



Jean Ménard Appointed New Board Chair of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame

Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame (CAHF) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Jean Ménard** as Chair of its Board of Directors, effective immediately. A respected leader with decades of experience in both the aviation sector and nonprofit governance, Jean steps into this role after serving as Treasurer of the Board, where his guidance helped strengthen CAHF's financial sustainability.

A long-time supporter of the Hall's mission, Jean has played a vital role in advancing initiatives that preserve Canada's rich aviation heritage and expand national awareness of the individuals and organizations who have shaped it. His appointment comes alongside the addition of several new Directors, further reinforcing the Hall's commitment to strong, engaged leadership and a clear vision for the years ahead.

"Jean's passion for aviation, combined with his collaborative leadership and deep respect for Canada's aviation story, make him the ideal person to lead the Hall into its next chapter," said outgoing Chair **John McKenna**. *"His steady hand and forward-thinking approach will ensure that CAHF continues to honour the past while inspiring future generations."* John will remain actively involved as Immediate Past Chair and as Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Jean's background spans financial stewardship, organizational growth, and community engagement, all anchored by a conviction that telling the stories of Canadian aviation pioneers strengthens our national identity and encourages innovation. As Chair, he will work closely with CAHF's national team, Board members, and volunteers to advance the Hall's strategic priorities, including:

- **Expanding educational programming** to reach more Canadians, especially youth.
- **Building new partnerships** within the aviation and aerospace sectors.
- **Enhancing the Hall's digital presence** and storytelling initiatives.
- **Developing a robust, diversified funding base** to sustain the Hall's mission well into the future.



“The Board has never been stronger,” said Jean. “With a dynamic group of returning and new Directors, a dedicated team of staff and volunteers, and a growing community of supporters, we are well positioned to deepen our impact across Canada. Together, we will continue to celebrate the remarkable contributions of our aviation leaders and inspire the next generation to reach for the skies.”

While the Hall remains focused on strengthening its organizational capacity, it also looks ahead to the **2025 Induction Ceremony**, taking place this September in Calgary, where this year’s honourees and award recipients will be recognized for their exceptional contributions to Canadian aviation - <https://cahf.ca/induction/>

Please join us in congratulating Jean on this well-deserved appointment and in celebrating the momentum and optimism propelling the Hall into the future.