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## Northrop Grumman Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon Sponsor Appreciation Visit

Defense Council Chair Tom Grayson and Chamber Executive Vice President/Chief Military Affairs Rene Simard presented Northrop Grumman (NG) leaders with a plaque for their generous and sustained sponsorship of the annual Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon. ■

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN**



L to R: Jamie Koritza, Christina Thomas, Joe Ahn, and Roger Vincent with Northrop Grumman NG, Tom Grayson, Pablo Pezzimenti, NG Vice President INS-BU, Rene Simard, and Michael Kehr with NG.

To see upcoming Chamber meetings as well as Chamber member events – go to the calendar!

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## Where Are We Headed?

On February 23, 2022 members of The Chamber Board, committee chairs, and Chamber staff gathered for a half day retreat. Attendees participated in a variety of team building and collaboration exercises, and it felt so good to be face-to-face in a business and social environment with such great people. I was very impressed with the sincerity of those attending, and how passionately they shared their thoughts and ideas. Witnessing the groups' interactions makes it easy to see why The Chamber is such a vibrant and successful organization.

Answering the question, "Where are we headed?" no matter the perspective, is challenging and requires us to step outside of our comfort zone, trust our instincts, and



**Chad Nielsen**  
Chair  
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bravely share our thoughts and ideas. I'm happy to say the group was up for the task!

Following are some highlights from our facilitator, Jim Bernsten:

"Clearly people want to grow the membership and resources of The Chamber. They also are interested in more diversity on the board. In addition, connecting large and small businesses ranked high in the voting, as did connecting the board and committees. I think there are

ways (you've likely thought of) to incorporate these elements going forward by:

- Targeting emerging (and existing sectors) of businesses, large and small
- Targeting women and minority owned businesses for committee participation (and board representation)
- Sponsoring large biz/small biz vendor connect events

The discussions surrounding The Chamber's role in workforce development and economic development were rich and interesting. My challenge is for the board, chairs, and staff to work together to refine their thoughts on The Chamber's role in both workforce and economic development; and carve out a unique and valuable niche for The Chamber that will compliment, not replicate, other community efforts in both areas.

On the diversity front, in a community like Aurora that is rich with diversity, continuing to strive to expand the diversity of Chamber membership is beneficial for the business community and the community-at-large.

My sincere thanks to all who attended, and to our facilitator Jim Bernsten.

As a final note, I ask you, as members of The Chamber, do you have any thoughts on the future of The Chamber that you would like to share? If so, please contact [Mitzi.Schindler@aurorachamber.org](mailto:Mitzi.Schindler@aurorachamber.org). ■

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The mission of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce is to give a voice to the business community and serve as an advocate for its members, creating a positive business environment that encourages their growth and long-term economic vitality

# Chamber Committees

## An Inside Look

### ARTS + BUSINESS CONNECTION

#### Meow Wolf Denver: Through the Eyes of Three Local Artists

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

By Reneé Leon, Arts + Business Connection Chair

On Tuesday, January 11, 2022, the Arts + Business Connection committee heard from three local artists with installations at the new Meow Wolf Denver, a four-story art exhibition that is home to 70+ unique installations, rooms, and portals offering immersive, mind-bending art and an underlying narrative of discovery into a surreal, science-fiction epic.

Viviane le Courtois, artist and program manager of the Open Studio/Gallery at Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA), David Farquharson, artist and owner of Farhorizon Studio, and David Ocelotl Garcia, public artist, each talked about the concept for their art, how they pitched it, how the install may have changed throughout the experience, and what the impact of the experience has been on them as artists.



*Parasites and Epiphytes*

Le Courtois began by introducing her concept, titled *Parasites and Epiphytes*, which revolves around frogs, fungus, and stalactites, and the parasitic invasion of the Chytrid Fungus in frogs. She says that all her work is inspired by nature and life with environmental and social implications. And, because most of the other installations were using an array of colors, Le Courtois chose to work in white, using porcelain and white wool.

