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## January 2019

### Message from WAI

Happy New Year, and a special thank you to our members and sponsors for your continued support! Women in Aviation International looks forward to a very bright 2019 based on the continued growth of our organization.

WAI is counting down the days--as of January 2 only 70 days--for our annual gathering with members and friends as we celebrate the [30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 14-16, 2019 in Long Beach, California](#). Take advantage of early registration prices by [registering by January 21, midnight EST](#).

Be a part of #WAI19, and get ready for three days packed with [inspiring keynote speakers](#), [professional development seminars and workshops](#), [education sessions](#), [tours](#), and [hiring briefings](#). [Visit the exhibit hall](#) featuring more than 150 aviation companies and organizations. Girls, ages 8-17, can enjoy a special aviation and aerospace program on Saturday, March 16, 2019. [Register here](#).



*Attending the 30th Annual Conference can be part of your New Year resolutions!*

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## Member News

Student member **Stephanie Robinson**, WAI 79969, makes her mark at the [University of Louisiana Monroe UnManned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\) management program](#).



*Stephanie Robinson*

Shout out to **Deborah Hecker**, WAI 1948 and board member, for being recognized as a mentor to fellow American Airlines pilot Beth Powell in a [Dallas Channel 8 Up With Her news interview](#).



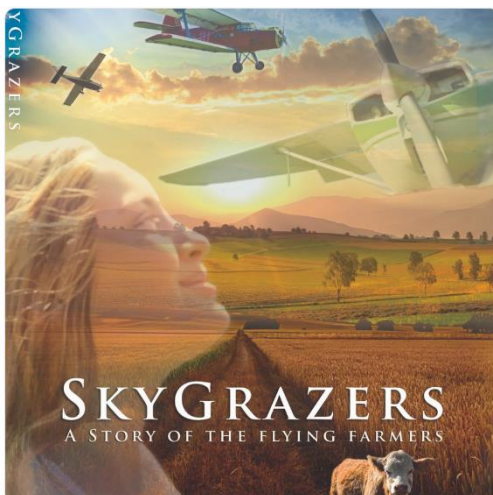
*Beth Powell*

**Shelly Simi**, WAI 8, joins the [National Association of State Aviation Officials \(NASAO\)](#) this month as president and CEO. Shelly was formerly Aurora Flight Sciences Corp., a Boeing Company, director of corporate communications and public affairs.



*Shelly Simi*

**Annmarie Aronoff**, WAI 81114, shines a spotlight on entrepreneurial farmers and women in aviation in a new documentary [“SKYGRAZERS: A Story of the Flying Farmers”](#) that her company, Plan A, directed, wrote, and produced.



*SKYGRAZERS: A Story of the Flying Farmers*



## Industry News

Pilots up to age 24 are encouraged to apply for a \$2,500 award, [The Richard Collins Writing Prize for Young Pilots](#), by March 1, 2019. Write about any aspect of general aviation.

[The Museum of Flight is pleased to offer scholarship opportunities](#) for high school students interested in aviation or aerospace. All Washington state residents who are at least 15 years old and U.S. citizens are invited to apply for the Alaska Airlines Endowed Scholarship for Aviation Education and Training to earn their private pilot license. Students who have participated in select education programs through The Museum of Flight may also be eligible for other scholarship opportunities.

Air France has promoted [Anne Rigail](#) as its new CEO, effective December 17, 2018. Anne previously served the major airline as executive vice president customer.

Montrose, Colorado-based CareFlight recently marked its [first all-female flight crew](#) including the helicopter pilot, flight nurse, and flight medic.

Africa's national airline of Namibia, Air Namibia, marked its [first all-female crew](#) on an Airbus A330-200 flight from Windhoek to Frankfurt, Germany, on December 14, 2018.

At 105, [Azellia White shares her reflections](#) on making history as the first African-American female pilot in Texas.



*Anne Rigail, Air France CEO*



*Careflight all-female crew*



*Air Namibia Airbus A330 all-female crew*



*Azellia White*



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- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
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## Upcoming Events

*The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events. Events marked with \* are WAI events that we sponsor, exhibit, or partner.*

*Interested in volunteering to help at events where WAI is participating? [Email Outreach Director Molly Martin](#) to sign up.*

### 2019

January 29-February 1 - [\\*NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference](#), San Antonio, Texas

February 8 - [NGPA Industry Expo](#), Palm Springs, California

March 14-16 - [\\*30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Long Beach, California

*"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions,  
and the roots spring up and make new trees."*

*--Amelia Earhart*



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