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Q&A:

LIGHT AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SCOTT SEVEREN



The Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association (LAMA) is home to countless manufacturers in the light aircraft industry. These planes are ideal for recreational activities and LAMA helps manufacturers and pilots alike who wish to create, sell or fly these aircraft. Strategic Value Publishing had the chance to speak with LAMA President and Chairman of the Board Scott Severen about LAMA and its operations. This interview was conducted over email and responses were edited for clarity.

What is LAMA's mission?

LAMA's mission is to protect and improve the regulatory environment and marketplace for the Light Aircraft industry.

Members offer products and services that comply with civil aviation safety requirements worldwide, primarily through self-declarative means of compliance.

This includes all categories of non-type certified flying craft up to four-seat capacity, including microlight, ultralight and emerging designs such as electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft.

How have members benefited from their association with LAMA?

LAMA is the Light Sport and similar aircraft industry's voice. LAMA is the ONLY organization 100 percent dedicated to these products and this industry. While LAMA collaborates with other associations, those organizations must serve their members first.

LAMA is the unified industry voice to news media, U.S. and international government officials, show producers, insurance and financial institutions and to all the other member organizations.

One of LAMA's most valuable assets is providing industry-wide representation to FAA's decision makers and regulators. For matters that impact the whole industry, LAMA is positioned to represent the industry front and center, all day, every day.



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What kind of government advocacy does LAMA do for its members?

LAMA has promoted and successfully implemented regulatory improvements for the industry since the 1980s, both in the U.S. and abroad.

LAMA's influence on regulatory bodies in Europe helped expand industry definitions and affected progress toward international harmonization of requirements, making Light Sport and similar aircraft more globally marketable.

LAMA's participation in industry consensus standards development, such as with ASTM International in the U.S., is positively shaping the standards that will be required when upcoming MOSAIC regulatory reform occurs.

What accomplishments has LAMA achieved lately?

Since 2014, LAMA has been on a dedicated mission to increase privileges for sellers and users of Light-Sport and similar aircraft.

Recent initiatives include integrating into the new MOSAIC proposal aerial work (commercial use), single lever control (in-flight propeller adjustment), fully built (SLSA) gyroplanes, and electric propulsion for LSA and Ultralight Aircraft. All of these items are included and positively supported in the upcoming regulatory reform.



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LAMA equally provides to every member:

- Representation
- Participation in ASTM
- Voting privileges to influence LAMA direction
- Promotion of member products

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How does LAMA plan to adapt to the possible passing of MOSAIC?

LAMA is uniquely poised to distribute awareness and knowledge of how to apply the new regulation to existing and new manufacturers and participants in our industry. This is due to our history, depth of knowledge and involvement in the shaping of the regulation and participation in drafting the ASTM standards that will be required to meet the new MOSAIC rule.

What events will LAMA be hosting this year?

LAMA hosted the popular LSA Mall at SUN 'n FUN in Florida this year, as it has for over 25 years.

LAMA also hosted a MOSAIC presentation with guests EAA President and CEO Jack Pelton, AOPA President and CEO Darren Pleasance and F37 Vice Chair and Streamline Designs President Adam Morrison.

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What is your favorite part of your role at LAMA?

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