



2017 William E. Downes Jr. Memorial Award



First presented in 1978, The William E. Downes, Jr. Memorial Award is ACI-NA's most prestigious award.

Bill Downes was the commissioner of aviation for the City of Chicago from 1959 to 1975. While he served as commissioner, most of the extensive development of O'Hare International Airport took place. Shortly after his death in 1975, the award was conceived to honor his memory. Mr. Downes has served as President of the Airport Operator Council International (AOCI) from 1966-67. He also served on AOCI's International Board, and was chairman from 1970-71.

The Downes Award Committee is currently seeking nominations for the 2017 award, which will be presented at the 2017 ACI-NA Annual Conference and Exhibition in Fort Worth, TX in September.

The deadline for nomination submission is April 19, 2017.

Selection Process

- Nominees may not be current ACI-NA Official Representative members.
- The recipient of this award must have made a significant and outstanding contribution to airports or aviation.
- Nominations must be submitted following the format of the attached nomination form.
- All nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on April 19, 2017.
- The Downes Award Committee will present a recommendation to the ACI-NA Board at the June Board meeting.
- The 2017 recipient will be notified in advance.
- The 2017 Downes Award will be presented at the 2017 ACI-NA Annual Conference and Exhibition in Montreal, Canada.

Nomination Criteria

The recipient of this award must meet one of the following criteria:

- Outstanding leadership and action in the cause of airport or aviation management; or
- Successful work for acceptance, development and support of needed airport programs; or
- Fostering of cooperation among various segments of aviation, with the result of bettering airports; or
- A creative approach to solving today's problems with a plan for future airport and aviation development.

Accomplishments of primary importance to the Downes Award Committee include those made in the field of airport management in the U.S. and Canada. However, individuals from other organizations including a governmental body, private industry, academic institution or private citizen, and in other ACI regions, are eligible for recognition provided such accomplishments had a significant and outstanding positive impact on airports or aviation.

Downes Award Recipients

- 1978 - General Jimmy Doolittle
- 1979 - Sir Frank Whittle
- 1980 - Elrey Jeppesen
- 1981 - Dr. Werner Treibel
- 1982 - Toru Akiyama
- 1983 - Sir Peter Masefield
- 1984 - No Award Presented
- 1985 - John Wiley
- 1986 - Knut Hammarskjold
- 1987 - Assad Kotaite
- 1988 - T. Wilson
- 1989 - J. Donald Rielly
- 1990 - Col. Frank Borman
- 1991 - F. Russell Hoyt
- 1992 - R. Dixon Speas
- 1993 - Clifton A. Moore
- 1994 - Sir Norman J. Payne
- 1995 - No Award Presented
- 1996 - George J. Bean
- 1997 - James M. Davey
- 1998 - John F. Brown
- 1999 - No Award Presented
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- 2001 - No Award Presented
- 2002 - No Award Presented
- 2003 - No Award Presented
- 2004 - James A. Wilding
- 2005 - No Award Presented
- 2006 - Jim DeLong
- 2007 - Robert S. Michael
- 2008 - Walter A. Burg
- 2009 - Paul B. Gaines
- 2010 - William R. DeCota
- 2011 - Oris W. Dunham, Jr.
- 2012 - Margorie Brink Coridan
- 2013 - Louis Turpen
- 2014 - Arnold Thompson
- 2015 - Richard Haury
- 2016 - Louis E. Miller



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Nomination Form

(on a separate page, please provide comprehensive responses to the questions below)

NOMINEE			
Mr./Ms.	First	Middle	Last
Title			
Current Job Description			
PLEASE SUBMIT COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE ON PAGE 3			
Other Aviation-Related Positions			
PLEASE SUBMIT COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE ON PAGE 4			
How has the nominee met one or more of the required criteria to be nominated for the Downes Award?			
PLEASE SUBMIT COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE ON PAGE 5			
Why do you think this individual should be recognized with a legacy award?			
PLEASE SUBMIT COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE ON PAGE 6			
NOMINATING AIRPORT/ASSOCIATED MEMBER			
Mr./Ms.	First	Middle	Last
Work Phone		Home Phone	
Cell Phone			
Email Address			

Send the completed nomination form and any other information about the nominee as an email attachment to Veronica Gerson at vgerson@aci-na.org by **April 19**. If your nominee is selected, ACI-NA may contact you for photos or video for the award presentation.

Thank you for taking the time to make a nomination and to help ACI-NA promote the legacy of William E. Downes, Jr.'s professionalism and commitment to the airport industry.



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