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Paul Amundsen has served The American Association of Port Authorities since 1945 and has been its principal staff official since 1948. The Association consists of all of the public boards or authorities responsible for port development throughout the United States and Canada, plus 26 national port administrations of the maritime nations of Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Mr. Amundsen has represented the AAPA before a wide range of Congressional committees on legislative matters affecting public port development and has participated in all of the inter-agency activity in Washington involving the interests of various branches of the Federal Government in seaports.

In cooperation with the various professional committees of AAPA, Mr. Amundsen coordinates the Association's technical contributions to the industry including the publication of various reference textbooks on port construction and maintenance.

Mr. Amundsen recently constructed the first university course in the United States on Port Administration on special assignment with the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He is the founder of the Association's Port Management Development Seminars as well as being the author of a seaport coloring book for third graders of which a quarter of a million copies has been distributed. He is Publisher of WORLD PORTS Magazine, the Association's official publication with a circulation of 13,000.

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Mr. Amundsen was born in Chicago in 1916. He majored in Business Administration at the University of Chicago, and spent seven years in the steel industry prior to moving into port work.