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United States Parachute Association Minutes:
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1. Call to Order

The President, Mr. Glenn Bangs, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. on February 17, 2006. The Directors present included: G. Bangs, S. Butcher, M. Cohn, J. DeSantis, J. Farrington, J. Goswitz, L. Hill, J. Jenkins, M. Laughlin, J. Meyer, M. Mullins, M. Murdock, G. Peek, M. Perry, C. Quaintance, R. Schachner, L. Schlichtemeier, S. Smith, D. Stewart, T. Thacker, and C. Welker and B. J. Worth.

The President welcomed the gallery and the Directors. The members of the gallery introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Motion 1: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)

“Move to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, dated August 20, 2006.”

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 2: Passed, 20/0/1 (Mr. Bangs)

“Move to adopt the agenda.”

4. President’s Report and Interim Actions of the Executive Committee (Mr. Bangs)

Welcome everyone, to our 2006 Junior Board of Director’s Meeting. This year has the potential to be huge for USPA with the construction and acquisition of our new headquarters building in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Along with this colossal milestone is the loss of one of USPA’s staunchest supporters, Mr. William H. Ottley.

It is very fitting that our new headquarters dedication is also the date, May 12 &13, 2006, to celebrate the life and accomplishments, with regards to Bill Ottley’s contributions to USPA and skydiving. So at this meeting, what better time to emphasize and focus on our sport’s promotion and marketing at every committee and each BOD member?

The time is now to start planning on how to re-energize our sport, create new members, and to continue to maintain the members we now have.

Interim Action 08/10/05:

The Exec Committee, in a vote of 4 - 1, voted to approve a request for Membership Services waiver and it shall entered into the minutes as Interim Action 08/10/05:

Background:

Insurance Technologies & Programs received 3 requests for waivers to the 1000 jump requirement for obtaining insurance - SIM Section 7-1C Experience & Ability. They were forwarded to the Membership Services committee since it involved insurance.

One request was received at the summer board meeting but the insurance company’s initial reaction was not at all receptive to any waivers. Since it is ultimately the insurance company

waiving the requirement it was out of our hands and not even worth our committee time if Insurance Technologies was not interested.

They later received two additional requests and then expressed to headquarters that they would consider waivers if recommended first by the Board.

The two later waiver requests for a demo in Kansas were withdrawn but the member was pleased with USPA's response and assistance.

The waiver request remaining is from Don Rakow, D21566 who has 933 jumps. He is asking for a waiver for 7 jumps into the U of Montana football stadium on Sept 3, 17, 24, Oct 1, 15, 22, & 29th. Mr. Rakow has done 21 demos into this stadium since 2000 but didn't feel like he could complete the required 1000 jumps prior to the first demo. He meets all the other requirements for the insurance.

Motion 3: Passed, 19/0/2 (Mr. Bangs)

“Move to recommend to Insurance Technologies & Programs that the 1,000 jump requirement for demo insurance be waived for Don Rakow, D-21566.”

Interim Action 08/13/05:

The Competition Committee requested interim action by the Executive Committee to name Sheila Sharman as the Team Manager for the Canopy Piloting Team that will represent the US at the World Cup in Austria.

BACKGROUND: A Team Manager is not necessary for a World Cup but Sheila Sharman has expressed an interest in being the Team Manager for the Canopy Piloting Team. Her son is one of the team members and she is planning to be at the competition. Sheila would start her duties as Team Manager on 21 August once she is on site in Austria. The Competition Committee Chair would copy her on correspondence regarding the CP Team prior to 21 August. The position of Team Manager for a World Cup is not funded according to SCM Section 11.

Motion 4: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)

“Move to name Sheila Sharman as the Team Manager for the Canopy Piloting Team that will represent the US at the 3rd World Cup of Canopy Piloting in Austria. This will be at no expense to USPA.”

Interim Action 9/1/05

This request for interim action from the Membership Services Committee for a demo waiver into a stadium was reviewed during a conference call by the Executive Committee on 9/1/05. The jump would be at 7:30pm on Saturday, Sept 3rd into Sioux Falls SD football stadium, which is open on two sides. The waiver recipient, Greg Bierbaum, was late in requesting the waiver because of confusion caused because the insurance certificate had already been issued by the insurance company pending USPA's recommendation. The waiver request had full support of the local S&TA.

The insurance would have been void if the jump was made with USPA recommendation however some procedural issues were addressed with Insurance Technologies.

Motion 5: Passed, 19/0/2 (Mr. Bangs)

“Move to recommend to Insurance Technologies & Programs that the 1,000 jump requirement for demo insurance be waived for Greg Bierbaum, D-23207.”

Interim Action 09/20/05:

S&T requested the following waiver by the executive committee who has waiver authority on this matter. An identical waiver was granted by the full board in July by a vote of 20 for 0 against. An additional requirement is that the students these waived Coaches will be supervising are to be given the ISP Category E Aircraft Briefing by a USPA Instructor.

