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**Academy of Model Aeronautics announces resignation of its executive director**

M U N C I E – The Academy of Model Aeronautics, the nation’s collective voice for model aviation, announced today the resignation of its executive director, Jim Cherry.

“We are very appreciative of all the good things that Jim has done for the Academy for nearly four years of his leadership,” said Dave Mathewson, president of AMA. “We wish him well in his future endeavors.”

Joyce Hager, assistant director and a 40-year member of the AMA professional staff, will assume duties as interim executive director. The Executive Council, comprising vice presidents from AMA regional districts, has begun the search for a new executive director.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, represents 142,000 members in 2,400 clubs. It sanctions more than 2,000 competitions and is a member of the National Aeronautic Association and the Fédération Internationale Aéronautique. The AMA has been headquartered in Muncie, Indiana since 1992 on the 1100-acre International Aeromodeling Center and the National Model Aviation Museum.

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