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1) Specifically, why do you want to serve on the SAFE Board of Directors?

Most professions have a representative organization emphasizing high standards for the profession and its practitioners and I believe SAFE can be the professional society that we have previously lacked in aviation education. I view board membership as a commitment towards making this a reality.

2) What pertinent experience, special talents, and/or leadership skills would you bring to the Board?

An active pilot for 30+ years, gold seal and Master CFI, published aviation author, FAAST Lead Representative, and a career as a National Park Service pilot, aviation program manager, and accident investigator, I bring to the board an extensive background in developing aviation programs and standards on a national basis, working with a broad range of government and private sector entities to resolve aviation issues. I have a strong desire to see modern aviation education programs for both pilots and non-aviators that stress safety, efficiently meet both industry and client needs, and that retain the joy of flying rather than merely teaching to the PTS.

3) What do you see as the most pressing issues for SAFE as a fairly new organization to address in the next three years?

SAFE's success requires the board focus in two broad areas. Internally we must expand the services and benefits of membership, coupled with aggressive marketing in order to retain current members and attract additional membership, both being critical to financial viability. Externally SAFE needs to establish its credibility as the "go to" voice of professional aviation education by establishing first name basis relationships with government, industry, and academic leaders and proactively engaging in current issues such as reducing training costs, role of LSA training, glass cockpit training standards, modernizing the PTS, reasonable medical standards, greater use of simulators, and CFI recurrency standards.