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SkyWest Airlines Announces Three New Directors

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ST. GEORGE, Utah, October 19, 2006 – SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) is pleased to announce the appointment of three new directors as a result of a realignment within the People Department: Suzanne Stephensen as director – people programs and recruitment; Ryan Quinlan as director – employee relations, compensation and performance and Amber Hunter director – corporate communications, development and marketing. All three directors will report to Necia Clark-Mantle, vice president – people, at the airlines’ corporate headquarters in St. George, Utah.

Suzanne Stephensen will be responsible for corporate recruitment and people programs, which includes employment administration, recognition, travel center, travel contracts and administration. With more than 16 years at SkyWest, Stephensen has worked in various positions ranging from ramp agent to chief flight attendant. She has most recently served as director – InFlight resources. During her tenure, Stephensen has been a catalyst for SkyWest’s InFlight recruitment efforts. She has helped manage nearly 1,500 flight attendants and led the creation of the service section in the InFlight manual, which implemented a higher service standard for flight attendants. Stephensen’s vast knowledge and experience with the airline’s operation and its employees will be an invaluable asset to SkyWest in her new position.

Ryan Quinlan will oversee employee relations, workers’ compensation and leave of absence administration, as well as employee compensation and performance. Quinlan comes to SkyWest from Ivy Logistics, where he oversaw business development, marketing and pricing. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Brigham Young University, where he also was editor of the “MBA Student Voice” newsletter. Quinlan worked at Novations Group and prior to that at Union Pacific, where he negotiated service contracts and lease agreements for union and non-union labor.

Amber Hunter will oversee corporate communications and media relations, marketing, business and digital media development, as well as leadership training and development. Hunter comes to the position with seven years of communication and marketing experience. Most recently, she was SkyWest’s director – people resources and recruitment. Hunter holds a Master of Business Administration from Brigham Young University and a bachelor’s degree in both Communications and Psychology. Hunter served on the BYU MBA Executive Council as vice president of communications and was elected outstanding graduate student of the year by the Marriott Business School.

SkyWest Airlines was named the Number One On-Time Mainland Airline in the United States by the Department of Transportation for 2005, 2004 and 2003, years in which they carried more than 40 million passengers. System-wide, SkyWest has more than 10,000 employees and serves a total of 130 cities in 36 states and four Canadian provinces with approximately 1,600 daily departures.

This press release and information on SkyWest Airlines can be accessed at www.skywest.com/skywest/.

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