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TO: IAC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT: IAC Board of Directors Meeting – Action Summary

The IAC Board of Directors met in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on 11-12 November and dealt with a wide variety of issues. I would like to provide an update for those of you who could not attend the meeting so you are aware of what was decided.

President's Report

- Membership is growing and finances are strong. We had **3,673** members in the Fall of 2014. Due to our membership recruiting efforts, through direct mail, e-blasts, and AirVenture, we are now at **4,214** members as of 30 September.
- As of the time of the meeting, **454** pilots competed in IAC-sanctioned competition in 2016 with some contests still pending. This has been fairly stable since 2011. Our peak was in 2010 with 521 pilots competing.
- The Nationals will move to Oshkosh next year with the dates now set at Saturday, 23 September through Friday, 29 September. Gary DeBaun will serve as Contest Director. In addition to the normal contest format, we plan additional activities to make the event more attractive to the general membership. Camping will be available in Audrey's Park on the EAA grounds as well as various hotel options.
- IAC's AirVenture 2017 plans include honoring the 40th anniversary of the Christen Eagle and a reunion of Extra pilots and owners. In addition, a full slate of seminars are planned along with our annual membership gathering in the Nature Center.

- IAC manager Trish Deimer-Steineke left our employ on 21 October and the search for a replacement Executive Director began immediately. Several candidates were interviewed by phone and personally by the Executive Committee in Oshkosh on Thursday, 10 November. I am pleased to announce that the IAC Board agreed to the Executive Committee's recommendation of **Lorrie Penner** as our new Executive Director. She will assume those duties on the 1st of January, 2017. In the meantime, some of the details of our day-to-day business are being handled by your IAC officers. Lorrie is well known to many IAC members having served as our secretary, Achievement Awards chair, formerly as Awards Administration chair, and assistant contest director for the 27th World Aerobatic Championships in Texas in 2013. Lorrie has also been active in IAC Chapter 34 in Ohio for many years and has served in various contest positions. She brings a great background in aerobatics to the table and will do a fine job for our members. Lorrie will not be moving to Oshkosh but will spend considerable time there during the year in addition to working out of a home office.
- Louie Andrew has left the IAC Board. He served for thirty years as the EAA's representative on our Board of Directors. He is a resident of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin which is where we met in 1979 as he began assisting IAC in the organization of our championships there. He later became EAA's Vice President and Chairman of their executive committee. He has since retired from those positions.
- Norm DeWitt replaces Louie as EAA's representative, moving from a Class IV directorship to this post. Norm has served on the IAC Board for many years in addition to his current membership on the EAA Board. He brings vast experience and viewpoints to our Board and will continue to be a valuable member as well as providing the EAA input we need.
- Since the Class IV spot became available, the Board voted to appoint Margo Chase to this position. We welcome Margo to the Board. She has been attending meetings for the last several years as our marketing expert and has been deeply involved in the new IAC brand, new logos, our "*Unlimited Collection*" line of merchandise, AirVenture planning and execution, and other responsibilities. She flies Advanced in addition to heading up a very successful marketing company in Los Angeles (The Chase Group).
- The Board voted to formally thank Louie Andrew and Jonathan Gaffney, former CEO of the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), for their service on our Board. Louie was also voted "Director Emeritus" status.

Treasurer's Report

- IAC Treasurer Bob Hart reported a **\$10,860** net income for IAC through 30 September. October numbers were not available at the time of the meeting. This is approximately \$20,700 below our budgeted income due to unanticipated legal expenses associated with

the removal of a pilot from US Unlimited Aerobatic Team this year.

- The Treasurer also presented the Fiscal Year 2018 budget to the Board for approval. IAC's fiscal year runs from 1 March to 28/29 February each year with the FY18 budget beginning next year. The Finance Committee proposed a budget which would yield an **\$11,781** net income for IAC for FY18. The Board approved the budget.
- The Treasurer also proposed that some of the financial responsibilities that come with Nationals and the US teams be distributed to other volunteers. This was favorably received by the Board.

Marketing and Merchandising

Marketing chair Margo Chase presented her plans for the IAC merchandising program for 2017 to include new lines of apparel and other marketing initiatives. IAC will retain some of its classic clothing which will always remain in stock along with new designs for t-shirts.

Margo will also assist in the development of IAC fund-raising programs. Her presentation to the Board was Agenda item 6b which can be found at the <https://www.iac.org/meeting-docs> page. All 42 of the agenda documents for the 11-12 November meeting are available at that page.

