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Framework for the Cooperation of Training Organizations

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- **What is an association?**

- Individuals and organizations that have joined together united by a common purpose
- Not for Profit
- Self-governing
- Help members achieve common business and professional goals
- Provide members with tools to conduct their businesses or practice their professions more efficiently, effectively and responsibly
- Improve the well-being of members' professions by effecting change wherever it is needed



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- **An effective association must:**
 - Establish and pursue a mission or vision
 - Practice effective governance
 - Provide strong leadership
 - Recruit and maintain membership
 - Exercise judicious use of finite resources



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“The Voice of Collegiate Aviation”



- **Vision**
 - A professional association and unifying voice for promoting and furthering aviation education as a collegiate academic discipline
- **Mission**
 - To promote and foster excellence in collegiate aviation education by providing a forum for students, faculty, staff and practitioners to share ideas, to enhance the quality of education, and to develop stronger programs and curricula. To influence aviation education policy at all governmental levels. To provide and nurture the linkage between college aviation educations, the aviation industry, and government agencies.



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• Objectives

- To be an open forum for all collegiate aviation education
- To create and influence national policies related to aviation education
- To assist students, faculty, and institutions in defining and achieving their aviation education aspirations
- To encourage individuals to choose aviation-related careers
- To assist in the professional development of individual members
- To promote awareness of collegiate aviation through interaction with the aviation industry and government
- To be a media resource for accurate aviation education information



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• Membership

– Institutional

- Any accredited institution listed in the Higher Education Directory with an existing or planned aviation program or course offerings

– High School

- Any accredited, secondary school with an existing or planned aviation program or course offerings

– Professional

- An individual membership category and is open to all college, university, or high school faculty, administrators, or staff engaged in or interested in the furtherance of any form of aviation education

– Associate

- An individual membership category and is open to any person with a sincere interest in furthering aviation education. This includes persons employed in the aerospace industry.



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• Membership

– Corporate

- Any organization or enterprise which has an interest in the purpose and goals of the UAA

– Student

- An individual member, non-voting category, open to high school, undergraduate and graduate students with an interest in aviation

– Honorary

- Non-voting, non-dues paying member. Open to those who have contributed to the advancement of the UAA's goals. Only upon recommendation of the President and majority vote of the UAA Board.

