



**2013
CANDIDATE
PROFILES**



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, August 2, 2013

The International Aerobatic Club will hold its annual meeting of members on Friday, August 2, 2013, at 6 p.m. at the Nature Center Event Tent #1 on the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh convention grounds, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting agenda is:

1. To elect the club Vice President to serve for the next two years
2. To elect the club Treasurer to serve for the next two years
3. To elect three (3) Directors to serve for the next two years on the IAC Board of Directors
4. To decide whether to adopt the restated Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws proposed by the IAC Board of Directors

The IAC Board of Directors has sent you the enclosed Ballot to ask for your vote for Club Officers and Directors. The Board has set Tuesday, July 30, 2013, as the date your Ballot must be received at IAC Headquarters for casting your votes. Voting cannot be done in person at the Annual Meeting - it must be done via Ballot.

A Presidential-appointed Ballot Certification Committee will tabulate the election results and announce the election outcome at the Annual Meeting of members being held on Friday, August 2, 2013, at 6 p.m. at the Nature Center Event Tent #1 on the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh convention grounds, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

By Order of the IAC Board of Directors,



Lynne Stoltenberg
IAC Nominations Committee Chair

How do I vote for Officers and Directors?

You need to mark and mail the enclosed ballot in the envelope provided. IAC Headquarters must receive your official ballot on or before Tuesday, July 30, 2013. You may NOT vote for Officers and Directors at the annual meeting—you must vote via ballot.

PLEASE NOTE: The enclosed envelope must be used or the vote will not be counted.

Election Guidelines:

- > Regular, Introductory, and Student members whose dues are current are entitled to one (1) vote.
- > Family memberships shall be entitled to a total of two (2) votes for election of Officers and Directors and only one (1) vote on Bylaw amendments.
- > Family membership votes must be registered on two separate ballots.
- > Mark the ballot with your choices.
- > Place your ballot in the enclosed reply envelope. (Your vote will not be counted unless the enclosed envelope is used to return your ballot.)
- > All ballots must be received by IAC no later than Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

Improvements to IAC's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

IAC's Board of Directors proposes to improve certain ways in which the club conducts business. To do so, it has prepared changes to the club's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Before these changes can become effective, IAC members must vote to adopt them.

Below you'll find a summary of the proposed changes. Please consider this information and vote, either by returning the enclosed proxy card or in person at IAC's annual meeting. Your board supports this effort and encourages your vote FOR adoption.

About These Documents

IAC's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws govern basic aspects of the club's business operation. These include types of membership, rights of members, conduct of meetings, voting and balloting, and more.

About the Proposed Changes

The board intends that the restated Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws accomplish these substantive goals:

Membership:

Align membership types and rights of honorary members with current practice; allow the board to adopt new membership types and revise the rights and privileges of existing ones, providing no rights or privileges are diminished without member approval

Voting:

Create the framework for Internet-based voting for director elections and future revisions to the By-Laws and Articles

Board operations:

Permit the board to act officially using written consent of at least 2/3 of the directors; permit EAA fiduciary liability coverage to replace bonding the IAC treasurer; permit the board to make clerical updates to the Articles as permitted by law

How to Vote:

You may vote either

1. by returning the proxy card (included with this election pamphlet) with your ballot, or
2. in person at IAC's 2013 annual meeting (Friday, August 2, 2013, at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh)

Your board has chosen to put this before the membership for approval, indicating its belief that these changes are in the best interest of the club. It recommends you vote FOR adopting the restated Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

For More Information visit **www.IAC.org/iac-governance-2013**. (You must log in to the website to view this page. If you have not received an email from IAC with your username and password, please contact the webmaster at webmaster@iac.org.)

Tom Adams

CANDIDATE FOR **DIRECTOR**



Once again I am running for reelection to the IAC Board of Directors. For those of you who are not familiar with me, I would like to give you some background on my experience in the IAC and my thoughts on my responsibilities as a Director.

