

Dear COPA Members,

On May 24, 2025, the COPA Board informed members of its intent to bring forward a motion proposing a name change to Aviators Canada Association.

The recommendation was rooted in a desire to ensure our association remains representative, inclusive, and relevant to the evolving general aviation community.

As part of our commitment to democratic decision making, the proposed motion was to be voted on by members, either in person or by proxy, at our upcoming Annual and Special Meeting.

Since that communication, we have heard from members across the country. Many shared their strong support, others requested more information, and some expressed strong opposition to the change.

We are grateful to everyone who took the time to reach out. Your feedback reflects a passionate and engaged membership that cares deeply about the future of our organization.

With the June 21 meeting now less than three weeks away and limited to just one hour, the Board has, after thoughtful consideration, decided to withdraw the motion from the agenda. It will not be brought forward for debate or vote at the meeting.

This decision is not the end of the conversation. It is a recognition that more time and dialogue are needed. The concerns that led to this proposal remain important, but we are committed to addressing them in a way that reflects COPA's values and the voices of its members.

As many of you know, Marcia Kim recently joined COPA as our new President and CEO. Her leadership, alongside an engaged Board and passionate membership, creates a strong foundation for revisiting these conversations with openness and collaboration at a later date.

We sincerely thank you for your continued engagement, your dedication to general aviation in Canada, and your commitment to COPA. We look forward to building the future of this association, grounded in respect, guided by members, and focused on protecting and promoting the freedom to fly.

Doug Ronan

Chair of the Board of Directors | Président du conseil
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