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****Sessions are subject to change****

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Monday, November 16 (Pre-Conference)

09:00 – 13:30	Board of Directors' Meeting (Board Members Only) (Lunch Sponsored by WASCO)	
13:30 – 17:30	Pre-Conference Workshop: Beyond SAF – What ESG Really Means for Canadian Aviation <i>Stephanie Bertels, Professor of Sustainability - Simon Fraser University; Constance Drillhon, Snr Director Sustainability – CAE; Nancy Foran, President & Founder - ESG Partners; Airline (TBC) and MRO (TBC)</i>	
16:00 – 17:30	Associations Presidents' Meeting (by invitation only)	
18:00 – 20:00	"Usual Suspects Dinner" for Flight Training Community (by invitation only)	
20:00 – 23:00	"Moose Milk" Reception / Welcome Reception (Everybody welcome) (Co-Sponsored by Global Aerospace, Air Inuit, Apex Aircraft Sales, Northern Lights Aero Foundation and PAL Airlines)	



Tuesday, November 17

07:30 – 17:30	Registration	
08:00 – 15:00	Exhibitor Set up	
08:30 – 10:30	Air Cargo Committee	
09:00 – 11:45	Cabin Operations Committee	
09:00 – 11:45	Flight Training Committee (Session 1)	
09:00 – 11:45	Safety Committee and C-CAST (Session 1)	
09:00 – 11:45	Technical Operations and Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) Committee – Session 1	
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break in Foyer (Sponsored by The Boeing Company)	
10:30 – 12:00	Dangerous Goods Committee (Session 1)	
12:00 – 13:30	Industry Luncheon (Ticketed Event) (Co-Sponsored by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada and NAV CANADA) > ATAC Awards Presentation > DCAM Award Presentation > Keynote Speaker: Neil Van Andel, Air Canada - Pioneering Aircraft Drone Inspection in Canada	
13:30 – 17:00	Dangerous Goods Committee (Session 2)	
13:30 – 17:00	Safety Committee and C-CAST (Session 2)	
13:45 – 17:00	Flight Training Committee (Session 2)	
14:00 – 17:00	Technical Operations and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Committee – Session 2	
14:30 – 17:00	Security Committee (MEMBERS ONLY – NO MEDIA)	
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break in Foyer (Sponsored by Air Canada Maintenance)	
17:00 – 19:00	Opening Reception in the Tradeshow (Sponsored by Air Canada Maintenance)	

Wednesday, November 18

07:00 – 17:30	Registration	
07:15 – 08:15	Hot and Cold Breakfast in the Tradeshow (Sponsored by Deutsche Aircraft)	 DEUTSCHE AIRCRAFT
08:15 – 08:45	92nd Annual Meeting > Chair's Remarks > Treasurer's Report > President's Annual Report	
08:45 – 09:00	Exhibitors Spotlight	
09:00 – 09:20	ATAC Year-in-Review <i>Julie Mailhot, Air Transport Association of Canada</i>	
09:20 – 10:00	Coffee Break in the Tradeshow (Sponsored by Air Support)	 AIR SUPPORT
10:00 – 11:00	Plenary Session with Transport Canada Civil Aviation <i>Michel Béland and Jamie MacDermid, Transport Canada</i>	
11:00 – 11:15	Exhibitors Spotlight	
11:15 – 12:00	Plenary Session on Human Factor of Pilot During Cyber Threat <i>Hans Obas, A330 Captain</i>	
12:00 – 13:30	Buffet Lunch in the Tradeshow (Co-Sponsored by Avmax)	
13:30 – 14:30	Fireside Chat with CEOs <i>Speakers: Joseph Sparling, Air North; Shelly De Caria, Canadian North; Joey Petrisor, Perimeter Aviation and Derek Nice, Rise Air</i> <i>Moderator: Tracy Medve, KF Aerospace</i>	
14:30 – 15:15	Plenary Session with Chair of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada <i>Yoan Marier, Transportation Safety Board of Canada</i>	
15:15	Coffee Break in room (Sponsored by ATR)	
15:15 – 15:30	Introduction of New Chair of the Canadian Transportation Agency <i>Alain Langlois, Canadian Transportation Agency</i>	
15:30 – 16:30	Plenary Session with NAV CANADA	
16:00 – 19:00	ATAC Tradeshow Connect (Ticketed event for invited guests) This is a new networking opportunity taking place in the tradeshow area for full-conference delegates, as well as exhibitors who wish to bring local employees, customers, prospects, and operational staff, particularly those who directly use exhibitors' products and services.	
16:30 – 17:00	Plenary Session on Lithium Battery <i>Elise May, UL Standards & Engagement</i>	
17:00 – 19:00	Chair's Reception in the Tradeshow (Sponsored by Air Canada Maintenance)	 AIR CANADA

Thursday, November 19

07:30 – 15:00	Registration	
07:30 – 08:30	Hot and Cold Breakfast in the Tradeshow (Co-Sponsored by The Benefits Trust)	
08:30 – 12:00	Flight Training Committee (Session 3)	
08:30 – 12:00	Legal Committee ** Eligible for CLE ** (LEGAL COMMUNITY ONLY)	
08:45 – 09:45	ATAC Exhibitor Committee with ATAC's President (All Exhibitors Welcome)	
09:00 – 10:00	Joint Environment and Flight Operations Committee > Taking off Permafrost: Impact of Climate Change to Northern Runways <i>Dr. Michael Allard, Université Laval and Dr. Fabrice Calmels, Yukon University</i>	

10:00 – 12:00

Environment Committee

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break in the Tradeshow
(Sponsored by Vancouver International Airport)


10:30 – 12:00

Flight Operations Committee with TCCA and NAV CANADA (Session 1)

12:00 – 13:30

Buffet Lunch in the Tradeshow

13:30 – 17:00

Flight Operations Committee with TCCA and NAV CANADA (Session 2)

13:45 – 16:30

Flight Training Committee (Session 4) (CLOSED SESSION – FTUs ONLY)

13:30 – 17:00

Human Resources Committee

13:30 – 18:00

Tradeshow Teardown

14:15 – 16:30

Accessibility Committee

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee Break in Foyer
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16:30 – 19:00

Closing Reception
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