Farquharson's colorful and interactive lighting installation, *You Changed My Mind*, simulates interactive, illuminated brain-like synapses. The room is covered with angled mirrors to create an infinite immersive feeling like you are traveling through someone's brain. Visitors can randomly change the arm pathway colors by triggering a proximity detector when they get close.

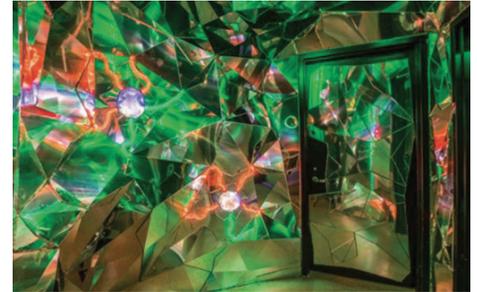
Ocelotl Garcia drew his inspiration for *Earth Spirits* from his passion for creating artwork that explores the energy and relationship between all living things. He does this through a technique he developed call "Abstract Imaginism" or AI, which combines



*Earth Spirits*

the spontaneity and unpredictability of abstraction with the creativity and perception of imagination. His installation represents his Native Mexican heritage in honor of his ancestors, both human and animal. He also incorporated corn, as it represents sustenance, balance, strength, community and creativity for his people.

Some of the practical, business, and non-artistic aspects that all the artists had to work with included documenting every step of the process (material, hardware and adhesive, etc.), safety trainings, detailed approval processes, having to adapt their work using fire resistant materials, and of course, following COVID protocols and OSHA safety for working in a construction zone during the actual installations.



*You Changed My Mind*

Overall, all three artists expressed that they are happy with the results, and that they each learned so much throughout the process.

### A Decade of Cultural Growth – Gone

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

By Reneé Leon, Arts + Business Connection Chair



Meredith Badler

Meredith Badler, deputy director of the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) shared the latest Economic Activity Study of Metro Denver Culture, which

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## 2019 Snapshot



### Economic Activity

2019 +  
\$2.3 billion  
17% increase from 2017

### Jobs

2019 +  
13,392 jobs  
13% increase from 2017

### Giving to the Arts

2019 +  
\$213 million  
17% increase from 2017

### Economic Impact

2019 +  
\$860 million  
50% increase from 2017

### Attendance

2019 +  
15 million people  
1% increase from 2017

### Education Outreach

2019 +  
4 million children  
1% increase from 2017

## 2020 Snapshot



### Economic Activity

2020 -  
\$1.5 billion  
34% decrease from 2019

### Jobs

2020 -  
9,688 jobs  
28% decrease from 2019

### Giving to the Arts

2020 +  
\$225 million  
5.5% increase from 2019

### Economic Impact

2020 -  
\$435 million  
49% decrease from 2019

### Attendance

2020 -  
8 million people  
49% decrease from 2019

### Education Outreach

2020 -  
2 million children  
46% decrease from 2019

was released November 2021. The study quantifies the financial and social importance of arts and cultural nonprofits in the metro area. It is important to note that the data is sourced directly from 300 Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) cultural art and nonprofit organizations in 7 counties in Colorado. This data does not include higher education, for profit organizations, and independent artists.

Badler painted a very complete picture of how creative industries were devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic after breaking records in 2019:

- 2019** - Arts generated \$2.3 billion, up 17% from 2017
  - provided 13,392 jobs
  - 15 million people in attendance

- 2020** - lost a decade of growth; saw revenue drop to amounts seen in 2008-2010
  - jobs dropped to 9,688
  - 8 million people in attendance (most in Jan-March and outdoor events)

Although the creative industries were negatively impacted, Badler highlighted that during the pandemic there was investments in new facilities, renovations, and capital campaigns that boosted the overall economic activity and impact. Another encouraging fact she shared was that Individual giving and government grants both increased significantly in 2020.

An important fact derived from the data is that for every cultural arts ticket purchased, another \$20 to \$40 of indirect spending occurs. The more we support and promote the arts, the more economic activity we create for Colorado!

