CIVIL AVIATION MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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CAMA completed a successful 60th year in 2015. Active membership for the year totaled 267, which included 191 regular members, 12 retired members, 41 life members, 4 honorary members, and 9 corporate members.

The Annual Scientific Meeting was held October 8-10, 2015, at the historic Fort Worth Hilton Hotel. Attendance was excellent, with a total of 137 individuals, including 101 attending professionals, 23 guests, 10 guest speakers, and 3 staff. The theme of the educational program was “Preventive Medicine 2015.” The program feedback was superb, and the additional social events were well-received. There were 79 AME’s who completed AME recurrent training with the FAA at the meeting.

This year’s meeting will be held at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, on September 8-10, 2016. It will be another outstanding program, and AME recertification credit and CME will once again be available.

The CAMA Sunday program and the CAMA Luncheon, both held in conjunction with the AsMA Annual Meeting, continue to be very popular. The programs this year have been rated for a total of 4.5 hours of CME this year by the AAFP.

Like many organizations, CAMA struggles to maintain its membership. Our primary component, Aviation Medical Examiners (AMEs) both in the United States and Internationally, continue to dwindle in number because of the aging AME population and the apparent lack of interest in civil aviation medicine by the younger physicians. It is hoped that this trend will reverse itself in the next few years.

CAMA has initiated a partnership with stakeholders in the aviation industry in order to work with the FAA on areas of concern, such as the backlog of certification cases. It is hoped that by mutual cooperation, these areas may be addressed with positive results.

Sincerely,

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