Motion 6: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)

“Move to waive SIM Section 2-1E4c, ‘All students must jump under the supervision of an appropriately rated USPA Instructor until demonstrating stability and heading control prior to and within five seconds after initiating two intentional disorienting maneuvers involving a back-to-earth presentation’ for Seven Hills Skydivers, Madison, WI, to allow the following members, after obtaining USPA Coach ratings, to supervise student jumps after the students clear and pull skydives:

<i>Shawn Hartlaub</i>	<i>#196219</i>	<i>Jumps- 207---B-27895.</i>
<i>Jason Greener</i>	<i>#189289</i>	<i>Jumps-189---B-27386.</i>
<i>Dean Baley</i>	<i>#180898</i>	<i>Jumps-204--B-27397.”</i>

Interim Action 10/05/05:

Motion 7: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)

“Move to reimburse USPA's President for unscheduled and unforecasted travel commitments while acting in the capacity as the senior association representative.”

Interim Action 10/19/05:

The Executive Committee has approved the request from Marylou Laughlin, Northeast Region Director for interim action IAW USPA's Governance Manual, Section 1-6, Section 4B:

Motion 8: Passed, 15/3/3 (Mr. Bangs)

“Move to immediately revoke the membership of Ricardo Signorelli, USPA member number 194878, for life, pending review of the full Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting in February 2006.”

Marylou will be prepared to offer a detailed explanation of her actions and reasons to the full Board during the Executive Committee Interim Actions Report.

Interim Action 11/09/05:

The Executive Committee has approved Headquarters' request for interim action regarding an area of poor drainage in the strata below USPA's new HQS site.

To allow the Executive Director the flexibility that he needs to deal with this situation now and if it reappears during the ongoing phase of the construction, the following motion was approved. Simply translated, this motion and action is the cost to improve the drainage of the ground under the location where the concrete slab will be poured.

Motion 9: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)

"Move to amend the USPA construction budget and authorize the Executive Director to spend up to \$50,000.00 for construction site sub-grade stabilization."

Interim Action 11/21/05:

S&T recommended a waiver for Bram Clement who is an AFF CD, Static line CD and Tandem CD. He has conducted 18 IAD jumps and hundreds of static line jumps. Bram wishes to be able to conduct instructor courses in all disciplines as a service to the membership and group member DZs

Motion 10: Passed, 20/0/1 (Mr. Bangs)

"Move to waive IRM IAD / Static Line Section 1D1a, 'has held a USPA Instructor rating (IAD or Static Line) for at least 3 years' and Section 1D3a, 'conducted 100 actual student jumps in that method where 25 are static line or IAD' for Bram Clement member number 082512 and issue an IAD Course Director Appointment."

Interim Action 12/5/05

The Group Membership Group Committee requested interim action for changes to the Group Member application and the application form itself that would change GM categories. The timing on was critical due to the timing of the GM renewal process.

It is also necessary to increase the dues of the foreign GMs. They currently renew for only \$100 per year (the same as clubs), which barely covers expenses if we mail them a monthly Parachutist and make one or two international phone calls or faxes to them. The renewal dues should be raised to \$200, the same as a Cessna DZ in the U.S. pays.

Motion 11 Passed, 20/1 (Mr. Bangs)

"Move to make the following changes to the GM application:

CAT 1: Skydiving operations that use military aircraft which fall under DOD regulations; or clubs that ~~are located on and~~ use aircraft of an established Group Member. (If club, indicate Group Member affiliation: _____)

CAT 3: Skydiving operations that routinely use more than two small aircraft or one or more large aircraft, each with a maximum takeoff weight of 6,000 lbs.

Alter the Foreign GM dues to match those of Category 2

A foreign DZ would pay \$400 (prorated) for a new Group Membership and \$200 for a renewed membership (compared to the current \$200 for new and \$100 for renewing)."

Interim Action 12/05/05:

Motion 12: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)

"Move to allow USPA's Executive Director authority to sign the required 401(k) documents to be in compliance with IRS law requiring minimum balance threshold changes from \$5,000.00 to \$ 1,000.00 before forcing roll over into IRA accounts."

Interim Action 12/15/05 - 1

In accordance with SCM Section 8-1.5D3e it is necessary to have the BOD vote to place the judges on the FAI Judges Nomination List. The following individual has met all the requirements set forth by the FAI and the SCM:

Motion 13: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)
“Move to nominate Tamara Koyn as a FAI Formation Skydiving Judge.”

Interim Action 12/15/05 - 2

At the July 2005 board meeting, a motion was passed, “to adopt Canopy Piloting as a Nationals medal event in 2007. Rules will be based on the current IPC rules.” Although the committee wants to make canopy piloting a medal event, it felt “it was too soon this year because the bid cycle for 2006 had already begun and waiting a year would be better.

However, since the board meeting, two group member drop zones have indicated an interest in hosting a canopy piloting event under USPA's auspices and many canopy piloting competitors want an event in 2006. Both drop zones feel that if they put the effort into hosting an event, it should be a nationals, rather than just a test event. The committee agrees and presents the following motion:

Motion 14: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)
“Move to solicit bids to host a 2006 US National Canopy Piloting event using the format establish in the SCM, section 10 and the 2005 IPC Competition Rules for Canopy Piloting and from the Sporting Code Section 5 the number of judges required for CP are 11 including the Chief Judge; bids to be received by USPA headquarters no later than 5pm EST 1 February 2006.”

Notice will be placed on the website and in the January issue of Parachutist if interim action is approved by 9 December. There is also a possibility to put it in the next DZO Incoming.

