

# The Quick Release



## BFA Annual Meeting to be held

SUBMITTED BY  
DEAN CARLTON, BFA PRESIDENT

All BFA members are invited to attend. A short business meeting will be held, officers for the 2016-2017 year will be introduced, and the annual awards presentation will follow.



BFA Past-President Sam Parks presents Bill Bussey with the Shields - Trauger Award at the 2015 BFA Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is held each year at Balloon Fiesta.



Please join us at the  
**2016 BFA Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, October 1st 2016**

*meeting starts at 1p.m.*

**Sid Cutter Pavilion**

**Balloon Fiesta Park • Albuquerque, NM**

*Business Meeting*

*Introduction of 2016-2017 Officers*

*Annual Awards Presentation*



**PRO MEETING**

*FRIDAY, OCT 7th @ 12 Noon • Sid Cutter Pavillion*

# BFA board entertains requests for proposals for hosting the 2017 BFA on-line seminar

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BFA PRESIDENT

The BFA is looking to work with an existing continuing education seminar to host the 2017 BFA On-line seminar. The BFA will pay a fee for this service.

Since there may be significantly more people watching online as in person, the cameras would need to have the "best seats in the house". This may require some adjustment for the Face-to-Face setup.

## Seminar Requirements:

- Seminar must meet BFA seminar sanctioning requirements (see BFA Seminar Guidelines)  
Provide a list of speakers and topics
- Provide date, time, and location (Note: should start around 9:30 Eastern, 8:30 Central, 7:30 Mountain, and 6:30 Pacific time in order to work for most time zones)
- Provide schedule (start, breaks, lunch, etc)
- Provide a volunteer to coordinate broadcast with live audience (a start/stop person working with the production team)
- Have the ability to field questions sent by email from online viewers (BFA will help with this)
- Keep activities not involving the online audience off of the production (50/50 drawings, club information, etc. These activities can happen, just don't broadcast them).
- Describe venue (seating, lighting, size)
- Is the Host willing to have the BFA suggest speakers?
- Provide Internet connection and streaming service to allow up to 400 viewers with no advertising. Include

any related costs in your proposal

- Provide a link address a week in advance to BFA to be shared with registered online viewers
- BFA will handle all registration for the online session
- Host will handle all face-to-face registrations
- Locate and negotiate pricing with a qualified production company to provide the below listed services. BFA will pay the production company directly.

In addition to the Seminar Requirements listed above, there is also a listing of specific Production Requirements that applicants must meet.

Setup the day before is preferred, so that the system can be tested before going live. Audio, presentation computer feed, internet connection quality, cameras, etc...

Video product will be owned by the BFA.

Please provide the information from above and the cost of providing this service in your proposal. Also include your proposed hosting cost.

The BFA will review all submissions and select one location based on a variety of factors, including cost, speakers, venue, and production ability.

Proposals/questions need to be sent to: Dean Carlton – dean@heritagedevelop.com 217-304-2365.

**Proposals are  
due by  
October 14, 2016**

# 2016 BFA Board election results

The 2016 elections have been completed and here are the newly elected officials for the Balloon Federation of America:

## BFA Board of Directors

At Large Director:

**Maury Sullivan**

Southwest Region Director:

**Cheri White**

Great Lakes Region Director:

**Dean Carlton**

## Gas Division

Directors:

**Mike Emich**

**Barbara Fricke**

## Hot Air Competition Division

At Large Director:

**Adam Magee**

Western Region Director:

**Jeff Gilles**





**Celebrating Hall of Fame recipients and Ed Yost Master Pilot winners.**

From left to right: Hall of Fame recipients Bill Bussey, Troy Bradley, and Bob Sparks. Ed Yost Master Pilot recipients Jeff Thompson and Al Muir.

**BFA meets with FAA in Washington**

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BFA PRESIDENT

On Friday August 12 several BFA members were invited to participate in a meeting in Washington, D.C. led by John Duncan, FAA Director of Flight Service Standards.

Director Duncan indicated his team wished to learn more about the sport of ballooning and particularly commercial ride operations. The BFA members participated in an open discussion regarding how the sport works.

Prior to the meeting the Guidelines for Operations approved by the BFA's Professional Ride Operators division (PRO) had been submitted to the FAA. Director Duncan was particularly impressed with the guidelines and best practices policies required by PRO members, and a long discussion on how to share these practices with others was held.

The BFA committed to continue our cooperation with the FAA to help

keep our sport safe. We have agreed to form a focus team to continue our work together.

The focus team will develop a "Call to Action Plan" in the coming weeks which may include :

- Possible recognition program for safe operators
- Working with FAA's FFAST teams to promote the PRO guidelines.
- Help with a public relations campaign to better educate the consumers
- Get balloon insurance companies involved in the process.

Many of you have sent suggestions and ideas to us last week. I will share that information with the focus team. There were some great ideas and concerns that were provided.

Director Duncan indicated he was impressed with what he had learned about the BFA's dedication to safety. He was pleased we are willing to work together in a spirit of cooperation.

As we progress through this process, we will continue to keep you informed through email, the Quick Release, and the Ballooning Journal.

**16-step plan of action submitted to FAA**

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BFA PRESIDENT

The BFA's Safety Focus Committee has developed an action plan that was shared with the FAA on August 26, 2016. In it are outlined 16 important steps in creating a stronger, more widespread, and documentable safety culture within the balloon ride industry.

Key parts of this plan are a much closer alliance between industry and the FAA, a comprehensive education program for operators, an awareness program for the general public, and the adoption of best practices including a well-defined operations manual.

Much more work will be needed to execute this plan. Many volunteers will be spending significant time to develop the plans.

A copy of the plan can be downloaded from the BFA website.



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**BFA Membership Application for Mailing**



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**Flying Status (choose one for all personal memberships)**

- ( ) Commerical Pilot ( ) Private Pilot ( ) Student Pilot ( ) Crew ( ) Observer

**Personal Memberships (all voting except Juniors)**

- ( ) With US delivered magazine (\$55/yr) ( ) With Int'l delivered magazine (\$65/yr)
- ( ) With Digital Magazine (\$35/yr) ( ) Life membership with magazine (\$1000 once)
- ( ) Family membership for two or more memberships in one family (Digital) (\$20/yr)
- ( ) Junior Balloonist (aged 5-18 with Digital Magazine) (\$15/yr)

**Non-Personal Memberships**

- ( ) Corporate (\$250/yr) -Send business name/address/contact person/email logo to: [bfaoffice@bfa.net](mailto:bfaoffice@bfa.net)
- Associate Member (non-voting, for balloon clubs, libraries, balloon event organizations)
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- ( ) With Digital Magazine (\$35/yr)
- Professional Ride Operator Companies
- ( ) Large Operator (4 pilots-\$250/yr) ( ) Small Operator (2 pilots-\$125/yr)

*PAYMENT INFORMATION - All International memberships & subscriptions must be in US funds.*

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check - Master Card - VISA - Discover - AMEX  
CC Account# \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_/\_\_\_ CVC Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please print application, complete and mail with payment to this address:

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