional in aviation. Bill in 2004 left his management position at the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to serve with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal where, for the past two and a half years, he has been director of the Air Navigation Bureau. Prior to joining ICAO, Bill gained considerable experience serving for 23 years in a variety of senior positions with FAA. Forty-nine years of age, he holds a masters degree in public administration and a bachelor of science degree in aviation maintenance management.

In addition, he holds certificates as an airframe and powerplant mechanic, airline transport pilot (single- and multi-engine) and FAA control tower operator. He is also a qualified

flight instructor and ground instructor. Importantly, by virtue of his position with ICAO, he is also well known in international circles, where he has established an excellent reputation for his aviation safety work.

From this, you will see that Bill is extremely well qualified to move into the captain's seat at the beginning of October. I will work with him to effect a smooth transition. Further, I expect to continue to be involved with Flight Safety Foundation and its activities for some time to come. More details will be announced in due course. Meanwhile, I know that you will join me in welcoming Bill and wishing him well in his new assignment.

So you can see that there are big changes going on at Flight Safety Foundation, a unique organization. For nearly 60 years, it has been in the forefront of promoting aviation safety improvements and, over the years, has been credited with numerous safety initiatives, many of which are now taken for granted. Today, its position is firmly established and it is on a sound financial footing.

All of us at the Foundation now look forward to beginning a new chapter that will start us on the way to even greater heights, further improving aviation safety and benefiting all who fly.

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