Interim Action 12/15/05 - 3

In accordance with SCM Section 8-1.5D3e, it is necessary to have the BOD vote to place the judges on the FAI Judges Nomination List. The following individuals have met all the requirements set forth by the FAI. The requirements of the SCM have all been met or have been waived by the BOD

Motion 15: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)
“Move to nominate Tim Lynch and Joy Townsend as FAI Canopy Piloting Judges.”

Interim Action 12/16/05

Motion 16: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)
“Move to allow the Executive Director to enter into contracts and obligations for communications equipment to be installed in the new USPA Headquarters building in the approximate amount of \$35,000 (plus or minus 10%). (Note: This represents an extension of the 2005 Headquarters Relocation budget previously approved by the BOD).”

Interim Action 12/31/05 - 1

Motion 17: Passed, 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)
“Move to accept the document ‘Draft 2006 USPA Budget’ as the operating budget for USPA from January 1, 2006 through February 19, 2006.”

Interim Action 12/31/05 - 2

Motion 18:

Passed, 15/4/3

(Mr. Bangs)

(Mr. Schachner- against)

“Move to waive SIM Section 2-1J3, and J5, to allow Art Schaffer to conduct 2 tandem jumps into Alltel Stadium, Jacksonville, Florida on Jan 1 and 2, 2006. During the first jump (Jan 1, 2006) Curtis Dvorak USPA # 142356, C-34347 will be the passenger. Tammie Grassel (USPA # 176700, D-27735) will be riding as the passenger on the second jump (Jan 2, 2006).”

Interim Action 01/11/06

The Executive committee approved the contract for the sale 1440 Duke Street after review by USPA counsel Davie Lester for Dow Lohnes and Albertson.

Motion 19:

Passed, 21/0

(Mr. Bangs)

“Move to approve the final terms and conditions of the sale of USPA's property, located at 1438-40 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia, per the July 17, 2005 USPA BOD motion.”

5. Treasurer's Report (Dr. Schlichtemeier)

The USPA Reserve Fund ended 2005 at \$930,688, a decrease in overall value of \$14,495 or 1.5%. This fund has very closely mirrored the Dow Jones Industrial Average for the year. Because of the construction phase of the new Headquarters, this fund was kept largely in fixed income instruments. With the increase in interest rates, principal value suffered somewhat but maintained an excellent cash flow. We were also exposed to a small amount to credit risk changes that resulted in the sale of several securities at a loss and redeployment of these assets into more stable credit risks. Additionally, there was a significant drop in market indices in December, which was reflected in the Reserve fund. This reversed to a gain by the end of January, which would have reflected in a gain for Reserve fund had our year ended in January and a 2.5% gain if calculated toward the end of February. During January we also added the majority of the proceeds from the sale of the existing Headquarters building and increased the valuation of the Reserve fund to approximately \$2,500,000 as of the week of the Winter Board of Directors meeting. With construction ongoing, the deployment of these additions has been into short-term (6 months or less) interest-bearing securities of impeccable credit rating with an average interest rate at or above 4.5%. As soon as construction is completed and the move to the new Headquarters is accomplished, we will be reviewing the longer-term utilization of these funds.

The U.S. Parachute Team Trust Fund ended 2005 at \$440,129, a gain in value of \$14,160 for the year. The Team Trust Fund experienced the same factors, as did the Reserve Fund. Also, a ‘bounce’ in valuation occurred during the first 6 weeks of 2006 effectively erasing the end of year ‘doldrums’ experienced by the markets in general. This has resulted in a gain of 2.9% for the early part of the year 2006 (toward the end of February). The cash flow in the Team Trust Fund appears very stable and is continuing to increase on an annual basis.

