



Michel Cordeau, Manager of Operations

COPA is proud to welcome Michel Cordeau as the new Manager of Operations, starting on December 12, 2016. Michel will be reporting directly to Bernard Gervais, President and CEO, and working out of the Ottawa office.

Michel is a dynamic and competent professional with comprehensive management/technical skills, having played leadership roles across various reputable aviation companies.

He has a rare balance of innovative edge and technical competencies, combined with strong ideological acumen and executive-level capabilities.

He is proficient in organization leadership, communications and organization management, as well as being recognized for his strong background and understanding of technical issues.

As quick background notes, Michel can claim the following:

- Started in aviation in 1981 with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) as a Meteorological technician and communication specialist in Comox, BC.
- Holds an Airline Pilot Licence, with float rating and Class 2 instructor rating (expired).
- Chief Flight Instructor for many years with several general aviation and college-level Flight Training Units (FTU).
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Flying Training in Canada (NFTC) Subject Matter Expert (SME), trained approximately 900 military pilots from several countries.
- Head of Business Intelligence and Approved Training Organization (ATO) Quality Assurance Manager for the training of Airline Pilots on Boeing -737 and Airbus -320, for Lockheed Martin Commercial Flight Training in South Korea.
- Headed the TRAINAIR PLUS project for Lockheed Martin and succeeded to have the first training center held by a Full Flight Simulator (FFS) manufacturer in the world to be certified by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- Holds a Course developer certificate from ICAO.
- Holds a Master degree in business administration (MBA) (specializing in leadership and sustainability).