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Dear RACCA Friends, ﻿As we embrace the New Year, I want to take a moment to share my sincere appreciation for the support, partnership, and commitment you have made to the Regional Air Cargo Carriers Association and the industry we collectively serve. I am extremely grateful for the confidence the membership, Board of Directors, and our past Founding President Stan Bernstein, have placed upon me. It is with an unwavering commitment that I will serve our association to the best of my ability. As the spirit volunteerism is the backbone of the Regional Air Cargo Carriers Association, I am excited to announce that two RACCA members have stepped forward and volunteered to bring back an **Aviation Advisory Committee on Safety, Ops, & Maintenance** to RACCA. The Aviation Advisory Committee will be a broad-based RACCA member committee that provides information, advice, and possible recommendations on issues related to the areas of safety, operations, and maintenance. Tom Jordan from West Air has agreed to Chair the Committee and our Associate Member Council Chair Keith McGann stepped to the plate to work with our associate members to provide support to the committee. Please take the time to read Tom’s introduction to the Aviation Advisory Committee further down in this email.  **SAVE the DATE:****April 30, 2024****RACCA Member Day**With the goal of adding value to our members, and content not available at our annual conference, Textron Aviation has agreed to host a RACCA Member Day at its Wichita, KS. facilities. The agenda, along with corporate participation & sponsorship opportunities, are currently in the works. For content feedback, please email Keith McGann at  keith.mcgann@FlightSafety.com and Juan Escalante at  jescalante@txtav.com. Please be on the lookout for additional emails regarding the content and details of this event.  As our association thrives on the participation of our members, please feel free to email me at jgoddard@raccaonline.org to share your insights, ideas, and aspirations on the future of the Regional Air Cargo Carriers Association.  On behalf of the Regional Air Cargo Carriers Association, I wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Successful New Year.  With Gratitude,  Jim GoddardPresident  |

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Dear Fellow Members,  RACCA is in the initial stages of developing an Aviation Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising our members on issues that may affect our daily operations. A good example of this is the anticipated FAA Safety Management System (SMS) for CFR part 135 operators, 145 repair stations, and others. While some of us already have “voluntary” FAA 135 accepted Part 135, or the required FAA 121 approved programs, many of us have not begun. Our intention would be to provide guidance and connections to steer you to resources that may provide a proven path to success.  SMS is just one example. Others may include safety, regulatory, maintenance, & operational requirements that are important to the success of our industry.  This committee will make a real difference to members and we are seeking volunteers and input is welcome. Our thoughts are that our committee will consist of a chairperson, along with one key representative from each area of operations, maintenance, and safety. Our goal would be to have diverse representatives across our member companies so that the advisors can provide a broad picture of what our membership needs are.It is also our desire to include advisory input from our associate members who continue to play a huge part in the success of our airline members. ﻿We are asking for your support in this initiative and request that you consider being a member of our Advisory Committee or a supporting member of the committee.  **Please email the following individuals to volunteer, provide input and other suggestions to:****Airline members: Tom Jordan,****jordan@westair.net****Associate members: Keith McGann,****Keith.McGann@FlightSafety.com**Thank you in advance, Tom JordanWest Air  |

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