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I would be honored to represent the Hot Air Competition Division as an At Large Board Member. I obtained my balloon rating in 1987 and by 1989 had discovered competition. It has been my passion while being involved in the sport.

I am fortunate that life has given me a second chance at the sport. I was a competitor from 1989 through 1998 and enjoyed climbing the ladder in skill level and opportunities to serve.

I took the opportunity at the encouragement of friends to once again fly and compete starting in August, 2010 and gradually becoming more involved. It is truly once again my passion.

I not only have a wide range of experience in the competition sport, but have a fresh perspective on what other pilots experience in trying to become involved in

competition. It is daunting to say the least. I believe that serving on your board will bring a renewed spirit for understanding what potential and new members face in considering this aspect of sport ballooning. More than that, I also understand what is important to long time competition members. I have a passion to further develop our sport for the future.

I served the competition division in the 90's as chairman for event marketing and for the period it ran, was responsible for the team concept. I was a member of the Site selection committee for selecting the U.S. Nationals while developing sites for a regional championship and US Team Nationals. I also served other projects for the HACD Board.

I have served as an event director, safety officer and organized and chaired events in cities I have lived in.

With over 13,000 flight hours of which 1100 pilot hours are in balloons, I currently am a flight instructor for a government agency. Teaching and mentoring is another passion and it carries over in the sport I love. I have taught 15 people to fly balloons, and several more how to compete.

Some of my achievements include:

- ★1993 and 1996 National Champion, 1995 Runner-up
- ★1993 NAA Distinguished Aeronaut Award Recipient
- ★BFA Pilot Achievement Highest Level
- ★BFA Distinguished Aeronaut (Highest Level VIII)
- ★1998 U.S. National Team Champion with Cheri White and Steve Llombardi.
- ★1995 and 1997 US Worlds Team 10th, 5th

I would appreciate your support and if elected I will help keep the HACD Vision of an open forum where members may find support in achieving their goals, learning the sport and finding new ways to improve the sport.