



TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: Balchen/Post Award 2022 – Staff Report

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On Monday, May 2nd, 2022 in Buffalo New York, The International Aviation Snow Symposium (I.A.S.S) recognized recipients for the prestigious Balchen/Post Award. Truckee Tahoe Airport District was recognized as the award winner for the Small GA (less than 50,000 operations per year) category.

The purpose of this award is to promote better snow and ice control and to recognize those individuals responsible for outstanding performance.

AWARD CRITERIA

To be considered for an award, an airport may be recommended by a user or users of the airport, or make direct application.

In the selection process, the committee will give careful consideration to the following:

- Degree of in-depth preparedness:
 - Snow and ice control plan
 - Equipment readiness
 - Personnel training
 - Overall safety awareness.
- Effectiveness of snow and ice control program:
 - Aeronautical areas
 - Runways
 - Taxiways
 - Aprons
 - Ramps

- Runway/taxiway lighting
 - Signs
- Timeliness and accuracy of communications during the snow and ice control effort with:
 - The airlines
 - General aviation
 - The public
 - The FAA
 - Other airport users
- Post-storm activity:
 - Clean-up
 - Critique

The Balchen/Post award Plaque is presented to the employees of the airport that, in the judgment of the Award Selection Committee, have demonstrated excellence in the performance of snow and ice control.

Our award plaque will be retained permanently at Truckee Tahoe Airport. In addition a “master” plaque containing the names of all past recipients will be retained by the Symposium for display at appropriate aviation functions.

Other airports of Honorable Mention:

- Southwest Michigan Regional Airport, Benton Harbor, Michigan

Truckee Tahoe Airport District is honored to be the recipient of the 2022 Balchen/Post Award for Small GA Category. We continuously strive to improve our management and snow response to weather events while making effective use of District resources.