6. Executive Director's Report (Mr. Needels)

Challenges for 2005

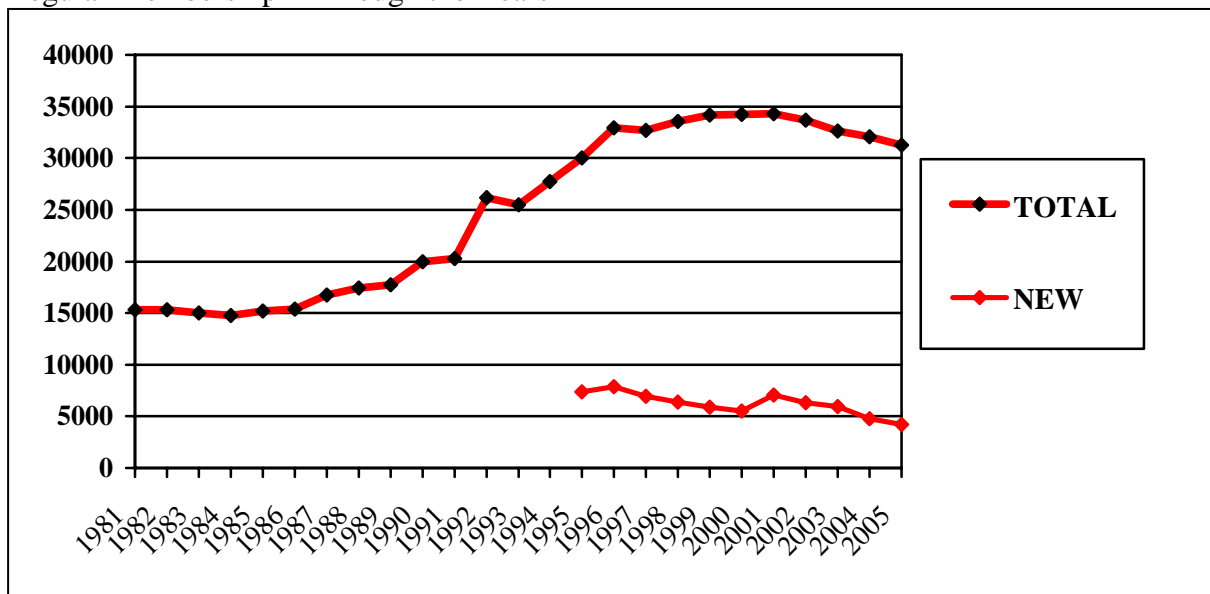
- Rejuvenate membership growth - C

- Keep the lid on membership insurance - A
- Relocate USPA Headquarters - Inc
- Complete the association software upgrades - B
- Continue to reduce fatalities, particularly canopy piloting related – B+
- Complete the instructional rating restructuring - C
- Protect skydiving in the heightened homeland security environment - A
- Establish the national records program - INC
- Revisit and refine the USPA/NAA/FAI relationship - B
- Establish the member service center - Inc
- Increase non-dues revenue - C
- Keep skydiving fun and friendships strong

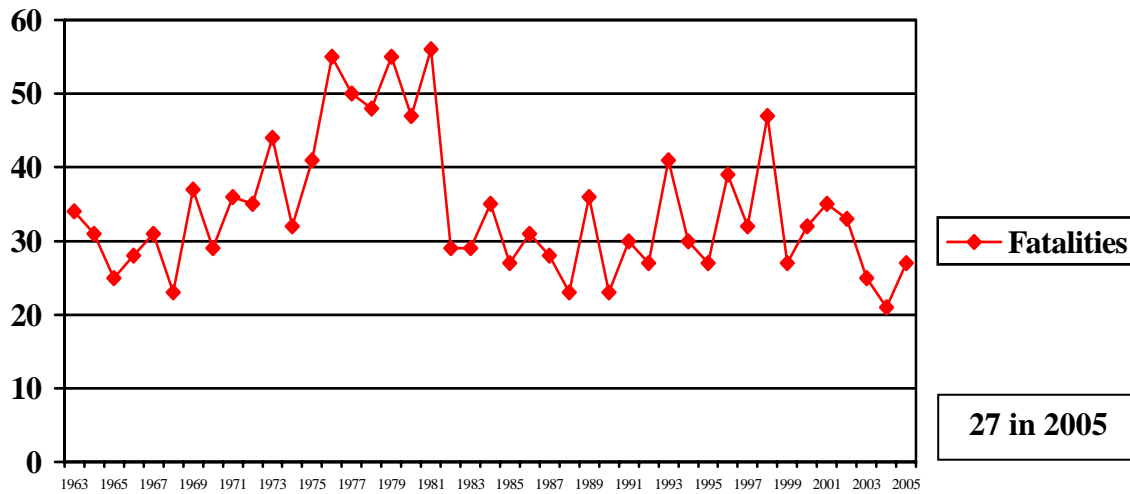
Membership Services

	<u>Year End</u> 2002	<u>Year End</u> 2003	<u>Year End</u> 2004	<u>Mid Year</u> 2005
Regular Members	33,664	32,628	32,057	31,276
New Members	6,345	5,960	4,744	4,187
Renewal Rate	79%	78%	83%	85%
Temporary Members	3,012	2,684	2,623	2,540
TIM to Regular	647	440	551	546
Demo Insurance Policies Sold	436	391	313	302
Awards Issued				
Tenure	2,712	2,461	2,575	2,814
Wings	492	394	370	348
Badges	529	418	358	363
RW & CRW	465	141	110	79
3D	21	3	4	4