IAC Publications

Editor Reggie Paulk reported to the Board on current work on our monthly publications, *Sport Aerobatics* and *In The Loop*. As always, work is continuing to upgrade our publications, provide the content our members want, and to improve their quality and accuracy.

Rules Changes

The complete Rules Committee report to the Board can be found at <https://www.iac.org/meeting-docs> and below is a summary of the action on rules changes the Board voted:

Rule Proposal	Summary	IAC Board Vote
2017-01	Horizontal flight for gliders	No
2017-03	Judge currency	Yes
2017-09	Judge candidate training	Yes
2017-10	Optional break for density altitude	Yes
2017-11	Free Program penalties	Yes
2017-13	Wind limits	No

2017-14	Non-contest flying during a contest	Yes
2017-15	Minimum number of competitors	Yes
2017-17	Combination of Hard and Numeric Zeros	Yes
2017-NATS-1	Low calls during Four Minute Freestyle	No

Known Sequences for 2017

All of the proposed Known sequences for both Power and Glider were adopted. These proposals were prepared by the IAC Known Sequence Committee and 51 sequences (base and variants) were considered. The sequences can be found in PDF format at the following link:

<https://www.iac.org/news/2016-11-15-2017-known-sequences-approved-board-directors>

Nationals 2016

Gary DeBaun, Contest Director, reported on the 2016 Nationals which was IAC's last event at the North Texas Regional Airport (KGYI) with the contest being moved to Oshkosh in 2017. It was a very successful event with 89 pilots competing, 20 of whom were in gliders.

The Nationals not only named National Champions in all categories but selected the 2016-2018 US Unlimited Team which will compete in South Africa in September 2017.

The contest is undergoing continuous upgrades with communications one of the biggest improvements being communications this year with officials, volunteers, and competitors through the use of Facebook and Twitter.



