# Bird Strike Committee USA Role, Composition & Goals

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## **History of the Committee**

- Established in 1991 (first conference)
- MOU with the FAA
- Evolution of the Steering Group
  - Diversity in stakeholders represented
  - Leadership succession
- Annual Conferences since 1991
- 425 members





BSC USA Sun n Fun Air Show = Outreach



#### **Committee Role: ICAO & FAA**

#### ICAO

ICAO recommends each nation form a Bird Strike Committee to advise the Civil Aviation Authority -

Doc 9137 - Airport Services Manual Part 3, Wildlife Control and Reduction, 5th Edition 2020



#### FAA-BSC USA MOU

"This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a cooperative relationship between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Bird Strike Committee USA (BSC-USA). The purpose of the partnership is to provide technical expertise and assistance to the FAA to help mitigate wildlife hazards to aviation."





## Mission & Membership

- BSC USA is dedicated to providing leadership in managing wildlife hazards to aviation.
- Membership Categories
  - Federal Aviation Administration
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture/APHIS/WS
  - U.S. Department of Defense
  - U.S. Airports
  - Private Sector Services
  - Airlines
  - Aerospace Industries
  - General







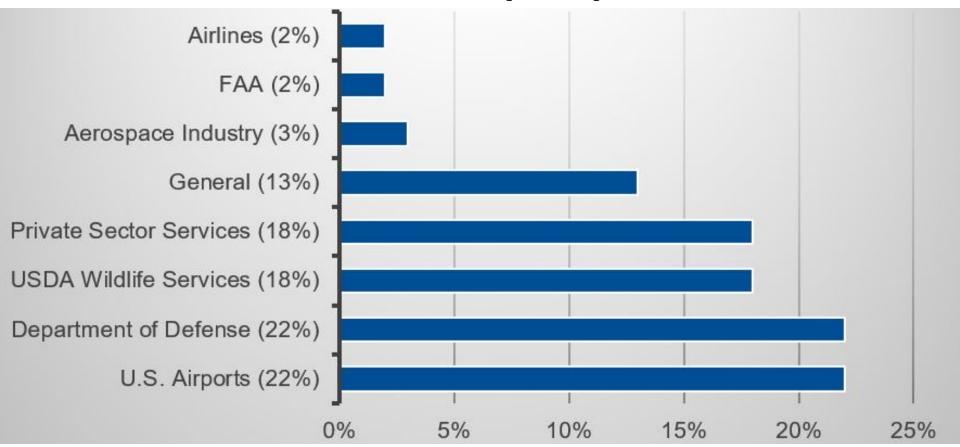








## **Current Membership Representation**



BSC-USA membership consists 425 members representing all 50 states & territories of the U.S. and 29 countries.



## **5 Principal Objectives**

#### 1) Exchange of information



2) Promote the collection and analysis of accurate **wildlife strike** data



3) <u>Promote research and development</u> of effective procedures, methods, and technologies.



4) Promote professionalism and advocacy of high standards



5) Serve as the <u>national expert body and liaison</u> to the FAA, national/international Bird Strike Committees and to other professional aviation and wildlife organizations.





## **Committee Challenges**

- 1. Volunteer organization
- 2. Expected / unexpected turnover of volunteers
- 3. Transparency
- 4. Sponsorship
- 5. Bylaws Update
- 6. Self-evaluation
- 7. Voting
- 8. Membership



## **Knowledge Gained**

- Committee Composition
- Website Management
- Social Media Engagement
- Education & Outreach
- Annual Conference

