



CRAIG J. SPENCE
SECRETARY GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF AIRCRAFT OWNER AND
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Mr. Spence joined the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association in June 2008 as the organizations first Vice President of the newly created Aviation Security Department located within the Government Affairs Division. In December of 2009 he was promoted to his current position as Vice President, Operations & International Affairs and is responsible for leading AOPA's advocacy efforts on safety and security regulatory and operational issues. In October of 2012, Mr. Spence was named as the Secretary General of the International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations (IAOPA), directing the activities of IAOPA and representing the interests of general aviation pilots worldwide in 79 affiliate nations, with a combined membership of over 400,000. Mr. Spence has been a private pilot for over 38 years and retired from the Air Force Reserves after serving for more than 27 years as a pilot and instructor pilot, where he held the rank of Colonel. He is a Commercial Pilot, with Instrument and multi-engine ratings and over 3,000 hours. Mr. Spence holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management, Transportation and Logistics, and a Masters in Business Administration. He is also a graduate of the Air Force Air Command and Staff College, and the Air War College.