



ATAC is growing our team with the addition of a Vice President, Flight Operations!

The Air Transport Association of Canada (ATAC), Canada's national trade association representing commercial aviation throughout Canada is looking for additional experienced talent to join our team! ATAC supports its members in a safe, reliable, sustainable and competitive world-leading Canadian air transport industry. To mark our 90th anniversary in 2024, we have doubled down on our efforts to ensure we provide the absolute best service to our membership and to grow our reach within our industry. To enable this, we are seeking additional experienced talent to add to the ATAC team of professionals. Currently, we are looking for a ***Vice President, Flight Operations***.

About the position

LOCATION

This position is normally based in Ottawa, ON however hybrid (office and home) work arrangements may be approved. Certain meetings and conferences/tradeshows will require in-person attendance and may require domestic or international travel.

SCOPE

ATAC is seeking an experienced aviation professional as ***Vice President, Flight Operations*** to facilitate resolution of all issues brought to, or uncovered by, ATAC respecting Flight Operations, Cabin Operations, and Environment Committee members. Successful advocacy on behalf of ATAC membership is a fundamental aspect of this position.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible to the ATAC Flight Operations Committee members for regulatory advocacy and for facilitating overall Industry-Government Relations in respect of Flight Operations issues for members operating under CAR Parts 702, 703, 704 and 705.
- Represent ATAC operators on the NAV CANADA Advisory Committee (NCAC) and at other NAV CANADA stakeholder meetings throughout the year advocating for solutions to issues that affect ATAC operators now or in the foreseeable future.
- Responsible to the ATAC Cabin Operations Committee members for regulatory advocacy and for facilitating overall Industry-Government Relations in respect of Cabin Operations issues for members.
- Develop close professional working relationships with senior and working level staff within Canadian federal government departments, especially Transport Canada Civil Aviation, as well as other branches of Transport Canada, ISED (Innovation, Science and Economic Development), Global Affairs Canada, and Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- Advocates for CARs amendments that fulfill the safety mandate of Transport Canada without exerting undue operational and financial pressures on ATAC members. Maintain a professional and aggressive advocacy role on behalf of ATAC and its members within CARAC and other consultation formats.
- Facilitate the adoption and implementation of SMS by ATAC members.
- Responsible for ATAC advocacy and Industry-Government Relations in respect of Environmental Affairs. Ensure that government environmental activities are mitigated to the full extent possible especially as they relate to setting limitations on 1.) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions that contribute to climate change and 2.) Aircraft noise, both engine and aerodynamic.
- Support development and implementation of aircraft operating efficiency improvements to save fuel and reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions through implementation of new technology and best practice procedures.

- Support development and implementation of procedures for aircraft arrivals and departures that mitigate noise issues while still maintaining safe, efficient and environmentally sustainable operations.
- Conduct research in respect of appropriate major industry initiatives.
- Liaison with international regulatory organizations: ICAO, FAA, UK CAA and EASA.
- Liaison and collaboration as appropriate with other associations: NACC, NATA, IATA, A4A, ALPA, CAC.
- Expand ATAC revenue base by attracting new members and growing non-member revenue.
- Special duties and projects as assigned by the President from time to time.

Qualifications

CITIZENSHIP

Canadian with a valid passport due to travel and security requirements

EDUCATION

Relevant post-secondary diploma or degree

EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of 20 years commercial flight operations experience
- Minimum of 5 years commercial aviation management experience
- Demonstrated experience in developing and implementing business and financial recommendations and plans

COMPETENCIES

- In-depth knowledge of, and experience with, the Canadian Aviation Regulations, Standards and Guidance Material
- Familiar with, and have participated in, the Transport Canada CARAC consultation process
- Knowledge of ICAO and other international requirements
- Be proactive and decisive when action needs to be taken
- Excellent consensus builder
- Excellent leadership skills
- Display outstanding interpersonal and communication skills
- Show and expect high quality results at all times
- Customer/member service focused at all times

ATAC provides a competitive salary, vacation entitlements, and comprehensive health and dental benefits plan.

If you are interested in applying for this position please submit, in confidence, a cover letter along with a resume to Les Aalders, Executive Vice President at laalders@atac.ca by Sept 20, 2024.

Please note that only applicants considered for further evaluation will be contacted.