



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATORS

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A Friend and Mentor to us all.

Dear fellow CSASI Members,

Mark Clitsome



It is with a sad heart that I must notify our membership of the loss of a friend, mentor to many and a leader within the aviation community.

Mark Clitsome has distinguished himself as a true leader in the world of accident investigations. Joining the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) in 1993 until his retirement in 2018.

Mark was the Director of Investigations, Aviation (DOI). He was responsible for over 70 staff and managers. As DOI, Mark was directly responsible for the conduct of all TSB aviation investigations and attending Board meetings to discuss these investigations.

Mark was very involved in ICAO matters. Mark represented the TSB at the ICAO Accident Investigation Group (AIG) 2008 meeting, the ICAO High Level Safety Conference 2010 and 2015, the ICAO Safety Information Protection Task Force (SIPTF) 2012 and the Group of Experts on the Protection of Safety

Information (GEPAIR) 2014. Mark was a member of the Nordic AIG and an observer on European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) AIG. Mark presented numerous papers and shared his knowledge at a number of international conferences on investigation and aviation safety matters. Mark was elected by his peers (30 international Directors and Chief Investigators) to head the newly formed ICAO AIG Panel (AIGP) to work on Annex 13.

Mark was recognized by various organizations for his expertise. Mark was a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautics Society. Fellowship (FRAeS) is the highest grade attainable and is only bestowed upon those in the profession of aeronautics or aerospace. He was also most recently awarded Fellow of International Society of Air Safety Investigators.

On another note, Mark had a fantastic sense of humor. Those who knew him knew his humor well! He was always willing to share a laugh and help those who sought his advice and guidance. He was the proud father who raised four sons, two grandsons with his beautiful wife Louanne of 42 years.

Mark passed away peacefully with his family around him on July 28, 2023

With our condolences,

Barry Wiszniowski President

Steve Roberts Secretary Treasurer.