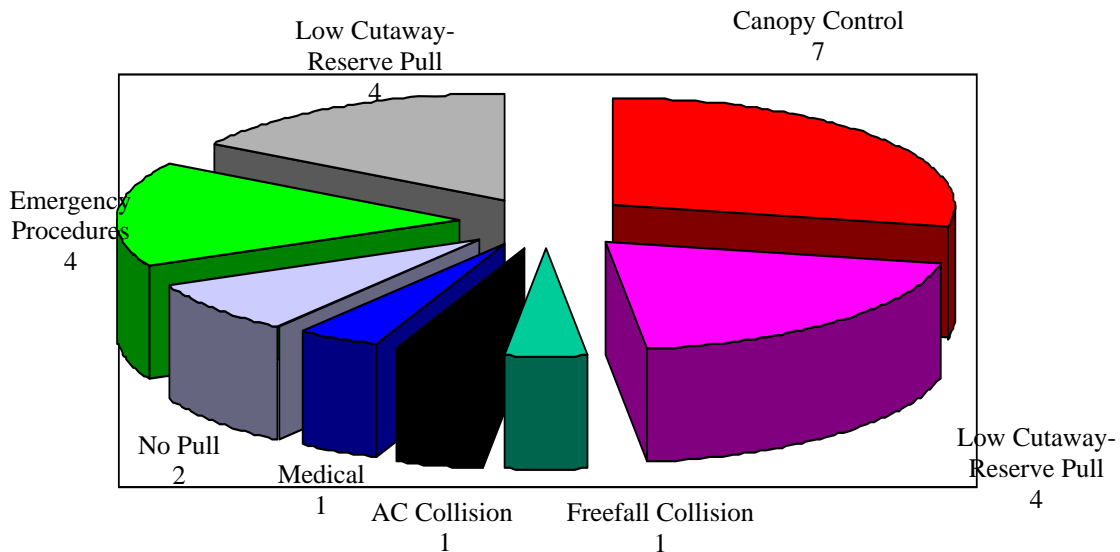
Regular Membership – Through the Years



Fatalities 1963 – 2005



2005 Fatalities by Category

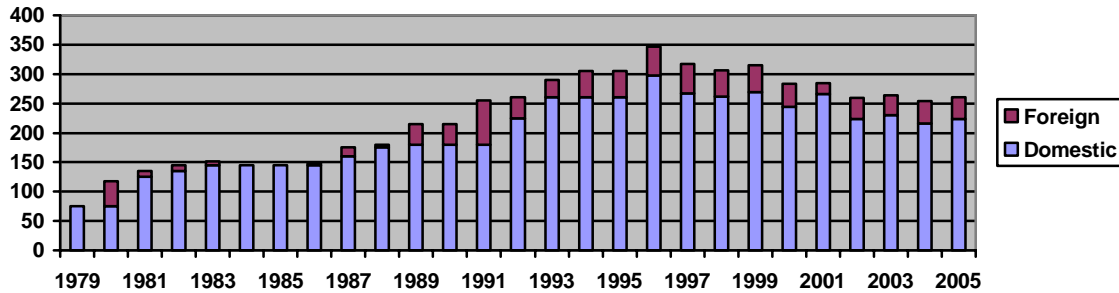


Safety & Training

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Licenses Issued	5,144	6,165	3,480	3,713
Coach Courses Held	114	130	158	164
Coach Ratings Issued	620	584	584	558
Instructor Ratings Issued				
S/L and IAD Ratings Issued	109	176	105	153
Tandem Ratings Issued	220	159	235	179
AFF	208	236	244	249
Pro Ratings Issued	169	169	136	138

Group Membership

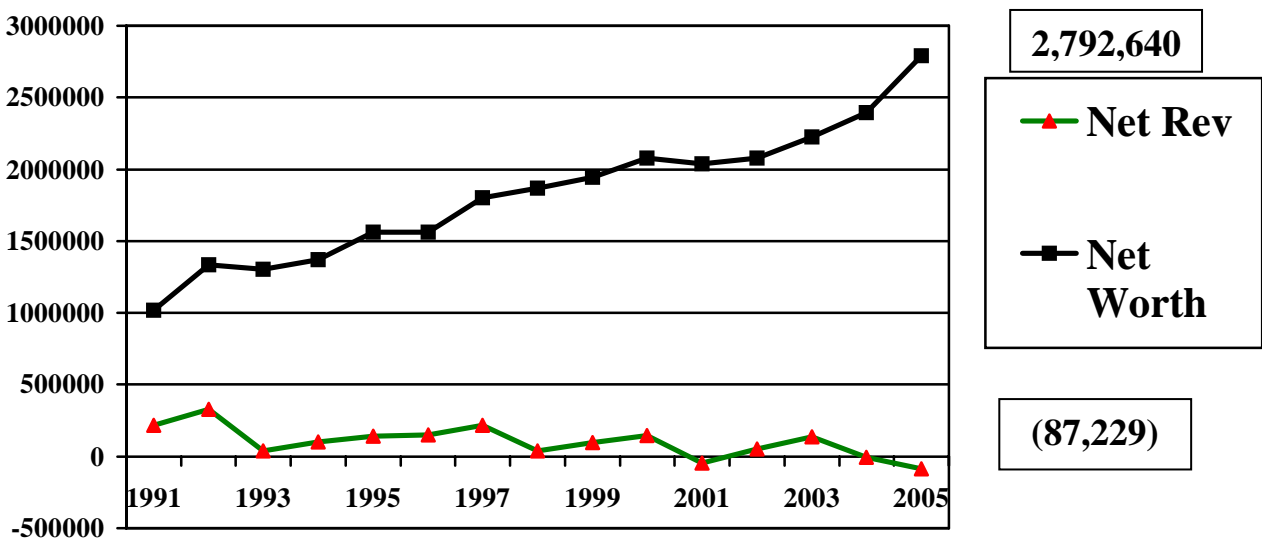
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
New	26	26	18	32
Renewing	233	238	246	234
Total	259	264	264	266



Dollars & Sense

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Net Revenue	51,179	137,621	(7,294)	(87,229)
Operating Reserves	423,714	354,159	356,391	235,870
Investment Reserves	1,065,616	927,404	945,182	930,688
AADF	97,248	88,843	92,417	106,233
USTTF	341,475	423,005	426,935	440,594
Net Worth	2,080,395	2,223,717	2,393,625	2,792,640

Finances – Past 11 Years



Challenges for 2006

- Rejuvenate membership growth
- Complete Headquarters relocation
- Implement Membership Service Center (MSC)
- Complete the association software upgrade
- Reduce fatalities and accidents
- Lower member insurance rates
- Complete the instructional rating restructuring
- Implement the state and national records program
- Keep pressure to preserve airport/airspace access
- Revitalize brand
- Increase non-dues revenue
- Keep skydiving fun and friendships strong

7. IPC Delegate Report (Ms. Laughlin)

The 57th Fédération Aéronautique Internationale's parachuting commission meeting was held in Stockholm, Sweden and was hosted by the Swedish Parachuting Federation. 28 countries were represented.