## TRANSPORTATION

### RTD and DRCOG

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

By Tim Harris, Transportation Committee Chair



The Chamber's Transportation committee kicked off 2022 with presentations from the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) Assistant General Manager of Planning Bill Van Meter, and Director of Transportation Planning

& Operations for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Ron Papsdorf. Van Meter reported that RTD's weekday

ridership is still 50 percent lower than pre-COVID levels, so the organization continues to adjust service schedules. They are also dealing with predictions that ridership will permanently be 20 percent lower than pre-pandemic levels; the reality of operator shortages; and the realization that transit needs to be less reliant on fare revenues.

At the time of this presentation, RTD had recently adopted their 2021-26 Strategic Plan to measure performance and inform business plan decisions. They are also conducting a "Re-Imagine RTD" study to identify long-term strategies (now until 2050) to address the region's future mobility needs. Current major initiatives for RTD include developing a Northwest Rail Peak Service Plan with Front Range Passenger Rail Commission, Colfax Bus Rapid Transit with the City & County of Denver, and a system-wide fare study and equity analysis.

Papsdorf began his presentation by clarifying that DRCOG is the planning organization for local governments to collaborate in the areas of transportation, growth and development, and aging and disability services. DRCOG develops planning documents and programs to maintain eligibility for and manage the allocation of federal funding in the region.

Papsdorf shared that one of the major projects DRCOG is currently working on is updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by October 1, 2022, to ensure compliance with Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction targets. This process is in collaboration with CDOT's update of its 10-Year Plan and requires close coordination with the DRCOG Board, committees, and multiple stakeholders.

DRCOG is also updating the '22-'25 Transportation improvement Program (TIP). The recently passed federal legislation created some new programs and increased available funding by about 25 percent.

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, AND ENERGY

### Legislators' Breakfast

**Monday, January 10, 2022**

The Colorado State Legislators' pre-session breakfast was hosted by the Community College of Aurora (CCA). CCA's President Dr. Mordecai Brownlee welcomed and thanked The Chamber's Government Affairs Committee members for attending.

Congressman Jason Crow (6th Congressional District) addressed the group and talked about the important work ahead for the state legislators. Senator Janet Buckner (SD 28), Senator Rhonda Fields (SD 29), Representative Mike Weissman (HD 36), Representative Naquetta Ricks (HD 40), Representative Iman Jodeh (HD41), and Representative Rod Bockenfeld (HD 56), discussed their priorities for the coming session.



CCA President Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, take questions from the audience.



Congressman Jason Crow addresses attendees at the Legislators' Breakfast on January 10, 2022. (Photos by Tim Meyer, Community College of Aurora)

Attendees also heard from Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman, Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko, and District Attorney John Kellner (18th Judicial District).

### Government Affairs, Education, And Energy

**February 10, 2022**

February's meeting featured Acting Senior Director of Government Affairs of Denver International Airport (DEN) Rachel Gruber, Principal at Klein/Johnson Group Ian Rayder, and Angie Binder with Colorado Advocates.

Gruber gave an update about the \$1.3 billion that was recently approved by the Denver City Council for the Great Hall Construction project at DEN. The airport generates approximately \$33 billion in annual revenue and is expected to



Left to right, Rachel Gruber, Ian Rayder, Angie Binder

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have 100 million passengers yearly by 2035. They are also increasing security capacity by 60 percent to accommodate the growth in passenger numbers.

Rayder presented on the DEN 5G issue relating to the cell towers and the possible disruption of flight communications, which did not subsequently affect DEN. He also spoke about the \$59 million grant and federal funding for air traffic control through Build Back Better.

Binder discussed the bills being presented at the State Capitol that would relate to small business:

- HB 1119 - False Claims Act
- HB 1133 - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund
- HB 1138 - Reduce Employee Single Occupancy Vehicle Trips
- HB 1149 - Advanced Industry Investment Tax Credit
- HB 1151 - Turf Replacement Program
- SB 6 - Sales Tax Assistance for Small Businesses
- SB 66 - Restore the Unemployment Insurance Fund Balance
- SB 97 - Whistleblower Protection Health & Safety
- SB 126 - Prioritize Water Storage Projects South Platte Basin

Binder also highlighted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State Fiscal Funds, which will support their response to and recovery from the Pandemic.

