

New Director appointed to COPA's Board

In January one of our COPA directors representing the Province of Quebec stepped down. The COPA Board has since appointed a new director for the remaining one year of the four-year-term.

Olivier Lacombe contacted COPA President and CEO Kevin Psutka and regretfully informed him he that he had to resign due to workload circumstances.

Jean Messier, a COPA member since 1978, immediately stepped up to the plate to fill the void if the COPA Board agreed to appoint him. On a vote called quickly by the Chair Paul Hayes, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Messier to replace Lacombe.

Messier is the holder of an airline transport pilot licence with a total flying time of 2,400 hours. He owns a 1997 Mooney 20J, has been on the APBQ board since 2010 and has been a Hope Air volunteer pilot since 2011 and was recently recognized by Hope Air for his contribution in 2012. He is also a board member of Coop Régionale d'électricité de St-Jean-Baptiste de Rouville since last year.

From 1993 – 2001 Messier was the mayor of Saint-Damase (St-Hyacinthe), Quebec; and from 1998 - 2001, the president of the security board (police), MRC les Maskoutains.

Please welcome Jean Messier to the COPA Board of Directors.