Attending from the USA:

IPC Delegate- Marylou Laughlin; IPC Alternate Delegate- Larry Bagley; USPA board member Larry Hill

World Games:

The plenary voted to move forward with the 2009 World Games in China Taipei. Freestyle was found to be too similar to Freefly; because of this the IPC is going to suggest exchanging 2-Way CF (at a lower exit altitude) for Freestyle. All the other events will remain the same except for possibly a 1cm disc for Accuracy.

World Air Games:

The FAI Board is working on developing the World Air Games and it is a priority project at the FAI. The concept is for Continental or Regional Air Games. No other information is available at this time.

Style & Accuracy:

In Style the requirement to advance to the 3rd round has changed to an aggregate score of 16 seconds or less for men and 18 seconds or less for women.

Canopy Piloting:

There are a number of changes for 2006 in CP I will highlight the major ones. Each NAC will be allowed to send 8 competitors for a WPC and 12 for a WC. Semi finals and finals have been eliminated and the program of events has changed to 3 rounds of speed, 3 rounds of distance and 3 rounds of zone accuracy. A weight limit has been added to the rules. A competitor may wear a maximum of 15.9kg. (35 lbs) additional weight and the additional weight that will be allowed will be determined by the competitors' weight including equipment. The course has been enlarged to include a safety zone on both sides of the course. In the Zone Accuracy there is a 10-point penalty for not standing up. The Austrian location for the WPC has changed from

Stubenburg to Vienna.

Formation Skydiving:

The rejudgement rule has been eliminated. It is not necessary that a 4-Way Female team have a female videographer. The 16-Way event has been eliminated for the IPC program.

Canopy Formation:

The program for the WPC will include the new event 2 Way Sequential and 8 Way Speed will also remain along with 4-Way Sequential and 4-Way Rotation. The throw away round is back and there is a modification in the way that the 30 second rule is judged.

Artistic Events:

The committee is going to look at the number of NAC that participate in skysurf at the WPC in Germany and make a decision regarding the future of the event.

Para- Ski:

No major changes to the rules for 2006.

Judging:

All new FAI judges will need to attend and pass a FAI Judges Training Course. The IPC will reimburse judges for their travel expenses based on a reimbursement schedule.

Technical and Safety:

Gillian Winter from France has been named the chair of the committee. The committee is starting a new study of the skydiving injuries and incidents, excluding the fatalities. The 2004 IPC Safety Survey Report has been given to Jim Crouch.

Finance and Budget:

The currency that the IPC works in will change from dollars to euros. US competitors will need to make sure that they have euros to accompany a protest.

Sporting Code:

The IPC will now recognize Continental and Regional Records. Athlete Profiles and Certificates of proficiency are no longer required at a 1st category event or performance record.

Awards:

The Leonardo de Vinci Diploma was awarded to Marco Pflüger of Germany.

The USA's nomination of Scott Rhodes for the Leonardo de Vinci Diploma will be voted on in 2007 because of the internal regulations.

Larry Hill and Ted Wagner, the inventors of Omniskore, were nominated by Denmark to receive the IPC Faust Vrancic Medal. It will be voted on next year after receiving a letter from the US supporting the nomination.

Election of IPC Officers: No Change from 2005

IPC Delegate and Alternate Delegate Positions at the IPC:

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- Marylou Laughlin – Chair of the Canopy Formation Committee, Member of Sporting Code Working Group, Member of The Extended Bureau, Advisor to the Canopy Piloting Committee, FAI Controller- 2006 WPC Canopy Formation and Style and Accuracy and Anton Malevsky Meet, Stupino, Russia
- Larry Bagley- Secretary, Member of the Bureau, Deputy Chair of the Para-Ski Committee, FAI Controller- 2006 Canopy Piloting WPC, Vienna, Austria.

Schedules:

2006

- WPC Formation Skydiving and Artistic Events, Gera (Thuringen), Germany, 5-11 August
- WPC Canopy Formation and Style and Accuracy, Stupino, Russia, 12-20 August
- Anton Malevsky Memorial Meet of 4 Way Formation and 4 Way Rotation Canopy Formation -Stupino, Russia, 12-20 August
- WPC Canopy Piloting, Vienna, Austria, 23-27 August

2007

- IPC Plenary Meeting 2007- Florence, Italy, 23-28 January
- WC Canopy Piloting, Sydney, Australia, 7-11 November

2008

- IPC Plenary Meeting 2008- Paris, France, 22-27 January
- WC Para-Ski- Donerbachwald, Austria. 5-9 March

2009

- WPC Para-Ski- Donerbachwald, Austria, 10-15 March

The current rules will be available at www.fai.org/parachuting

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

A. Appeal – Ricardo Signorelli

After considerable discussion the disciplinary action was modified with the concurrence of the Regional Director.

