

Captain Brian Shury

Captain Brian Shury has been flying professionally since 1982. He is an Air Canada Jazz Captain based in Toronto. Brian was elected Executive Vice President, Professional and Government Affairs for IFALPA in April 2019 and served in this role until October of 2020 whereupon he transitioned into the role of Director of Professional and Government Affairs for IFALPA.

Captain Shury was born into an activist union family. He was immersed in labour relations which started with his first picket line experience at five years old. He obtained a BA (hons) in Political Science and International Relations from Western University in 1987.

Brian has held several committee and political positions within the Canadian Airline Pilots Association (CALPA) and the Air line Pilots Association Int'l. (ALPA-I) over the last three decades. He has held positions ranging from Grievance Chairman for Air Ontario in 1991 and subsequently many leadership positions within the Air Ontario MEC, the Air Canada Jazz MEC, ALPA Canada and IFALPA.

Brian participated in or led negotiations in various environments including mergers, bankruptcies/restructuring, and complex CPA/Mainline bargaining with multiple players. He is most proud of the bargaining accomplishments, many unprecedented, that have been achieved by his Air Ontario, Air Canada Regional, and Jazz, colleagues over the years.

Brian believes that these bargaining successes were achieved by extraordinary unity and focus anchored by the mutual respect amongst all pilots involved, regardless of what they fly, who they fly for or what region they fly in.

Brian lives on a farm near Peterborough, Ontario, with his wife and their two daughters.