I have been an IAC member since 1972. I began flying in aerobatic competitions in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, the same year, and have flown an average of six contests a year ever since. I have competed in all five categories. I represented the USA in the first Advanced World Championships in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1995. I began judging in the mid-1970s and have tried to judge or volunteer at every contest I have attended.

In 2009 I was selected and judged at the World Unlimited Aerobatic Championships in Silverstone, England. In 2010 I was selected again and judged at the Advanced World Aerobatic Championships in Radom, Poland. During 2012 I served as the WAAC US team manager in Hungary. I served on the Board for one term in the early 1980s and served again from 1997 to 2011. I am currently serving the last year of this two year term.

I have a good working knowledge of the IAC Board, the club, its bylaws, and how to get things accomplished. To be an effective Director, one must be in touch with the membership, and that is only accomplished by being present at IAC events. By going to six contests a year (about 200 since joining IAC), I receive the input required. I also have attended Oshkosh numerous times and have no problem staying in touch with members by phone or email. When members contact me with a request from their Chapter on an item of concern, I have been able to address their concerns quickly and place the issue on an upcoming Board meeting agenda, if needed.

An IAC Director cannot be effective if all he or she does is attend board meetings. A director must be active in all aspects of the club's events, contests, judging, chapter events, and major fly-ins. Most importantly, a Director must represent the members. I hope you will give me the opportunity to continue doing just that.

Gray Brandt

CANDIDATE FOR **DIRECTOR**



I have been flying competition aerobatics since 2004 and have been on the Board of Directors for IAC chapter 36 of San Diego, California, since 2005. I served as secretary for three years and am currently in my fourth year as chapter president. I am an active competitor in the Advanced category and also a CFI-I/CFI-ME/AGI, specializing in tailwheel, aerobatic, and formation flying.

Over the last seven years we have steadily been able to grow our membership in IAC chapter 36, reaching a decade's high membership level last year. I have worked closely with the local community and airport to preserve an incredible 38-year-old permanently waived aerobatic box located next to the airport runway. We ran into noise complaints, like many aerobatic boxes around the country, but by working closely with the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, American Legion, and the local elementary school, our chapter is now a valued member of the community.

IAC chapter 36 can look forward to flying aerobatics and hosting competitions in the box for another 30 years. Preserving the Borrego box provides a safe place for local aerobatic schools and pilots to train and has produced continued growth for our chapter and also IAC membership in general in our area.

I think it's important for chapters around the country to share what works and what does not work to benefit all IAC members and to increase contest attendance. Our part of the country has a large number of IAC members and California is home to six contests every year. It is therefore important that southern California, which is a very active hub of aerobatics, be represented on the IAC board of directors.

I would like to bring to the IAC Board of Directors some of the ideas that have worked for us, which include actively preserving practice areas and changes implemented at our contests that have been very well received by competitors. In turn, I hope to bring back to California ideas from the rest of the country. Thank you for your consideration.

Supporter of IAC and IAC members and chapters.

I believe that my service on the Web Design Task Force in reviewing the legacy content of the current website and making suggestions for subject matter and elements to pique the interest of the general membership is a superb way for me and others to show how we make the IAC work for us, for chapters and for the competing and non-competing members alike. The aerobatic enthusiast that is all of us.

For these reasons, I ask that you continue to support me as your Director and I ask for your vote for the Director position.

Klein Gilhousen

CANDIDATE FOR **DIRECTOR**



I have been an IAC member and competitor since 1995, competing in the Power Sportsman, Intermediate, and Advanced categories as well as the Glider Unlimited Category and serving as a Regional and National Judge. I was a member of the US team at the 2007 World Glider Aerobatics Championship in Niederoblarn, Austria.

I have competed in Unlimited Glider at the National Championships five times, with four second place finishes and one third place finish. I have competed at Nationals four times in Intermediate and Advanced Power categories. I have trained in, owned, or competed in Decathlon, Pitts, clip-wing Cub, Yak-55, Yak-54, Extra 300L, Extra 330SC, Sukhoi SU-31, as well as Fox and Swift S-1 gliders.