Motion 20:

Passed, 13/2/6 (Mr. Bangs)
(Mr. Welker – against)

“Move to reinstate Ricardo Signorelli, USPA member number 194878, effective July 7, 2006, providing he jumps only under the direct supervision of a mentor to be selected by Ricardo and approved by the Regional Director for six (6) subsequent months. Failure to comply with these stipulations will result in his immediate lifetime membership revocation.”

B. Appeal – Paul Gundlach

Paul Gundlach requested permission from the Board of Directors to seek a Pro Rating. Mr. Gundlach is restricted from holding any USPA ratings. The Regional Director supported the request and proposed the following motion for consideration.

Motion 21: Passed, 19/2 (Mr. Peek)
“Move to allow Paul Gundlach, #156737 to apply for and earn the USPA Professional Exhibition rating.”

10. Selection of dates and location of BOD meetings

Motion 22: Passed 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)
“Move to hold the summer 2006 Board Meeting on July 14-16, 2006.”

Motion 23: Passed 18/2/1 (Mr. Bangs)
“Move to have the winter 2007 Board Meeting in Reno, Nevada.”

Motion 24: Passed 21/0 (Mr. Bangs)
“Move to have the winter 2007 Board Meeting on February 9 -11, 2007.”

11. Committee Reports

A. Competition Committee

Chair: Marylou Laughlin
Members: Max Cohn
Larry Hill
Madolyn Murdock
Scott Smith
Tony Thacker
BJ Worth
Advisors: Larry Bagley (Director of Competition)
Jim Jenkins, Richard Schachner, Danny Page

Section 1 - General Section

1. Craig O'Brien assisted with his input regarding the Video Controllers responsibilities.

Motion 25: Passed, 20/0 (Mr. Thacker)
“To change SCM 1-1.3E3 from: ‘The Video Controller’s responsibility is to ensure that an effective dubbing and logging system, approved by the Chief Judge(s) and event judge(s), is in place for all events that use video for judging and scoring and that videographers operate in compliance with the appropriate Sections.’ To:
‘The Video Controller’s Job responsibilities are as follows:
a. have a clear understanding of the video processing system used for the “Event”.
b. to ensure that an effective dubbing and logging system, approved by the Chief Judge(s) and event judge(s), is in place for all events that use video for judging and scoring and that videographers operate in compliance with the appropriate Sections.
c. processing of the Competition Video
d. conduct a video briefing prior to the start of the event

- e. provide USPA with copies of the competition video
- f. Supply a number of convenient locations for camera flyers to shoot a video slate and stress the importance of proper slate procedures.’”

2. The FAI changed the Sporting Code 8.1.3.6.1 that lead the committee to present the following change:

Motion 26: Passed, 19/0/1 (Mr. Thacker)
“Move to change SCM Section 1-1.4D to adopt the change from the FAI regarding the 2-year eligibility rule.”

Section 3 – Canopy Piloting

It was decided as an interim action to adopt canopy piloting as a Nationals event and accept bids at this meeting. This motion adopts the IPC rules for open class so that it can be included in the competition manual as a medal event for 2006. The intermediate rules to be developed will be similar to the IPC rules; however, we want to get some more feedback from the CP community to see what changes are appropriate for the intermediate class event.

Motion 27: Passed, 20/0 (Mr. Smith)
“Move to adopt the IPC competition rules for Canopy Piloting. The Intermediate rules to be placed in Section 3 will be developed by March 1st.”

Section 4 – Canopy Formation

1. The committee has been moving toward changing our rules to be the same as the IPC rules to help minimize the changes that are needed after each IPC meeting. With this as our goal the following will move this process along:

Motion 28: Passed, 19/0 (Mr. Hill)
“Move to adopt the attached [Attachment D] rewrite of Section 4 to adopt the IPC rules for the USPA Nationals.”

2. The IPC has adopted the 2-way CF as an IPC event and it was successful as a test event at the 2005 Nationals. Based on this the Committee felt that it should be added as an US National event.

Motion 29: Passed, 19/0 (Mr. Hill)
“Move to add 2-way Canopy Formation to the USPA Competition Manual and include it in the USPA Nationals.”

Section 5 – Formation Skydiving

The committee reviewed changes to Formation Skydiving that were made at the recent IPC meeting and also after-action reports from the 2005 National Judges Training Program. The committee adopted changes to clarify the penalty for omission of a block as well as clarification of the NV designation used by judges.

Motion 30: Passed, 19/0 (Ms. Murdock)
“Move to make the changes to Skydivers Competition Manual Sections 5-1.9A2 ‘Scoring’ and 5-1.11E ‘Score sheets’ per the Attachment B.”

Kurt Gaebel discussed the relationship between NSL and USPA and it was agreed that NSL would work over the next year to have the leagues use nationally-rated judges.

The 16-Way and 10-Way Dive Pools were evaluated and changes were not recommended.

Section 6 – Artistic Events

1. The Committee looked at the recent changes in the IPC manual for Artistic events. There was only one motion, which added a ‘double sole to sole’ to the grading maneuver chart in SCM 6-7.3.

