

SAFE Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 2015
(annual Board meeting held at Oshkosh 2015)

Note: full audio of this Board Meeting is available in the Board Meeting folder, Board Meeting Minutes subfolder, in the SAFE Dropbox. File name: SAFE Board Meeting July 2015.mp3.

I. Call to order. Chair Donna called the meeting to order at 1710 CDT (2210Z).

II. Roll call & Welcome

Board Members

Donna Wilt, Chair (video)
Jim Anderson, Treasurer
Sherry Rossiter (on phone)
Ken Wittekiend
Michael Phillips

David St. George, Vice Chair (video)
Kevin Murphy, Secretary (video)
Jack Vandeventer
Parvez Dara

Executive Director - John Dorcey
Guests: none

III. Approval of Consent Agenda. Approved unanimously on a motion by Ken, second by Jim.

IV. Approval of the June 2015 Meeting Minutes: Deferred until August meeting.

V. Announcements:

Jim passed the treasurer's financial baton to Parvez with best wishes. He reported that the Society was in the black, the books balance and he was confident Parvez could continue his work. Jim was roundly thanked by Board members and Chair Donna, who cited his good work and guidance during what has been a difficult financial year for the Society.

Chair Donna officially welcomed newest Board members Tom Carr of Overland Park, KS and Joan Williams of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. and asked them to introduce themselves to the existing Board members.

Sherry reported that there were 941 members as of the end of today (Thursday), using up-to-date statistics from Jenny, which makes this year SAFE's best Oshkosh event ever.

Joan, Michael and Jack will perform a 30-day competitive positioning analysis vis-à-vis SAFE vs NAFI. Jack explained that his committee will report back to the Board within 30 days.

VI. Awards

Annual SAFE awards were presented to:

FOUNDER'S AWARD went to Sherry Rossiter as "outstanding member of the year" for her long-term efforts to help build SAFE and particularly for her work recently with the Membership committee and her guidance and commitment to the committee responsible for finding a new Executive Director for the organization. "I couldn't think of a better person for this award," said Chair Donna.

SAFE SERVICE AWARD went to Chris Palmer, a SAFE member from Alaska and member of the Marketing, Advertising and Events committee who was principally responsible for the design and construction of SAFE's first exhibit booth. His design will allow continued use of the exhibit booth, not only with all four stand-up banners showing SAFE's work but also standalone use in cases where SAFE wishes to exhibit at more than one event at a time. Chris was given his award at the SAFE membership dinner following the Board meeting. The motion awarding Chris this honor was made by David, seconded by Kevin and unanimously passed.

V. New and Retiring Board Members

Tom Carr: He lives outside Kansas City. He is an experimental test pilot who currently flies for Garmin after spending 26 years with Beech/Raytheon as an experimental test pilot. He has a law degree, although he doesn't practice. He has two children, three airplanes and three dogs. He is currently a student at Florida Tech.

Joanie Williams: She said she has a particular passion for making career paths for flight instructors and others in the flight school she manages. She's chair of the Canada National Flight Training Committee and believes the cross-cultural perspective she brings to the SAFE Board will be helpful in advancing the organization.

Retiring from the SAFE Board Jim Anderson and Jack Vandeventer. Both expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve SAFE.

All existing officers of the Board will remain the same for 2016 with the exception of the Treasurer position, which went from retiring Board Member Jim to Parvez. The Board voted to approve that slate of officers, with John moving to accept the slate and a second by Michael. The vote was unanimous.

John mentioning SAFE's major contributors at OSH and suggested that Board members make it a point to circulate among those contributors and thank them for their support.

VI. Adjournment. Chair Donna adjourned the regular Board meeting at 1737 CDT (2237Z).

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, August 19 at 7 PM EDT (2300Z). All board members are expected to arrange their schedules to participate. Regular meetings are the **third Wednesday of each month** at 7pm EDT except in July when the meeting is at AirVenture.