

# NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT OFFICIALS

## 2026 MEMBERSHIP GUIDE



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## NAAO's 15-Year Track of Growing Nebraska Aviation

- **2011-13** Extended airport zoning to 10 miles
- **2016-17** Launched major funding studies
- **2017** Created LR213 funding study
- **2017-19** Brought senators to local airports
- **2018-22** Stopped bad bills, protected Civil Air Patrol funding
- **2023** Delivered LB727 & LB453
- **2024** Built new grant prioritization system
- **2024** Kept airports off property-tax hit list

## RECENT WINS

### 1. Aircraft Sales/Use Tax Redirect

→ \$200K a decade ago to \$4.6 million annually + unlocked \$76 million in federal grants

**2. Freed Up Admin Costs** → \$1.2 million+ now goes straight to airport projects

### 3. Fair Project Prioritization System

→ NAAO members worked side-by-side with NDOT on 37 projects funded in 2024 alone

## WHERE DO YOUR DUES GO?

100% of membership dues fund professional lobbying through our long-time partner Mueller-Robak — turning your testimony, calls, and data into real legislative wins.

Currently, 36 of 78 Nebraska public-use airports are members. Imagine what we can do with all 78!



## SINCE 2011, NAAO MEMBERS HAVE:

- Testified dozens of times
- Met personally with Governors, Senators & NDOT leaders
- Written briefing papers & built coalitions
- Protected airport zoning from wind farms
- Stopped harmful bills (ATC privatization, fee restrictions, property-tax threats)
- Fought every year for more aviation funding

## Thank you, NAAO Members!

### These wins happened because YOU:

- Paid dues that fund professional advocacy
- Showed up to testify
- Called and emailed your senators
- Hosted legislators at your airports
- Shared the stories and numbers that changed minds

## 2026 – Let's Keep the Momentum Flying!