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In Lieu of March 2020 Meeting Minutes

Some posts from the forum:

On Election:

Voting Instructions:

If you are a member of Wings of Rogallo, you will receive an ElectionBuddy email with a unique randomly-generated code. Click on the link in your email, and vote for one candidate for each position. Once you submit your vote, it is final.

The WOR Executive Board unanimously approved having Online Elections.

WOR members with current 2020 membership will be receiving a Notice for Nominations on or after Saturday 28 March.

Reminder: WOR members wanting to vote and/or be a candidate need to have their membership current for 2020 and their current contact information (Name, Address, Email, Phone) on file on or before 27 March 2020. Update your contact information here:

<https://www.wingsofrogallo.org/memberdb/login.php>

The WOR 2020 Election Committee will be announcing the Election Schedule soon. Please continue to check WOR website Bulletin Board-Announcements for updated information:

<https://www.wingsofrogallo.org>

Fly Safe,
David Egli

WOR VP (Acting President)

Dear Wings of Rogallo Members

Pursuant to the club's bylaws for elections: "Each office must have at least two candidates available". At this point, we don't have two candidates nominated for every position. The current list of candidates is viewable here. Remember, nominations close on Saturday, April 4th at 11:59pm.

If you're considering running, please sign up ASAP!

WOR EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

This list of candidates will be updated daily during the Nominations period until it is closed and the Ballot is finalized.

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PRESIDENT

Juan A. Laos - USHPA #62129

Amy Posey - USHPA #84728

VICE-PRESIDENT

Susan Kent - USHPA #78989

Anna Behrens - USHPA #101928

SECRETARY

Evan Cohen - USHPA #88630

Jack Diaz - USHPA #98780

TREASURER

Paul Clayton - USHPA #41958

Ben Wedlock - USHPA #97368

FLIGHT DIRECTOR

Bob Posey - USHPA #84727

David McMillan - USHPA #88496

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR

David Oddy - USHPA #98729

Phyl D Hamby - USHPA #67371

Respectfully,

WOR 2020 ELECTION COMMITTEE

Candidate Statements:

PRESIDENT

Juan A. Laos - USHPA #62129

PRESIDENT

Amy Posey - USHPA #84728

“Vote for Juan”



“Wings Of Rogallo members: Greetings! I have been a pilot and member of WOR since 1994. I am currently a Master rated pilot, an Advanced Instructor, a USHPA Tandem and Instructor Administrator, as well as a USHPA Examiner. As a past president of WOR, I understand what is required for the position as president of the largest and best flying club in the US, maybe in the western hemisphere! (fact check anyone?) We are a flying club with the emphasis on “we” and “flying”. I am running to serve the membership in any way I can to keep everyone flying as much as possible as easily as possible. Since we have such a diverse membership that is somewhat geographically dispersed, it is my hope to make it as easy as possible for you, the membership, to stay abreast of what is occurring with your club and to make it as easy for you, the members, to participate in the process of keeping us all in the air.. Whether it is administering and enhancing our access to existing sites or identifying new ones and bringing them into the fold, this should be the primary focus of our club. Facilitating flying events for all pilots, enhancing pilot safety and providing access to resources for you, the pilots, are also of prime importance and will also be the focus in the coming year. Given the current situation in the world, it is imperative that we strive to implement currently available technologies to bring us all and keep us all together for our common goal of flying as much and as safely as possible. I ask for you support in making this happen! See you in the sky!”

VICE-PRESIDENT

Susan Kent - USHPA #78989

VICE-PRESIDENT

Anna Behrens - USHPA #101928



“Vote for Susan Kent!!”

“Hi pilots. I have been a Bay Area pilot for 18 years. In that time I have been BAPA President for over 4 years and BAPA Treasurer for another 4 years. I bring the experience of running a club, plus dealing with USHPA Chapter paperwork and politics with me. As Vice-President, I will work with the WOR Executive Committee and club members to make sure that free flight activities and sites are protected for all pilots. I would also advocate for special hang glider and paragliding committees to represent each sport and make sure any pilot concerns are addressed by the club and its leadership.