I have been serving the IAC as a Board Member since 2009 and as Glider Chairman since 2005. In this capacity I have been successful in gaining approval of several rule changes to help encourage more glider competition. Since 2007, I have been serving on CIVA's Glider Aerobatic Subcommittee. I have prepared and submitted several CIVA rules change proposals for both power and glider the last couple of years.

I would be honored to continue to represent you on the board to help preserve and defend our sport and to promote increases in membership, participation in contests, and success in international contests. I will use all my proven skills as a team member, leader, and problem solver (73 U.S. patents) to these ends.

Academically, I have earned a BSEE degree from UCLA and an honorary PhD in electrical engineering from Montana State University. I am a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). I have served on the board of directors of two companies: Qualcomm Inc. and Cutthroat Communications. I was a co-founder of Qualcomm Inc. in 1985. I am also the founder and president of a small charitable family foundation.

I have served on the board of the Museum of the Rockies, a world-class paleontology research center, as well as Burns Telecommunications Center of MSU. Currently, I serve on the advisory board for Montana State University's engineering department.

Bob Hart

CANDIDATE FOR **TREASURER**



My name is Bob Hart and I would like to introduce myself as a candidate for treasurer in the upcoming IAC Board of Director elections.

I am currently serving a second term as your IAC Treasurer. My primary goal has been to insure the financial health of our organization, both currently and well into the future. Over the past two years, we have implemented new and innovative tools to better help us strategically analyze our various core activities from a financial perspective. Those efforts have provided us increased opportunities involving an aggressive membership development program, additional website presence, minimized contest insurance costs, reduced financial burdens on judges, and a more balanced approach to contest entry fees.

My aerobatic roots date back to the 1980s flying Decathlons and Citabrias. I spent much of the mid-90s building a Pitts S1C, which I flew in mid-America regional contests. In 2003, I purchased and began flying an Extra 230. Additionally, I have spent several thousand hours in many other general aviation aircraft when not working my day job flying for a major airline. I have been an invited guest speaker at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh and have presented at numerous FAA Wings programs on topics including aerobatics and stall/spin awareness.

I, along with my wife, Kori, and daughters Megan (16) and Kaylin (11), consider time spent at the local airport our primary social outlet. Currently, the girls and I are involved in building an AcroSport II. Needless to say, sport aviation and aerobatics have been a way of life for more than 30 years. I am dedicated to grassroots and recreational aerobatics and I believe most strongly in those efforts designed to support aerobatic interests at the basic levels.

Moving forward, it is imperative we continue to focus on potential issues that may threaten the viability and longevity of our sport. Fluctuating oil prices, rising insurance costs, and regulatory considerations all pose risks, which may have long term implications regarding our aerobatic futures. Maintaining fiscally prudent policies while searching for opportunities which provide additional value to our members will go far toward promoting our sport. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Heuer

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT



It has been my honor to serve the IAC membership as an officer and director for most of the past 43 years of our history and I ask for your support again in this year's election. What I can bring to the board is a wide range of experience at all levels of the sport. I was one of the founding members of IAC and hold membership number 4. I have been active since the beginning of our club when it was formed and organized in the home of my father and IAC's first President, Bob Heuer.

For nine years, I served as your President and for two years as IAC's Executive Director. Much of my experience lies in administration, finance, and other areas of non-profit association business. I believe I can make a contribution as an officer in these areas but I also have years of experience in our relationships with the various aviation organizations that make up the structure of aerobatics in the USA and worldwide – as well as our partners, EAA and NAA.

