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THE National Association of State Aviation Officials held Executive Board sessions at Washington, D. C., on January 25-28, 1948. The Executive Board is composed of the President, the three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Regional Directors; at the sessions, Committee Chairmen were also present. A cross-section of nationwide state aviation agencies was represented in the seventeen States whose directors or technical personnel attended the four-day sessions.

General purposes of the Association as enunciated at its organizing meeting in 1932 were reviewed and reaffirmed. They are:

Purposes of NASAO

1. To foster aviation as an industry, as a mode of transportation for persons and property and as an arm of the national defense; and
2. To join with the Federal Government and other groups in research, development and advancement of aviation; and
3. To develop uniform aviation laws and regulations; and
4. To otherwise encourage cooperation and mutual aid among the several States.

NASAO Aims for 1948

In order that NASAO and the members thereof may demonstrate through progressive leadership and effective accomplishments the continuing responsibilities and functions of the States and the State Aeronautical Agencies in the field of aviation, it is proposed to effectuate through Regional Directors, Committees and an Executive Secretary a program leading to fulfillment of the Purposes of NASAO; and specifically:

1. Bring the several State Aeronautical Agencies and programs into a closer unanimity of purpose and policy; and
2. Bring about a closer coordination of activity with other aeronautical agencies and organizations both public and private; and
3. Cooperate with the other aviation agencies throughout the nation to assume coordinated leadership in the various aeronautical activities, to the end that aviation generally may be fostered and developed through the establishment of policies and programs of an integrated overall nature, both civilian and military, and as may best serve the public interest; and
4. Assist in establishment of a centrally coordinated National Aviation Safety Program designed to bring all of the various individual programs into focus in a balanced, cooperative, logical and continuing effort to produce safer aircraft; and safer airport and aircraft maintenance and operation; and

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5. Assist in the realization of an effective National System of Airports essential for an adequate air transportation system; the attainment of maximum utility of personal aircraft, and the National Defense; and

6. Assist in bringing the general public into a fuller understanding, appreciation and acceptance of aircraft as a means of transportation, both public and personal, as a strong force for world peace, and as an important factor in our general national economy through the means of an educational program in the schools and colleges and by use of the press and radio; and

7. Assisting in the drafting, enactment and enforcement of such federal, state and local legislation and international agreements as will best serve the public interest and bring about, as nearly as possible, uniformity of safety, economic and general regulation consistent with the needs of the aviation industry; and

8. Assist in securing federal, state and local appropriations for aeronautical research and development, airport construction, air-marking and other navigational aids; and for such other purposes as may be necessary and appropriate to governmental functions in their fostering and development of aviation.

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