Additionally, I am experienced at organizing activities and want to focus on having safety clinics such as reserve toss clinics for both hang gliding and paraglider pilots. My goals are to have more clinics, seminars, and social activities that bring us together to foster fun, communication, cooperation, encouragement, and safety for all club members.

As an aside, I first tried hang gliding in 1976 on a very basic rogallo wing but believed it was a bit sketchy for equipment and as a sport. In 1982, I again took hang gliding lessons and thought it was fun, but the equipment was heavy and I couldn't afford it at that time. Around 2013, I took some introductory lessons from Mission Soaring at Tres Pinos. I definitely liked it, but decided I couldn't afford the time, money, and effort to do two sports. However, I very much support hang gliding as well as paragliding, and as Vice-President will work to further both sports.”

SECRETARY

Evan Cohen - USHPA #88630

“Greetings, pilots! I have been flying for 12 years, and flying in the Bay Area for the past 8. I am passionate about the weather, and about cross-country flying in the Bay Area. I am involved with several flying clubs in the Bay Area: I currently serve on the Mission Peak site committee for WOR, as the VP of the Windy Hill Skyriders, and I was previously BAPA’s Site Director. I have also presented several weather tools and forecasting clinics for the Bay Area HG and PG communities, which can be viewed on my website.

I appreciate how important it is to have a functional executive board that can keep our regulated flying sites open for everyone, and that maintaining positive relationships with park agencies is critical to continued flight activities.

I have worked at technology companies for the past decade as an engineer, product manager, and project manager. Much of my professional life involves automating and simplifying manual processes; I’m confident that my professional experience can be put to good use at WOR.

My goals are to:

- Modernize WOR’s website and processes to reduce administrative burden.
- Make it easy for local and visiting pilots of any wing type to be able to legally fly our sites.
- Hold online club meetings, so that pilots across the Bay Area and Northern California can participate, in addition to in-person social events.
- Ensure that HG-specific and PG-specific concerns are addressed by the club and its leadership through wing-specific committees.

I hope to earn your vote for Secretary!”

SECRETARY

Jack Diaz - USHPA #98780

“vote for evan”

TREASURER

Paul Clayton - USHPA #41958



“I’ve been flying since 1984 and have served the club in one role or another since about 1995. I am currently treasurer and would like to continue in that role. As I see it the club exists to promote free flight and the most critical issue is to keep the sites open to any qualified pilot who wants to fly.”

TREASURER

Ben Wedlock - USHPA #97368



pilots. It has been quite successful, and many pilots have been having excellent mountain flights. I would encourage similar programs to be created for hang gliders and in other parts of the bay. More focused groups like this are much more effective at creating community than a monthly meeting that is only available to pilots in one area and is not structured in a way that encourages new pilots to participate. Community involvement and invitations to get out flying is what keeps new pilots in the sport. The club exists so we can fly! Everything we do should be based on furthering this goal of pilots being able to fly as many sites as possible.”

“This will be my fifth season flying paragliders, I have not tried hang gliders yet but would like to soon. I am a P4, USHPA observer and rated Tow-Tech from driving the boat for SIV clinics. In my daily life I work as a Marine Surveyor <http://www.norcalmarinesurveyors.com/ben-wedlock> I believe that as HG and PG pilots we share a goal of making foot launch flying accessible and having sites easily available for all. My main goal as a board member would be to rationalize our site regulations to make flying easier in the bay area. Site specific issues should be handled for each type of wing by people who fly those wing types. To this end, we should have HG and PG safety/site committees that work together but are responsible for their aircraft type. Risks are different between wing types and safety plans need to reflect this.