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## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COUNCIL

### Ways to Integrate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion into the Workplace

Friday, January 14, 2022



Danielle Jackman, PhD

On January 14, 2022, Danielle Jackman, PhD, a certified diversity professional (CDP) and director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at Aurora Mental Health Center (AuMHC), spoke with the Diversity & Inclusion Council to offer some ideas of to integrate

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion into the workplace.

Dr. Jackman shared the meanings of diversity, inclusion, equality, equity, and justice; environments for integrating (DEI) into work practices; and connecting circles of shared space of DEI efforts.

It was interesting to learn about identifying

individual's differences, valuing these distinctions, and creating an environment that allows everyone to contribute their voice and expertise to the workplace and to society.

Diversity is a fact, inclusion is a choice, and equality, equity, and justice can be both outcomes and processes. There are several elements that need to be considered when thinking about integrating DEI into practice, including where the organization may fall on the DEI continuum, thinking about accountability, as well as creating and elevating psychological safety. It is important to pay close attention to how one operationalizes DEI, the marginalizations that each of us may have, and how to leverage them to advance DEI in the workplace.

For more information, contact Dr. Jackman at [DanielleJackman@aumhc.org](mailto:DanielleJackman@aumhc.org) or go to <https://www.aumhc.org/>

## UCHealth's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Focuses

Friday, February 11, 2022



Melissa McDonald

UCHealth Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Melissa McDonald provided an overview of the organization's DEI strategic focuses supporting their people, patients, and our community.

UCH Mission Statement: *We Improve Lives.*

The strategy reviews the programs, cultural competencies, inclusion committees, and leader accountability to drive actionable outcomes for the organization to be "who we say we are and improve lives."

McDonald talked about the organizations' cultural competencies trainings to support an environment of mutual respect, how UCHealth is driving leader accountability to have diverse representation at all levels, and their goal of gaining insight to what inclusion and military friendly committees are focused on – inside and outside of the organization. An example of this last point is that she spearheaded the military friendly initiative at UCHealth, creating a committee that supports effective hiring and onboarding of service members while ensuring that we identify, retain, and celebrate our existing military service team.

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## WOMEN IN BUSINESS

### HealthONE Behavioral Health and Wellness Center

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

On January 25, 2022, HealthONE Behavioral Health and Wellness Center provided the Women in Business committee with a panel of speakers specializing in women's mental health.

HealthONE's Director of Community and Provider Relations Genevieve Fraser, MSW, LCSW, hosted the meeting, with panel members from HealthONE's Behavioral Health & Wellness Center: Nati Geva, PsyD, LP; Whitney Kearney, LPC; and Jill Oulman, MA, NCC, LPC.

During the presentation, attendees learned about the how the stages of a woman's life impact emotional health, workplace matters, and leadership considerations. Fraser explained how each stage has its own set of mental health and wellness challenges. For example, similar experiences in our 30s and then in our 60s



Whitney Kearney



Genevieve Fraser

will most likely not have the same affect. Therefore, it is very important for us to be able to acknowledge what stage we are at when we encounter a situation.

The panelists explained the types of challenges that arise throughout the stages of life, specifically for women. They reviewed how each stage can bring its own successes and challenges to the workplace, how to support other women, and how the Behavioral Health & Wellness Center cares for women's mental health.

For more information about HealthONE's Women's Behavioral Health Services, call 303-360-3650. HealthOne's Assessment and Referral Team is also available 24/7 at 844-556-2012.

## Ways to Overcome Anxiety

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

On February 22, 2022, Michelle Anne of The Master's Course provided the Women in Business Committee with suggestions to help overcome anxiety, and tips on how to re-wire our brains to be more relaxed, energetic, happy, and successful!

It was interesting to learn about the brain

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Michelle Anne

responsiveness and each function of the brain. Did you know that your gut reaction is an intuition which reacts within .2 microseconds? Have you ever heard the saying, “Go with your gut?”

