

## Spotlight 6 – LNK Terminal Modernization Project



**Joe Marana, A.A.E.**  
**Great Lakes Chapter President**  
**Director of Operations and Facilities**  
**Fort Wayne International Airport**  
*(Moderator)*

Joe Marana has worked for the Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority for 10 years. He oversees the maintenance, operations, and public safety departments for Fort Wayne International Airport and Smith Field Airport. His many initiatives at the airport include assisting with the creation of an operations department, starting a new line of business as the airport's sole Fixed Base Operator (FBO), numerous multi-million dollar federally funded projects, and currently working on a \$50 million terminal expansion. Before moving to Fort Wayne, Joe worked at Hector International Airport in Fargo, North Dakota.

Joe has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of North Dakota and a Master of Business Administration degree from Purdue University Fort Wayne. Joe received his pilot license at the University of North Dakota, is an Accredited Airport Executive, and is the President of the Great Lakes Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives. He has served on many regional and national AAE Committees and is a Vice Chair of the Operations Safety Planning and Emergency Management Committee.

Joe is also very involved in his community as a member of the Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana and Leadership Fort Wayne. He also serves as vice-president on a local nonprofit board whose mission is to help individuals with barriers to employment.



**David Haring, A.A.E.**  
**Executive Director**  
**Lincoln Airport Authority**

An Accredited Airport Executive with almost 20 years of experience in the aviation industry, David Haring currently serves at the Executive Director of the Lincoln Airport in Lincoln, NE. In this capacity, he is responsible for the development and enforcement of all plans, policies, and programs governing the overall operation, maintenance, security and physical plant of the Airport.

Following his graduation from the University of North Dakota, David started his airport career as an intern at Jerry Olson Field in Cheyenne, WY and held in a variety positions over his 13 years there, most recently serving as its Director of Aviation from 2007 – 2014. As Director, David was responsible for all facets of the operation of the both the Cheyenne Regional Airport and the Airport owned FBO, Legend Aero Serve.

With a passion for leadership and a desire to serve as a resource for future generations, David has spent almost all of his career involved in academic relations at a variety of levels. He is a member of the Academic Relations Committee (AAAE), was the American Chair Co-Chair of the Scholarship/Internship Committee (NWAAAE), is the Academic Relations and Membership Committee Chair (GLAAAE) and has served or is serving as a Liaison for multiple student chapters of AAAE. Additionally, David serves on the Board of Directors for Leadership Lincoln, Inc. where he is also a member of the Youth Program Planning Committee.