

Tom Gerharter, Chairman



Tom Gerharter is Senior Vice President, Operations for Portland-based Horizon Air since 1995. He oversees maintenance and flight operations for approximately seventy jet and turboprop aircraft. He previously served Horizon as Vice President, Flight Operations. Tom joined Horizon Air in 1983 as a pilot and maintained his flight currency as a Fokker F-28 captain until that aircraft was retired in 2002. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Drew Lutten, Director and Secretary



Drew Lutten is an international attorney and manager who has worked extensively in the Caribbean, Middle East, Eastern Europe and Eurasia. He is a St. Louis native who now lives and works in the Washington, DC area. Drew was educated at William Jewell College in Missouri and Harvard Law School.

Lacey Pittman, Director



Lacey Pittman is Assistant Chief Pilot at Horizon Air and actively involved in pilot recruitment and flight operations. Previously, she worked in Flight Standards to develop and manage the FAA approval for the airline's single engine air taxi program. She currently serves as Chairwoman of the Industry Advisory Council to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide. Lacey was educated at Trinity Western University and Coastal Pacific Aviation where she earned her B.A. in Intercultural Studies and Aviation. Previously, Lacey was an Air Serv pilot in Conakry, Guinea.

Taiye Agbaniyaka, Director



Taiye Agbaniyaka is a Boeing 777 pilot for Continental Airlines with 33 years of extensive international aviation experience including operations in Africa. He was educated at the British founded Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria, Nigeria. Taiye founded two non-profit organizations and has worked with humanitarian groups for over fifteen years.

Jeff Thindwa, Director



Jeff Thindwa is the coordinator of the World Bank's Participation and Civic Engagement Group in the Social Development Department. He began his career as a lawyer in Malawi and later spent seventeen years in the NGO community. Jeff earned his law degree at the University of Malawi. He also studied European Union law at Kings College, London, and political economy at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

David Taylor, Director



David Taylor has served the international humanitarian community for over forty years. He spent sixteen years with the Seventh Day Adventist Church in South America, then seven years with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Sudan and Cyprus. He has spent the last eighteen years with World Vision International except for three years with the U. S. Agency for International Development as Director of the Office of Transition Initiatives. David presently serves as World Vision's Executive Advisor for Humanitarian Affairs. He is both a commercial pilot and aviation maintenance technician.

William Holbrook, Director



Bill Holbrook finished a 20-year career in health care management in 1993 and then began his second career in international development and relief. He has directed multi-million dollar programs in Sudan, Haiti, and Azerbaijan for such organizations as USAID, World Vision International, and Mercy Corps as well as home office assignments for CHF International and International Relief and Development. Bill has dual B.A. degrees in sociology and communications and dual M.A. degrees in counseling psychology and business administration.

Ron Gatewood, Director and Treasurer



Ron Gatewood brings a lifetime of experience as a professional aviator and aviation manager. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps for 27 years in the U. S., Africa and Asia, including two combat tours in Vietnam. He retired as a Colonel and Command Pilot with four Distinguished Flying Crosses among numerous other military commendations. Ron holds ATP, CFII, and A&P/IA certificates from the FAA. He founded SkyWorld Aviation, which was acquired by Air Serv in early 2009, and several other airport development and management companies. He is a director of the Virginia Aviation Business Association. Ron holds a B. S. degree from Purdue University and an M. S. degree in Business Administration from Webster University and also graduated from the Naval War College and Inter-American Defense College.