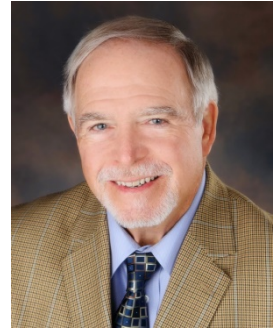




Raymond Stricklen



Richard P. Evans

### **Stricklen elected to head Naples Airport Authority board**

NAPLES, Fla. (Jan. 27, 2017) – The board of commissioners of the City of Naples Airport Authority elected Raymond Stricklen chair and Richard P. Evans vice chair for 2017.

The board includes five citizen volunteers, each appointed by the Naples City Council for a four-year term, to govern the Airport Authority. Other commissioners are Ted Brousseau, Donna M. Messer and James T. Rideoutte.

After his election, Stricklen appointed commissioners to work on committees for the coming year. Rideoutte chairs the Audit Committee, which includes Brousseau. Evans chairs the Consultant Selection Committee, and Messer serves on the committee. Brousseau serves as legal liaison and Messer continues as the Noise Compatibility Committee liaison.

Stricklen is a senior consultant for Leidos, a defense contractor headquartered in Reston, Virginia. The Air Force veteran also holds an airline transport certificate and has more than 5,000 hours of turbojet and turboprop experience. His career includes working for Science Applications International Corporation and Honeywell with experience in aerospace electronics, space and aviation control and systems marketing.

Evans holds a business degree from Kent State University, worked for 3M for 34 years and retired from a military electronics firm in 2000. He became a full-time Naples resident in 2003 and served on the Airport Authority's Noise Compatibility Committee prior to being appointed to the board of commissioners.

Brousseau has been a certified private pilot since 1964 and was honored in 2015 by the FAA with its Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, the most prestigious award it offers to certified pilots. A Naples resident since 1971, Brousseau retired in 2006 after serving 27 years as a Collier Circuit judge. Messer heads a Naples firm that specializes in coaching, mentoring, team building and facilitation, and consults on labor-management collaboration. She previously spent three decades with American Airlines in a variety of executive positions. Rideoutte, who was appointed to the board in 2013, held executive assignments throughout the country during his career with the IRS. After retiring to Naples in 1989, he became an active community volunteer and served as executive director of The Naples Players for 12 years.

Naples Airport Authority meetings are held monthly at Naples City Hall; they are open to the public and available for online viewing through the city's website. For the meeting schedule, visit [www.FlyNaples.com](http://www.FlyNaples.com).

Naples Municipal Airport offers scheduled commercial service, provided by Elite Airways, and is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies, and corporate aviation and nonaviation businesses, as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff's Aviation Unit and other community services. During the 2015-16 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 95,050 takeoffs and landings.

All funds used for the airport's operation, maintenance and improvements are generated from activities at the airport or federal and state grants from aviation-related user fees; the airport receives no property tax dollars. The Florida Department of Transportation values the airport's annual economic impact to the community at \$283.5 million.

For more information or to subscribe to email updates about the airport, visit [www.FlyNaples.com](http://www.FlyNaples.com).

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