IAC members and Nationals participants gather for the camera in September 2016

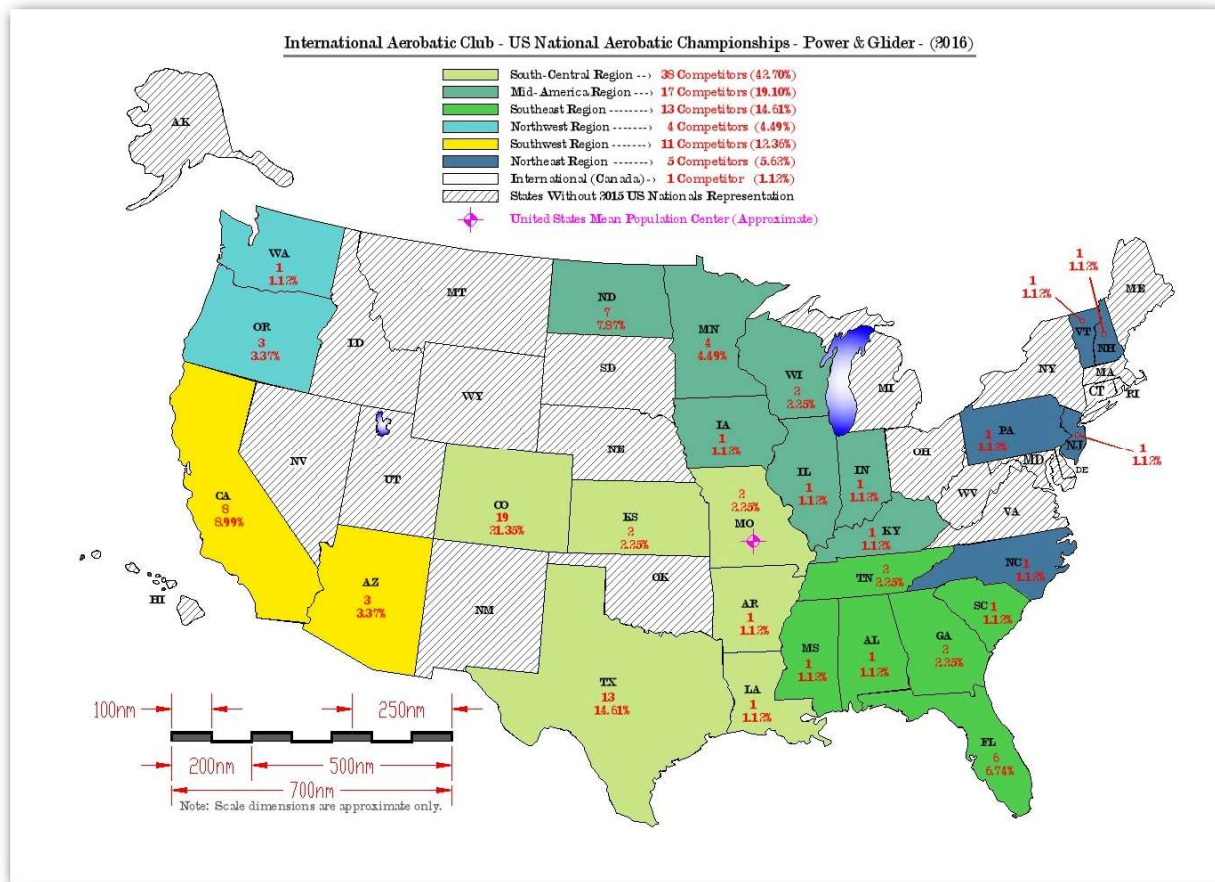
Nationals 2017

A lot of work on the 2017 event has already been accomplished and Gary DeBaun and Mike Heuer met with various airport officials and EAA staff while we were in Oshkosh. Cooperation has been excellent and the county airport commission has extended a warm welcome.



EAA has extended the use of various facilities on the airfield for the Nationals including Boeing Plaza, the Nature Center, the Founder’s Wing in the EAA Museum, Audrey’s Park campground, and other related assistance. Those who wish to camp will do so in improved sites at \$25.00 a night. Hangarage will be provided in EAA exhibit buildings C and D. The contest will be run from the IAC Pavilion right next to Boeing Plaza.

As a matter of interest, the following graphic shows pilot participation from various regions of the country in the 2016 Nationals.



As can be seen, there has been a lack of participation from certain regions of the country and the

northeast and midwest areas of the country have 1,300 IAC members. We look forward to more members flying in the contest from those areas as well as our members from the south central, southwest, and northwest regions of the country.

During the meeting, the Board considered the flight programs that will be flown at Nationals 2017 and made the decision to eliminate the use of the Free Known program in team selection categories. The Free Knowns were used at the 2016 Nationals in Unlimited Power and Unlimited and Advanced Glider categories. IAC will revert to the standard, traditional flight programs of Known, Free, and Free Unknowns (regular Unknowns in Gliders and Intermediate Power) for the 2017 Nationals. This will encourage more IAC members to participate who may not be interested in team selection and who have been flying contests by IAC rules all year. It also gives IAC complete control over the sequences and not tied to CIVA's Free Known figure sets. CIVA adopted the Free Knowns last year but we do not believe it is in our members' best interests to continue that tie to CIVA rules.

In order to make the scoring program we use at Nationals work at its optimum – and to maximize fairness to both pilots and judges – we will adopt the use of the “Perception Zero” (PZ) at Nationals next year. This makes the Fair Play System (FPS) work the best within the ACRO scoring program that is used exclusively at Nationals. There will be no change for regional contests as they will function under existing rules (HZ and 0.0 are the two types of zeros under IAC rules). Judges will receive training and briefings on these zeros prior to the event.

Free Unknowns for Advanced and Unlimited Power categories will continue. The procedures we used at the 2016 Nationals worked very well and provided high-quality and checked sequences to the competitors to choose from.

Unlimited Team Officials

The Chief Delegate of the team next year will be Mike Heuer, IAC President and the USA delegate to CIVA. Team manager will be Michael Steveson. Both of these appointments require Board approval.



The team pilots have selected Coco Bessiere as their trainer again in 2017 and are arranging domestic training camps as of this writing.

IAC Team Council

IAC created the Team Council after assuming responsibility for the teams from other organizations who had been delegated this work in 2014. The Council will be given additional responsibilities, authority, and tasks in the coming months to relieve the officers and directors of the associated workload.