My qualifications for office include:

- Former IAC President, Vice President, Treasurer, and member of the Board of Directors.
- Former Chapter President, National Judge, and a competition pilot through Advanced category and a former owner of a Pitts S-2B and Extra 230. The Pitts S-1S N442X that currently hangs in the atrium of the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh was built by my father and myself in 1969 and I flew that aircraft in advanced. It later was flown by Charlie Hillard to the World Champion title. I also won the L. Paul Soucy Aerobatic Award for outstanding performance in competition in that aircraft.
- Contest Director, Chief Judge and Judge at the IAC Championships and US Nationals for many years, as well as member of the Contest Jury.
- Former editor of Sport Aerobatics magazine on three separate occasions in IAC history. Current member of the Rules Committee, and IAC's Historian. As historian, I have assembled thousands of documents, photographs, magazines, and other memorabilia, which I hope will rest one day in the EAA AirVenture Museum
- President of the FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA), the world governing body for aerobatics from 1986 to 2012. Currently, the US Delegate to CIVA and Chairman of CIVA's Rules Sub Committee. Member of the International Jury for WAC 2013 in Sherman/Denison, Texas. Named CIVA President of Honour in 2012.

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- Former member of the Executive Board of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale.
- Former member of the Boards of Directors of the EAA, the National Aeronautic Association, and the U. S. Aerobatic Foundation.
- Winner of the EAA President's Award, FAI's Paul Tissandier Diploma, Frank Price Cup, L. Paul Soucy Aerobatic Award, the Robert L. Heuer Award for Judging Excellence, two National Aeronautic Association Certificates of Achievement, the FAI Air Sports Medal, the IAC President's Award (three times), and most recently (in 2011) the FAI Silver Medal for contributions to air sports worldwide.
- Inducted into the International Aerobatics Hall of Fame in 2001 for outstanding contributions to aerobatics.
- While President of IAC, authored the IAC "Policy & Procedures" manual that governs IAC's day-to-day business.
- Played a part in the organization of most of IAC's current programs and activities including the Achievement Awards, contest rules, Nationals, merchandising, EAA AirVenture (before it had that name), awards administration, and membership recruiting, promotion, and retention. Under my presidency, the membership almost doubled in size.
- President of the International Jury at most of the World Aerobatic Championships in Advanced and Unlimited categories since 1988.

I am committed to a successful, thriving, and growing IAC. We have many excellent programs and a superb, dedicated membership of highly skilled aviators and enthusiasts. There is no question that IAC and sport aviation in general are facing many challenges in the near and long-term future. I believe my experience and commitment to the vision that our founding fathers set down will be valuable to IAC and our membership. IAC will always be a "grass roots" organization – our strength for these past decades. When we formed IAC, that was our commitment and it remains mine to this day.

I retired as a Captain for Northwest Airlines, based in Memphis, Tennessee after nearly 30 years of service. I hold a US Air Force command pilot rating and an A&P mechanics license as well. Now that I am retired from the airline and the CIVA Presidency, I would like to dedicate more of my time, once again, to IAC and its members as well as representing the USA at CIVA.

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My goals as Vice President would be to help set policies and create or revitalize programs that make IAC a success. I enjoy the debate, the interchange of ideas, and the vitality and dynamism that characterize IAC and our sport. With my experience and background, I can also bring a historical perspective to current deliberations as well as insights into what IAC has done over nearly four decades so we do not repeat the mistakes of the past. I have been intensely involved in the writing of rules and administration of contests for decades, as well as creating and growing programs, and believe I can be an asset to the Board of Directors and my fellow officers.

My thanks to all of you who have been consistent friends and supporters for many years. IAC has been a part of our family life since it was founded in early 1970 and it has enriched my life. I promise that I will continue to "pay it forward" to make sure future generations of aerobic enthusiasts enjoy this sport as much as I have. I would appreciate your vote.

Doug Lovell

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT



After serving two terms as an IAC Director, I'm asking you to return me for a term on your board as Vice President. Your regional representative will attest, and many of you know firsthand, that I have represented your interests fairly and thoughtfully as a director on your board.

My first experience with IAC was through a judging school. I assisted and later judged at many northeast region contests before beginning competition with a Pitts S1T. I put some wood on the wall in the Sportsman and Intermediate categories before moving up to advanced and trading the Pitts for a Giles 200 partnership. My first advanced category competition was the great Wildwood Acroblast at the southern tip of New Jersey, which I took second place.

