



International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations

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Mr. James W. Coon  
Secretary General  
IAOPA

Dear James:

I would like to share the following Update on what has happened on the South American Region:

Panama

In Panama, in particular, the relationship with the Civil Aeronautic Authorities is at the highest and best level.

We have been working on:

1. I am member of the Runway Safety Team, representing AOPA Panama.
2. The Civil Aeronautic Authority of the Republic of Panama works very closely with AOPA Panama on all the areas of interest for the development of General Aviation.
3. I represent AOPA Panama on the Committee for Wildlife Control. We are very active in this area, as well.
4. AOPA Panama has been very much involved in the discussions of some changes the Civil Aeronautic Authority wants to do to the current Law.
5. We are expecting the result of the upcoming General Elections to conform the different working groups with the new government.

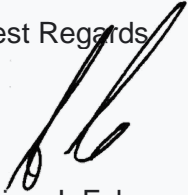
Countries that belong to the South American Region:

1. I have tried to have a fluent and continuous communication with all the members of the region.
2. Different countries have different ways to address the same issues. It seems that in the rest of the countries the communication between the different aeronautical associations and the Aeronautical Authorities is not as fluent as in Panama. In Panama we follow a pattern very much like the one used in the US. It is important to remember that Panama and the US have had a relationship that goes back to 1850 or before.
3. I have kept telling the different representatives of AOPA that it is important to be consistent and keep pushing for recognition and representativeness. No one is going to do that for them. It is an everyday work.
4. If I see that there is an opportunity to visit key South American Countries, I will do that.

5. Due to the Pandemic my idea of having a Regional Meeting in Panama with all the South America representatives, and you as Secretary General was not possible. I will try to do that for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months of 2025 when in Panama is the dry season and the weather is better. I will keep you posted.

This is all I have to report to you for the time being.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Fabrega', written over the text 'Best Regards'.

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