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The National Aeronautic Association announces appointment of 9 new board members

Washington, DC, December 19, 2022 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) is pleased to announce the addition of nine new board members to its Board of Directors: Ted Ellett, Jana Denning, Sierra Grimes, Nicole Alexander, Matt Byrd, Ben Kowalski, Martiqua Post, Stacey Rudser and Patty Wagstaff. Elected at the Board of Directors meeting Friday December 16, these individuals will begin serving in January 2023. Each member of the board brings unique experiences and expertise to the table further promoting the future of aeronautics.

“The executive committee and I are proud to welcome nine new board members to elevate NAA to the next level,” said Greg Principato, CEO and President of the NAA. “These individuals as well as the board as a whole bring tremendous value to the organization with experts including government officials, aviation industry leaders, executives of air sport organizations, representatives from higher-education and representatives of leading aviation organizations.”

The role of the Board of Directors is an integral part in providing policy guidance to the association’s president and staff and is responsible for content and alteration of NAA’s By-Laws. See below for the full list of the 2023 NAA Board of Directors.

Officers

Jim Albaugh, Chair

Elizabeth Matarese, Secretary

Samantha Magill, Vice Chair

Greg Principato, President & CEO

Ted Ellett*, General Counsel

Directors

Nicole Alexander*, *Wichita Aero Club*

Ché Bolden, *The Charles F. Bolden Group*

Pete Bunce, *General Aviation
Manufacturers Association*

Matt Byrd*, *Hillwood Aviation*

Leda Chong, *Gulfstream Aerospace
Corporation*

Dynetics

James Darcy, *Airbus Americas*

Robert DeForge, *Raytheon Technologies*

Jana Denning*, *The Aero Club of
Washington*

Angela Gittens, *Airports Council
International (Retired)*

Arthur W. Greenfield, Jr., *NAA Contest &
Records Director*

Sierra Grimes*, *National Business Aviation
Association*

Rich Hanson, *Academy of Model
Aeronautics*

Chris Hart, *Hart Solutions, LLC.*

Duane Hawkins, *Spirit Aerosystems*

Dick Koenig, *New England Air Museum*

Ben Kowalski*, *Cirrus Aircraft*

Dr. John S. Langford, *Electra.aero*
Rebecca Lutte, *University of Nebraska –
Omaha*

Charles Lyon, *Northrop Grumman*

Candace McGraw, *Cincinnati/Northern
Kentucky Int'l Airport*

Brad McKeage, *Embraer*

Mary Miller, *Signature Aviation*

Bill Morris, *GE Aviation*

Mary Claire Murphy, *Textron Aviation*

Mark Ofsthun, *Honda Aircraft Company*

Ziad Ojakli, *The Boeing Company*

Martin Palmaz, *US Hang Gliding and
Paragliding Association*

Ken Panos, *Aerojet Rocketdyne*

Eric Pierce, *Lockheed Martin*

Pat Prentiss, *The Ninety-Nines, Inc.*

Martiqua Post*, *US Air Force Academy*

Skip Ringo, *The Ringo Group*

Rolls-Royce, North America

Yvette Rose, *Cargo Airline Association*

Stacey Rudser*, *Association for Women in
Aviation Maintenance*

Bob Stangarone, *Stangarone & Associates*

Tonya Sudduth, *Bombardier*

Brad Thress, *FlightSafety International*

Read Van De Water, Safran USA

Patty Wagstaff*

Anthony L. Velocci, Aviation Week & Space
Technology Magazine (Retired)

Carl Wolf, Garmin International

Clyde Woltman, Leonardo Helicopters, USA

*New 2023 board members

The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit membership organization devoted to fostering opportunities to participate fully in aviation activities and to promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States. NAA is the caretaker of some of the most important aviation awards in the world and certifies all national aviation records set in the United States. For information, visit www.naa.aero.

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