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BROOKS ANNOUNCES GIARDINO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK AVIATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) Director of Aviation, Michael A. Giardino was unanimously elected President of the New York Aviation Management Association (NYAMA) by its general membership consisting of over 75 aviation related organizations.

"Monroe County is proud that Director Giardino will lead the Association and will continue to work with State and Federal leaders to highlight the vital role that the aviation industry plays in creating local jobs and growing our economy," said **Brooks**. "Mike brings to his new post a wealth of knowledge, having previously served as NYAMA Vice-President, in addition to a wide breadth of experience as a decorated, twenty-six year military aviator."

The most recent economic impact study completed by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), shows that ROC creates and sustains 10,000 jobs, generates \$295 million in income and contributes \$800 million annually to the local economy.

"I am honored to serve as President. NYAMA members represent the full spectrum of aviation professionals in our State," said **Giardino.** "The Association will continue to urge New York State Legislators and the Governor to pass and sign into law the Aviation Jobs Act, intended to create jobs and spur economic growth. We will lead and advocate for our members with respect to understanding current aviation issues such as funding of contract towers, commercial airline pilot shortages, and the impact of unmanned systems."

Director Giardino is also a Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), the world's largest professional organization for airport executives representing thousands of airport management personnel at public-use commercial and general aviation airports.

NYAMA was founded in 1976 as the New York Airport Manager's Association by representatives of New York State Airports. In 2000, the Association changed its name to NYAMA to reflect its growing sphere of influence and representation. For more information and the complete NYAMA 2014-2015 Board of Directors, visit www.nyama.com.

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