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I would like to welcome everyone to the WVAMA Team. Because that is what we really are, we're the Aviation Dream Team of WV. As a team, we strive to better Aviation throughout the State of West Virginia.

Over the past several years, the WVAMA has made great strides in the buildup of our organization, and we have really started to make an impact by working together as a group. We have a much stronger voice as a group than we do as individuals.

No matter how smart, talented, driven, or passionate you are, your success as an individual depends on your ability to build and inspire a team. A successful leader is one who can spur his or her team members to work well together toward a common vision and goals. This is what I strive to do as the President of our organization.

I would like to continue to grow and expand our organization. The more we grow the more our voice will be heard. I encourage members to participate, help brainstorm and bring new ideas forward. As a group, we must always be willing to evolve and adapt to the current situation in aviation, whatever it may be. Great ideas aren't always created thinking inside the box. The WVAMA needs to be a leader in aviation, not just always following what others have done.

Going into 2018, we have to give ourselves a pat on the back for how far we have come, but we must also remember that the issues facing Aviation are larger than ever, and we must continue our hard work to achieve success. As our past President Jerry Brienza said "Let's continue a tradition of excellence".

The most important thing we can do as an organization is work together to achieve our common goals as aviation professionals. I think Vince Lombardi put it best.

"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

Remember not any one of us is smarter than all of us.

Sincerely,
Clint Ransom
President WVAMA