The Board of Directors approved the following members of the IAC US Team Council:

- Michael Steveson, Chairman
- *Rob Holland* (US Unlimited Team Captain)
- Bob Hart (IAC Treasurer)
- Debby Rihn-Harvey (IAC Director)
- *Jason Stephens* (IAC Glider Chairman)
- Mike Heuer (IAC President and CIVA Delegate)

Those shown in italics are new to the Council. Rob Holland replaces Foster Bachschmidt. Jason Stephens replaces Gerry Molitor. Our thanks to all who are willing to serve the teams. The following actions were taken by the Board:

“That the IAC Team Council be given full authority for the administration, management, and fund-raising for the US Aerobatic Teams. This will include setting budgets and approving expenditures out of the Team Restricted Funds. The Council will have the authority to draft changes to the codes of conduct and pilot agreements and to assure they are adhered to. Further, the team managers and captains will be permanent members of the Council so direct input is available to the committee.”

Turning to the team selection methods we use today, the Board heard an in-depth analysis of the current situation by Advanced Team Manager Nikolay Timofeev who attended the meeting. This was in addition to discussions held by a working group in Oshkosh in July. The Board voted the following resolution:

“That the IAC Team Council be tasked with drafting alternative team selection procedures. The Council will report back to the President by 1 January 2017. In turn, the President will forward their recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval with an implementation target of the 2017 US National Aerobatic Championships.”

The goal here is to win world championships, which the USA has not been able to accomplish in many years, and to provide an avenue for pilots with proven track records to attain membership on the team but who, due to unforeseen and uncontrolled events, may not be able to fly at Nationals. In addition, discussion on how to encourage continued training on the part of team pilots, selected in September of the previous year, up to the time of the world contest.

Glider Teams

Pilot participation in Glider Advanced and Unlimited categories at Nationals has been very low or non-existent for years. The glider aerobatic community in the USA is very small, unlike Europe where there are decades of glider traditions that date back to the earliest days of aviation.

Therefore, the Board of Directors voted the following:

- US Glider Team selection will no longer take place at Nationals.

- The IAC Glider Chairman will gather names of qualified and interested pilots to fly at world championships and submit them to the Team Council who will approve the team members. The Board will give their final approval to the composition of the glider teams.
- New codes of conduct and pilot agreements will be drafted by the glider pilot community, through the Glider Chairman, and submitted to the Board for approval. This is in response to a long-standing assertion on the part of glider aerobatic pilots that these documents must be adapted to their unique requirements.

Election 2017

The 2017 IAC election will be by electronic means. Balloting will close on Monday, 24 July 2017. Information on the election will be provided through various IAC outlets.

IAC Nominating Chair is Lynne Stoltenberg who can be contacted for nominating petitions. These petitions will also be available at the IAC website.

Government Relations

The IAC Government Relations Committee has been recently re-aligned with some retirements from the committee. Wayne Roberts, who served on this group for many years, has retired. Dennie Thompson has stepped down as chairman. Bruce Ballew has taken the helm on the committee as its new Chairman. We welcome Bruce to this position and know he will do a great job.

If you have problems with your contest waivers and Aerobatic Practice Areas (APA's), please contact Bruce. Contact information can be found on the IAC website:

<https://www.iac.org/yellow-pages>

Member log-in is required.

The Next Meeting

The Spring 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on **1-2 April**. It will be held at the EAA Museum. Agenda documents will be published as always at the following link:

<https://www.iac.org/meeting-docs>

As a matter of note, the IAC President has published all of the agenda documents and reports the Board considers at that webpage for the past two years. Members are invited to download and review any document they wish and to provide feedback to the officers and directors. We are trying

to be as open and transparent as possible.

I look forward to a great 2017 – AirVenture, Nationals, and regional contests throughout the year will keep us all busy.

Last but Not Least

The annual Sport Aviation Hall of Fame ceremonies are always held during the time of our Board meeting in Oshkosh. The various EAA divisions, councils, and communities all come together at that time to honor the great men and women who have made our segment of aviation possible.

This year, we inducted Robert Armstrong, IAC #6712, of Bishop, Georgia into the International Aerobatics Hall of Fame. Robert has been an IAC member since 1980 and first flew competition in 1982 in Sportsman in his Pitts S-1C. He epitomizes “grass roots” aerobatics, having begun his career at the chapter level and moving all the way to the top as a member of the US Unlimited Aerobatic Team and one of our country’s top-placing pilots.

It was an honor for me to present the Hall of Fame trophy to Robert this year and as a past recipient myself, I know what this meant to him. Please offer him your congratulations when you see him.



EAA Chairman Jack Pelton and IAC President Mike Heuer present the Hall of Fame trophy to Robert Armstrong (right)

