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For the love of the sport ~ GAME ON!

“Game On!” has been known to rapidly escape my lips at many moments in my life. It applies especially to ballooning. Why ask to play on the BFA board? Great question, mostly to contribute to the sport we love.

I, like many, started flying with my parents, Ed & Mary Ann Heltshel in 1985, got my commercial license in 1992 and proceed to fly competitively and commercially across the US, Europe, and Costa Rica. I had taken a hiatus from ballooning and in the last two years have gotten back into the sport not only with a personal intention to compete, but with a commitment to bring competitive ballooning to Colorado, and an intention that the love of the game be present and alive for those interested in playing. That journey has been met by some great supporters in the BFA and I feel it is time to return the favor and give back. It is always more fun when you are accountable and put yourself on the line.

Here in Colorado we have started monthly competition events and are taking an approach of education, pilot development and skill improvement. We’ve added 9 HADC Card holders to the game and are encouraging pilots to learn and hone their piloting skills through seminars and flights. We have created a group of pilots and support teams who are taking on what is wanted and needed to produce competitive events from around the state.

I bring excitement, commitment, determination and a history of developing highly functioning teams from my professional life to the table. I have managed registration and enrollment into transformational seminars. It has enabled me to impact and empower hundreds of people and teams to produce results beyond what they knew was possible. Currently I am a Managing Partner of Randstone Group, a recruiting firm specializing in creating futures for Engineers.

My commitment in participating with the BFA is not only in creating an access to competitive ballooning through education, but also to expand sport and commercial ballooning. The more people who are flying safely the better we all are. I am a champion of people and families in ballooning. Whether you started with your family like I did, or fell in love with a new family through the sport. Ballooning creates a place where adventure meets opportunity ~ Game On