I wrote and mailed IAC chapter 52's monthly newsletter for several years until we went completely electronic. I also developed and wrote content for our chapter website, www.IAC52.org, until the end of 2010, and served as the chapter's treasurer for four years.

For IAC National I developed an aerobatic contest registration system (www.iacusn.org/acrs), which was first used for nationals in 2007. The following year it was available to all regional contests. I edited the website for the U.S. Nationals for three years, directed the contest in 2010, and served the next year as score keeper.

Your board has referenced my technical background for many projects, including the new IAC.org website, the aerobatic schools listing (www.iacusn.org/schools), and contest data and judge metrics (www.iaccdb.org). I am currently your board representative for the web and computer scoring committees. We hope that the new website will help promote communication, activity, and grow participation in aerobatics and IAC.

We're doing a lot of things right at IAC and we'll keep doing them. Regional aerobatic competitions are a key component of IAC chapter activity that bring friends together many times each summer. Aerobatic enthusiasts enjoy the magazine and sometimes participate in chapter events, such as practice days. As your Vice President I would working with chapters to find more ways to play, new activities and events for members to enjoy.

I will honor your trust and represent the best interests of IAC. I'll continue to be there for you—present, involved, attentive, engaged, and committed. Please select me as your Vice President.

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Personally, the experiences that I've had in contest flying and in training for contests have made me a more disciplined and much safer aerobatic pilot. Additionally, our organization is made up of like-minded individuals who share a common passion. The friends that I've made through aerobatic flying are the best of all my friends and are yet another reason for me to remain an active member of the club.

Those that know me well know that I am much more of a listener and a doer than a talker. I promise to listen to you, the members of the IAC, and to act in your behalf as we tackle the issues facing our organization. For that, I humbly ask for your vote to be elected to our Board of Directors. Thank you.

Michael Steveson

CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR



Michael began his aerobatic competition career in 1996 by attending his first contest as a spectator in Chandler, Arizona, and joining IAC Chapter 69. Michael worked his way through the competition categories from Basic in 1996, culminating in flying Unlimited at the US Nationals in 2006. Michael left the competition scene and the sport of aerobatics for a two year period after an accident in 2008 that destroyed the Sukhoi SU31 he was flying.

In 2004 Michael traveled to Ljungbyhed, Sweden, to assist Jeff Boerboon and several of the US Advanced team pilots in any way he could. He has been involved with the US Advanced and Unlimited Aerobatic Teams ever since. In 2007 Michael established the USA Advanced Aerobatic Team, Inc (USAAAT), a non-profit organization to assist in the management and fundraising for the USA Advanced Aerobatic Team. In 2010 USAAAT signed an agreement with the IAC to provide fundraising and management of the US Advanced Aerobatic Teams.

Michael was selected for this year's US Unlimited Aerobatic Team, which will compete at the WAC 2013 being held in Dennison, Texas, October 9-19, 2013.

Over the years Michael has served in many positions at the chapter level and throughout the southwest contests including, chapter president, contest director, newsletter editor, contest volunteer coordinator, and chief judge. Michael is a current IAC National Judge and is on the list of CIVA approved judges. He has also taught the IAC Judges school curriculum and is on the IAC approved list of instructors.

Michael's proudest accomplishments in aerobatics have been receiving the Robert L Heuer Judges Award presented for "Excellence in Judging" in 2003, and the Frank Price Cup, presented for "Outstanding Contributions to Aerobatics," in 2010. In addition, Michael received a FAI Gold Medal as the team manager of the 2008 US Advanced Aerobatic Team and a FAI Bronze Medal as the team manager of the 2011 US Unlimited Aerobatic Team.

Michael says, "IAC's core activity is contests, all of our social events and the reason we come together in fellowship is centered on aerobatic competition." He wants the IAC to return to its roots and embrace aerobatic competitions as a sport and the primary reason for its existence. This core concept will guide Michael's decisions as an IAC Board of Director member provided the membership sees fit to elect him to this position.



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