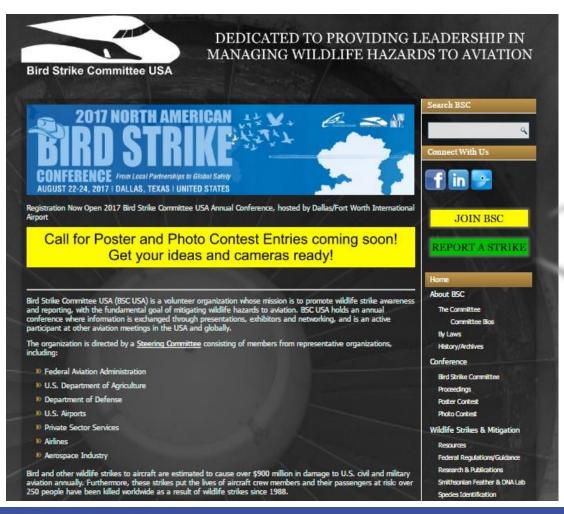


## **Committee Composition**

- Diversity in stakeholders is key to the success of this organization.
- Established leadership succession
- Standing Committees:
  - Membership
  - Communications
  - Operations and Policy
  - Annual Conference
  - Research and Development
  - Education and Outreach



## **Website Management**

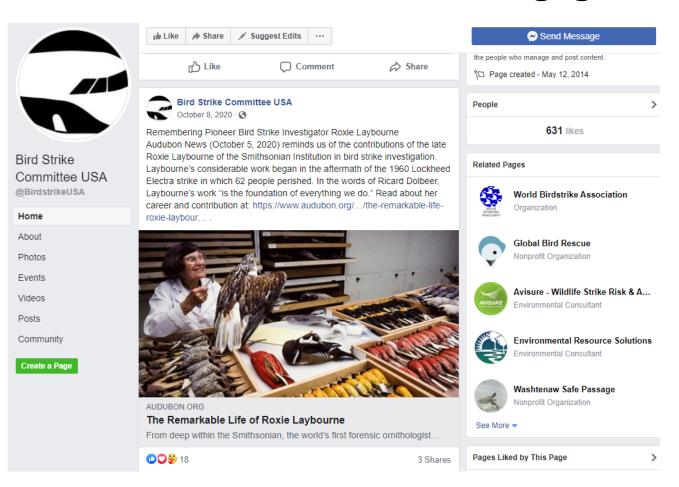


Quick link for Membership

Quick link for Reporting a Wildlife Strike



#### **Social Media Engagement**











#### **Increased Communication**



## **Bird Strike Buzz**

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#### FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Bird Strike Committee USA (BSC-USA) Members,

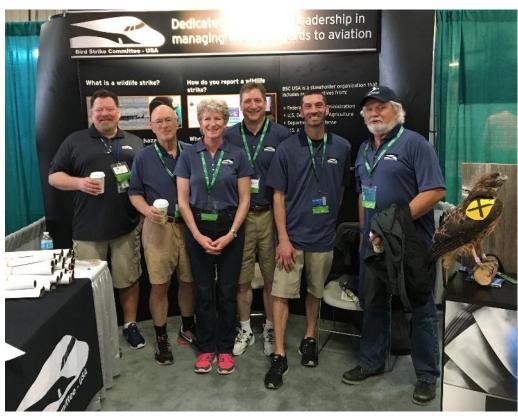
As the new Chair of Bird Strike Committee USA (BSC-USA), I want to express my gratitude for the continued support during the Executive Team's transition that took place during a global pandemic! It's an understatement to say that 2020 has presented all of us with many impacts and challenges both personally and professionally. I am excited to work with our new Vice-chair, Craig Quick, and Immediate Past-Chair, John Weller as the Executive Team, and with the Steering Committee to secure a bright new future during these ever-changing times.

It was with great disappointment that we had to cancel this year's meeting in Minneapolis due to the concerns with COVID-19 and virus exposure/transfer in



#### **Education & Outreach**

Booth and Materials







#### **Annual Conference**

- Diversity of Topics Submitted abstracts and invited speakers
- Offering a training session
- Registration Fees & Per Diem
- Conference Assistance
- Webinars





## **Documenting History**

 The importance of our history (archives) and the institutional knowledge from our Emeritus Members







#### **Thank You**

Nick Atwell
Bird Strike Committee USA- Chairperson

