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## **Mesa Airlines Announces Paul Foley's Return to Executive Management**

**PHOENIX – March 22, 2017** – Mesa Airlines, Inc. announced the return of Paul Foley to the Company's executive management team. Foley will serve as Executive Vice President, and will oversee Flight Operations Recruitment, Training, Safety/Security, Crew Planning and Aircraft Scheduling. Foley will work closely with Chief Operating Officer John Selvaggio, maintaining the Company's relationships with United Airlines and American Airlines.

"We are very happy to welcome Paul back," said Jonathan Ornstein, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Paul's work at Mesa was integral to the remarkable transition of our relationship with United Airlines and the growth of our American Eagle operations. His positive energy, knowledge and friendships are greatly appreciated by everyone."

Foley brings over 34 years of airline management experience to this role. He recently served as Chief Executive Officer at Retrix Aviation, and previously as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Mesa Airlines from October 2008 through March 2016. Foley was President and CEO of MAIR Holdings (owner of Mesaba Airlines and Big Sky Airlines) from October 1999 through September 2008. He has held executive level positions with Atlas Air, LSG Sky Chefs, and Continental Airlines.

"One of our most important challenges with regard to our continued growth is our ability to attract, retain and engage our people," said Foley. "I am excited to be back and look forward to working closely with John Selvaggio, helping Mesa navigate the challenges of this ever-changing industry."

Foley holds an MBA from Southern Methodist University and a B.S. from Cornell University.

**About Mesa Airlines**

A multiple-time recipient of *Air Transport World's* Regional Airline of the Year Award, Phoenix-based Mesa Airlines operates as American Eagle from hubs in Phoenix and Dallas/Fort Worth and as United Express from Washington Dulles and Houston. Founded on a mesa in New Mexico in 1982 by Larry and Janie Risley, Mesa currently operates 133 aircraft, with more than 600 daily system departures to 124 cities, 38 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Mexico, and the Bahamas. The airline will add 17 additional Embraer 175 aircraft to its fleet in 2017. The company has approximately 3,100 employees and plans to hire an additional 1,000 in the next two years. For more information, go to [www.mesa-air.com](http://www.mesa-air.com) or visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mesaairlines](https://www.facebook.com/mesaairlines).