The parts of the brain that Anne talked about are the hypothalamus, which is our command center; the amygdala, which initiates our language and emotions; and the autonomic nervous system, which controls our involuntary body functions such as breathing, blood pressure, and heartbeat.

Greater uncertainty in life creates greater anxiety, heightened reactivity, and increased threat expectancy. However, Anne shared that there are many ways to manage and control anxiety.

For more information, go to <https://themasterscourse.com/> or email [shell@system2.com](mailto:shell@system2.com).

## WORK WELL 2.0 HEALTH SERIES

*Work Well 2.0 Health Series did not meet in January of 2022*

## COVID Today – What You Should Know

**Thursday, February 10, 2022**

### CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

On March 13, 2020, The Chamber staff and volunteers had put the finishing touches on the set up for the Annual Awards Banquet: tables were set; the silent auction was ready for bidding; and festive decorations lit up the ballroom. Then, the announcement from the Governor’s office shut down all gatherings of more than 250 people, and everything had to be taken down. Nearly two years later, we are still grappling with COVID.



Melissa Sager, JD

At the February 10 Health Series meeting, Tri-County Health Department’s Policy and Public Affairs Officer Melissa Sager, JD, walked participants through the TCHD website, so they could access current local statistics and trends about COVID.

Sager also talked about masks, vaccines and free testing sites, along with employer requirements under the Healthy Families and Workplaces Act – Public Health Emergency Leave.

Tri-County Health Department continues to provide a weekly COVID-19 update, has

a business support page with resources including bi-weekly webinars for businesses, and a link to the CDC’s information about domestic travel.

You can also call the TCHD COVID hotline 720-713-6030 with questions.

*The Work Well 2.0 Health Series is sponsored by:*



## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

*The Young Professionals January meeting was moved to February 28, 2022. The story will be in the May/June Impact Newsletter.*

## YP Brewery Tour and Networking at Launch Pad Brewery

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

For their February 2022 meeting, The Aurora Young Professionals got an exclusive tour of the operations at Launch Pad Brewery by Casey Bloyer, head of marketing and distribution for the brewery. Bloyer is in the current Leadership Aurora Class, and the brewery has made a beer for the class: Jadoo Brew. A portion of the sales of the beer will go back to support the Leadership Aurora program.

Launch Pad is a veteran owned/operated, local business is located at 884 S. Buckley Rd. They are very involved in the community. One project they support is through a partnership with Branch and Barrel, a local distillery. Branch and Barrel is giving 100% of the proceeds from the sale of their flagship Bourbon to support the Aurora Police Department for training and operational needs – and the bourbon is available for sale at Launch Pad Brewery.

And of course, those in attendance at the event, had a beer or two!



*Launch Pad Brewery’s Head of Marketing and Distribution Casey Bloyer (far right), gives the Aurora Young Professionals a tour of the workings of the Brewery.*

## DEFENSE COUNCIL

*The Defense Council did not meet in January of 2022*

## The Cherry Creek Innovation Campus

**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

Cherry Creek School District Superintendent Chris Smith welcomed more than 85 Council members to the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus for the February Defense Council meeting.

David Murrow, strategy and business development lead, Deep Space Exploration at Lockheed Martin, discussed Lockheed Martin’s selection by NASA to develop a Mars Ascent Vehicle that will capture and return Martian rock, sediment, and atmospheric samples to earth.

Unit reports were provided by local commands and congressional reports by representatives from the offices of Senator Hickenlooper and Congressman Crow. In addition, Lt Col (Chaplain) David Nagel with the Colorado National Guard (CNG) talked about the CNG Foundation and how it benefits soldiers and airman in need.

Rick Crandall, executive director of the Colorado Freedom Memorial, discussed plans for a capital campaign to build a visitor and education center adjacent to the memorial.

Following his update on behalf of Congressman Crow, Maytham Alshadood received thanks and challenge coins for his tremendous support of the military and Defense Council.