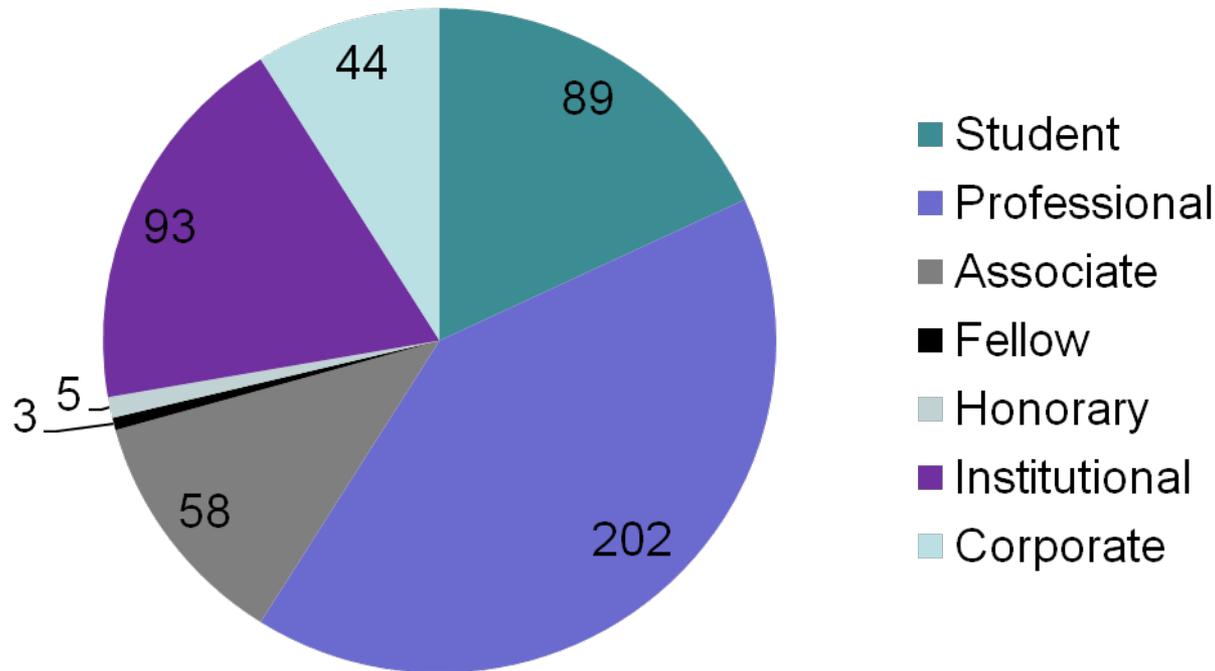
– Fellow

- Voting member, non-dues paying. Bestowed upon past professional members. Consideration given to board members, committee chairs etc. Recommendation of the President and majority vote of the UAA Board.



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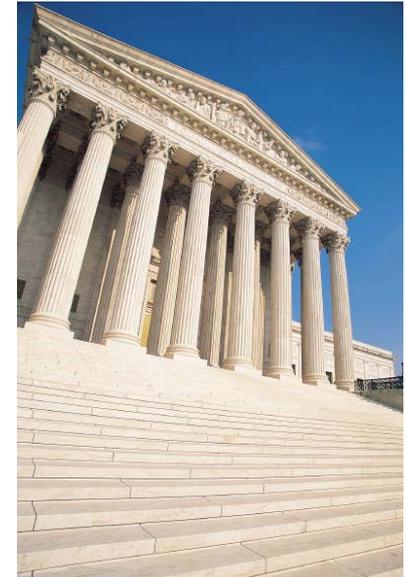
- **Membership by Category**



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- **Governance**

- Bylaws
 - Serves as the constitution of the association
 - Details the operating rules
- Board of Trustees (elected, volunteer positions)
 - President
 - President-Elect
 - Immediate Past President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - 9 Trustees
 - 3 Trustees represent the Corporate Member category
 - 6 Trustees represent the Professional Member category



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• Governance

- Professional Staff (paid positions)
 - Executive Director
 - Appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as the Chief Operating Officer of the UAA
 - Provides leadership for carrying on the work of UAA, maintains corporate records, manage the finances, etc
 - Staff
 - UAA funds 2 full time personnel to assist with the daily work
- Financial Management
 - Not-for-profit association
 - Revenue is generated through:
 - Membership dues
 - Annual Fall Conference
 - Publication sales
 - Donations
 - Special Projects



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• Committees

- Much of the work of the association is accomplished through committees
- Encourages participation of the membership to shape the direction and future of UAA
- Management Committees include:
 - Executive
 - Bylaws and Procedures
 - Finance
 - Nominations
 - Strategic Planning



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– Operations Committees include:

- Awards
- Curriculum
- Meeting Planning
- Membership
- Publications

– Special Committees include:

- ATC Education
- Aviation Education K-12
- Aviation Management
- Distance Learning
- Flight Education
- Graduate Education



- Professional Development
- Safety
- Scholarship
- Simulation
- Technical Education
- Unmanned Aerial Systems

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- **Benefits of Membership**

- Plays a pivotal role in the advancement of degree-granting aviation programs that represent all segments of the aviation industry
- Provides a forum for students, faculty, staff, and practitioners to share ideas, to enhance the quality the quality of education, and to develop stronger programs and curricula
- Leadership opportunities
- Professional development opportunities
- Primary source of the next generation of aviation professionals

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- **Annual Fall Conference**
 - September 28 – 30, 2011
 - Indianapolis, Indiana
 - Education Sessions
 - Committee Meetings
 - Professional Dev Workshops
 - Research Roundtable
 - Best Practices



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- **Advice from our Executive Director**
 - Determine legal requirements
 - Follow those from the beginning so that resources are not wasted
 - Important to have advice of legal counsel who is knowledgeable about volunteer, not for profit organizations
 - Determine vision and mission
 - Determine the stakeholders
 - Identify a strong leadership team
 - Be realistic about how an association might operate on limited resources



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