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Gordon Nesbitt was appointed to the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee (PAAC) in October 2015 to serve as the committee's representative from the neighboring city of Oceanside, CA.

The son of a WWII era pilot / post-war aeronautical engineer, Gordon began navigating within southern California airspace at a very early age. He earned his private pilot privileges in 1970 and has been flying "legally" ever since.

Gordon received his Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering Technology from Cal Poly Pomona in 1976. Immediately following graduation Gordon began working for what was to become the Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems (IDS) Corp. During his career, he was a principal company interface working with domestic and foreign governments and their militaries to increase the combat effectiveness of Raytheon weapons systems. After thirty-seven years of continuous service Gordon retired from Raytheon IDS in 2012.

Prior to moving to Oceanside in 2012, Gordon lived in Carlsbad directly under the Palomar airport traffic pattern where he became very familiar with the issues and frustrations of other airport neighbors. Gordon moved his aircraft from Palomar to Oceanside in 2003, and soon after joined the Oceanside Airport Association (OAA. *The OAA is a community based organization with a majority of members being neither pilots nor aircraft owners.*) Gordon was elected President of the OAA in 2011. In this role he has met with and advised Oceanside city leaders, key staff members and citizen groups on the fundamentals of the National Airspace System (NAS) and on issues the local community has with administration of the Oceanside Municipal Airport.

Gordon has been a member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) since 2006 where he served on the General Aviation Issues Committee. Gordon also served on the FAA's NextGen Planning Committee as industry representative for Raytheon Corp. Currently Gordon is the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association's (AOPA) and the Cal Pilots Association's representative for Oceanside Municipal Airport.