Matt Anderson, general manager, and Scott Hoover, associate sales director from The Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center were the breakfast sponsors for the meeting. ■

# Ribbon Cuttings & Open Houses

Ribbon cuttings mean business: 15 Jobs

## Edward Jones



### Edward Jones – Kendra Thibault

3190 S Vaughn Way, Ste 170, Aurora, CO 80014

Kendra Thibault opened her Edward Jones financial services office in Aurora with a Chamber ribbon cutting. Thibault's team can assist individuals in planning, preparing, and utilizing their finances to work best for them and to reach their financial goals. The team provides financial education along with the services to help individuals understand their financial situation and needs. 2/3/2022 (720) 543-9056 <https://www.edwardjones.com/us-en/financial-advisor/kendra-thibault>

## Hearing Associates of Aurora

1550 S Potomac St, #305  
(inside the Potomac Medical Plaza)  
Aurora, CO 80012

Dr. John Molina, owner of Hearing Associates of Aurora cuts the ribbon to open his new office in the community.

Hearing Associates provides the community with access to hearing healthcare and services, and their proximity to the medical centers adds value to the medical infrastructure in the community. Hearing Associates' goal is to educate customers about their conditions and to provide treatment options. 1/19/2022 (303) 369-1096 <http://www.myhearingassociates.com>



## HEARING ASSOCIATES

## STRETCH LAB



### StretchLab Southlands

6295 S Main St, Ste A-105, Aurora, CO 80016

StretchLab owner Katie Murphy, cuts the ribbon with her team on a beautiful day in January. StretchLab specializes in personalized stretch therapy for recovery or as a maintenance service. The ribbon cutting event included a free, personal stretch for attendees, and information about becoming a member. StretchLab also sells equipment and bands, so their members can 'take the stretch' to their homes. 1/20/2022 (720) 741-0803 <http://www.stretchlab.com/location/southlands>

# MemberNews

## Steve Bouras Appointed President and CEO of The District Credit Union



Steve Bouras



The District Credit Union (formerly Aurora Schools Federal Credit Union) appointed Steve Bouras, who was serving as the institution's vice president and chief operating

officer, as its next president and chief executive officer. The appointment became effective January 1, 2022. Bouras takes the helm from retiring CEO Brad Johnson.

For the past six years, Bouras has played a key role in the credit union's growth. Without losing focus on increasing the institution's asset value, Bouras jump-started the credit union's transformation with an upgrade in technology and a rebranding strategy that increased the credit union's assets from a stagnant \$92M to \$150M, a 63 percent

increase. In addition, Bouras has built a cohesive leadership team that shares a common vision for the future.

"This position is exactly what I've been working toward throughout my career, and I am honored to be given the opportunity to lead the District Credit Union," Bouras said.

The District Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member-owned financial cooperative providing banking services for employees, their families, extended families and students of schools in Aurora, Colorado.

## Jeff Kloska Named Director of CASP



Jeff Kloska

Jeff Kloska has been named Director of Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP), beginning in January of 2022.

"Jeff has an extensive background in aviation and business management, which makes him an excellent choice for this position," said Adams

County Interim County Manager Alisha Reis. "There's so much potential at CASP and we're excited to have someone with Jeff's experience help shape its future."

Kloska's aviation experience includes airport operations, security, maintenance, administration, and management at various-sized-airports including busy general aviation and medium hubs. He possesses in-depth knowledge and understanding of principles and practices related to federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations. He also believes in strong symbiotic partnerships among all airport stakeholders including state aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the common success of all involved.

Kloska has worked in the Aviation Departments at the City of Dallas and the City of Fort Worth, as well as led the Texas Airports Council as its past President. In addition, he has experience in airport expansion and revenue generation. ■



# MemberRenewals

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Aurora Housing Authority  
Becky Hogan  
Best Western Plus Gateway Inn & Suites  
Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado  
Carlos Klinger & Sons  
CEDS Finance  
Center for Work Education and Employment  
CHFA - Colorado Housing and Finance Authority  
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Cops Fighting Cancer  
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