I would encourage more events and mentoring to get new pilots flying. I recently started a “Mountain Newbs” group for pilots in the transition from new P2 into self-sufficient

FLIGHT DIRECTOR

Bob Posey - USHPA #84727



“Hello Bay Area Pilots! My goal as Flight Director is to help modernize the club, improve access, improve communication, and provide more opportunities to learn and fly together.

I’ve been a Bay Area paragliding pilot and WOR member for 14 years and a commercial airline pilot for 20+. I learned to fly at Ed Levin, and I’m also a WOR Advanced Instructor, Tandem Instructor, and member of the WOR Mission Site Committee. I love flying!

I recently served for 3 years as the Safety Coordinator for the Bay Area Paragliding Association, a similar role to WOR’s Flight Director position. Through that experience I gained an understanding of what it takes to be involved with a USHPA chapter. I was involved with modernizing the website, restarting the newsletter, and deeply involved with USHPA chapter renewals.

I would love for the club to offer more in the way of education/safety information. Specifically, I feel there is an opportunity to enhance the flow of communication when

there is a major event (eg: the park is closed due to helicopter training or insurance issues) and provide workshops for things like reserve repacking, unlocking the secrets and flying fun of Ed Levin safely, how to manage risk, and more.

Thanks for your consideration!”

FLIGHT DIRECTOR

David McMillan - USHPA #88496

“I have been flying for 11 years and recently served as President of BAPA for four years. I’m running to support Bob Posey who is running for Flight Director and actually wants the position (I’m not interested, thank you). I have known Bob for over 10 years and can vouch for his integrity, judgement and experience with Free Flight. Bob is a passionate free flight enthusiast and is a fantastic choice for flight director. He will serve both the HG and PG communities well. So please vote for Bob Posey as Flight Director and DO NOT VOTE FOR ME! Thank you!”

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR

David Oddy - USHPA #98729



“Hi everyone! I'm Dave and I've been flying for a little over three years. I've been in the Bay Area for the past 18 months and have greatly enjoyed meeting the flying community here.

My main goal for WOR is to help modernize our membership systems. I'd love to see people able to handle all of their membership needs quickly and in a self-service way online, while keeping manual processes available for those who prefer that approach.

I have over 30 years of technology and business leadership experience, in addition to service on several non-profit boards in the past. You can view my complete professional profile at www.linkedin.com/in/daveoddy.”

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR

Phyl D Hamby - USHPA #67371



“I have work as Member services Director for the last 11 years and would like run in the 2020 Election, I am also able to Check the WOR P.O. Box more than once a week.”

Editorial April 2020

Some left 2019 with a sour aftertaste and worried that somehow 2020 would be less desirable. The beginning of the first quarter of 2020 had many good signs for soaring weather. Free-flight is one of countless institutions turned on its ear in the end of the first quarter.

The wretched virus disrupting humans is providing a short respite for the atmosphere as human mobility slows to a snail's pace. Those with even the most modest home office are sheltering in place with a lever on the internet and video conferencing and messaging applications. Many predict that much of this e-social behaviour will be the new normal after the human herd earns sufficient immunity to the Novel Corona Virus and the atmosphere the community relies on for joy will be better for it.

Despite the consistent folly beset on the in-person meetings of the club this year, the order to shelter in place may have sufficiently arm-twisted enough to introduce an online component of the board meetings. The order without a doubt has had an effect on the

election, at least this year. This issue of the newsletter provides the information members can start with to make informed decisions on the first ever Wings of Rogallo online election of the board of directors.

Whether due to the limitation of flying activities as parks closed to the public, or the prospect of online inclusiveness in governance, the commitments for participation in the club have increased.

Paraglider and hang glider pilots have stepped up to volunteer their time for this community. Regardless of the attributable reason behind it, these folks deserve a round of applause at the very least but more proportionately they deserve our support to keep the organization strong and effective.

The year 2020 has started off with worry and uncertainty. As soon as there is a new plan for the pandemic, it is revealed to be too ambitious. Through the election and support of a new administration, the community can look for ways to leverage the gifts we have been given to make the best of the next three quarters.

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