



Michael A. Shutt Award 2026 Nomination Form

Introduction

The **Michael A. Shutt Award** honors the legacy of **Michael Shutt**, one of the founders of the Association of California Airports (ACA) and a respected leader in California aviation. Throughout a distinguished career spanning more than 35 years, Mike was recognized as an innovative airport consultant, trusted advisor, and skilled problem solver whose work helped shape airports and aviation throughout the state.

Mike's contributions included the planning and engineering development of more than 40 California airports. Those who had the privilege of working with him knew him for his professionalism, integrity, collaborative spirit, and unwavering commitment to advancing the aviation industry.

Presented annually, the **Michael A. Shutt Award** recognizes an individual or organization whose outstanding contributions have significantly advanced the growth, development, and safety of California airports while exemplifying the leadership, innovation, and dedication that he brought to the profession throughout his career.

Nomination Process

Anyone can nominate an individual or organization for the Michael A. Shutt Award.

Nominations for the 2026 Michael A. Shutt Award must be received by the ACA Conference Planning Committee no later than **August 28, 2026**.

Following the nomination deadline, an ACA Awards Subcommittee will evaluate all nominees using the criteria below and recommend a recipient. The award will be presented during the **ACA 2026 Annual Conference**.

Award Evaluation Criteria

The Michael A. Shutt Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the growth, development, and overall advancement of California airports.

Eligible nominees may include airport sponsors, consultants, funding agencies, aviation organizations, and other professionals whose work has positively impacted California aviation.

Nominees will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated leadership within the aviation industry.
- Innovative approaches to solving complex aviation or airport-related challenges.
- A proven commitment to strengthening relationships between airports and their communities.
- Contributions to the knowledge base of the aviation industry.
- Development or implementation of programs, tools, technologies, or best practices that have advanced California aviation.



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Previous Michael A. Shutt Award Recipients

2012 - John Pfeifer
2013 - Mary Hansen
2014 - Reinard Brandley
2015 - Mark Bautista
2016 - Harry Krugg
2017 – Leander Hauri
2018 – Herman Bliss
2019 – Carol Ford
2020 – No Conference due to Covid Restrictions
2021 – Cory Hazlewood
2022 – Melissa McCaffrey
2023 – Rayvon Williams
2024 – Mike Dikun and Bob Trimbom
2025 – Mark McClardy



Nominations must be received by August 28, 2026.

Nominee: _____

Title (if applicable): _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Please provide a brief narrative statement describing this individual's or organization's contribution to the Association of California Airports (ACA), the award criteria that qualifies them for nomination and the specific reasons why you are nominating this candidate.

Nominator: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____ Phone No.: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Please email Nominations to LBernal@calstrat.com