Motion 31

Passed, 19/0

(Mr. Cohn)

“Move to add ‘Double Sole to Sole’ to SCM 6-7.3 in the ‘very difficult’ column of the Freelying chart.”

2. Eric Deren and Scott Meeker gave a presentation on Vertical Formation Skydiving (VFS) competition, following up a presentation given at the summer 2005 board meeting. They reported that the participation is growing and they have held three competitions with growing participation. The feeling of the committee is that the VFS is growing in popularity. Skydive Arizona agreed to have VFS as a test event in the upcoming 2006 Nationals.
3. The committee discussed replacing the AE intermediate compulsory tracking point in SCM 6-3.2.F based on competitor feedback. The committee moved to replace the tracking point with an intermediate level head-down point.

Motion 32:

Passed, 19/0

(Mr. Cohn)

“In 6-3.2F, replace ‘Tracking Hand Grip’ with:

F. FF-16 double-Grip Head-Down

1. Both performers are in a head-down orientation.

2. The performers demonstrate a two-handed, hand-to-hand grip with each performer’s right hand in a grip with the other performer’s left hand.”

4. The committee agreed to clarify the freefly random ‘Star’ in both SCM 6-3.1I1 and SCM 6-3.2A1 to read: “Both performers are in a flat orientation”, which previously read: “Both performers are in a face-down orientation”.

Section 7 - Collegiates

1. The committee discussed ways to increase attendance at the USPA Collegiate Nationals. There has been an ad hoc committee formed to include Max Cohn, Bill Wenger, Chris Moore, Larry Bagley, and Marylou Laughlin. They will report back at the next BOD meeting.
2. The committee briefly discussed adding wing loading for different classes in Sport Accuracy. The committee decided to default the issue to the upcoming Ad Hoc collegiate committee to meet in April.
3. The committee discussed a Sport Accuracy rule clarification regarding if the competitor can have his stand up landing count favorably even if he does not touch the target. The

committee felt that the competitor must have the first point of contact in the 15-meter circle in order to be scored further.

Motion 33: Passed, 19/0 (Mr. Cohn)

*“Move to replace 7-1.9A3b with:
If the first point of contact is not within the 15 meter circle, the competitor will receive the maximum score.”*

4. The committee discussed if Freelying should become a medal event at the Collegiates. The committee agreed that the rules were working successfully and participation was strong, especially at the 2005 Collegiates and moved to make Freely as a medal event.

Motion 34: Passed, 19/0 (Mr. Cohn)

“Move to make ‘Freely’ a medal event in the USPA Collegiate Nationals using the rules of the Freely test event in the 2005 USPA Collegiate Nationals.”

Section 8 – Judging

The committee was updated on the status of the OmniSkore Electronic Scoring program used by many competitions. The system will continue and will be upgraded prior to the Nationals. The Artistic events will take the most work and are in line for modifications also.

The committee discussed the impact and the ownership of the footage from the 2005 Nationals. USPA and the Host agree that the DVDs will be available to any 2005 competitors. Images still remain the property of USPA and should not be resold. These DVDs will be available for purchase from Tamara Koyn.

The after-action report from the NJTP recommended a waiver for Rose Goetsch who completed the NJTP in Lake Wales in December of 2005. She has been involved in skydiving as manifestor, pilot, and rigger for several years but was not a USPA member. It is felt that she has the knowledge of the sport and that this rule was intended for incoming National Judges.

Motion 35: Passed, 19/0 (Ms. Murdock)

“Move to waive SCM 8-1.5D2a, the initial minimum requirement of one year of USPA Membership for a National Judges Rating for Rose Goetsch.”

The committee made recommendations for two FAI judges ratings.

Motion 36: Passed, 18/0/1 (Ms. Murdock)

“Move to recommend Richard Schachner for an FAI Canopy Piloting Judges Rating.”

Motion 37: Passed, 19/0 (Ms. Murdock)

“Move to recommend Laura Vago as an FAI Artistic Events Judge.”

Some necessary changes to Judging Section of the SCM were addressed.

Motion 38: Passed, 19/0 (Ms. Murdock)

“Move to make the necessary change to Skydivers Competition Manual Sections 8-1: USPA Competition Judge Rating and 8-2: USPA national Judge Training Program to add Canopy Piloting rating and to clarify language regarding discipline specific ratings [Attachment C].”

Section 9 – Sport Accuracy

The only change to section 9 was the clarification in Sport Accuracy that was addressed in section 7. The following motion is made:

Motion 39: Passed, 17/0/2 (Mr. Hill)

“Change SCM 9-1.7 to add, F1. If the first point of contact is not within the 15-meter radius circle, maximum score will be awarded.”

Section 10 - National Site Selection

1. Mile Hi Skydiving and Wildwood Skydiving presented bids to the competition committee to host the 1st Canopy Piloting Nationals.

Motion 40: Passed, 19/0 (Mr. Worth)

“Move that the 2006 U.S. National Championships of Canopy Piloting be held in Wildwood, New Jersey, 1-4 September 2006, per the parameters included in the bid materials provided by the Wildwood Event Organizers, with the following modifications:

- *Exit Altitude will be 5000 feet AGL.*
- *Practice jumps will cost \$35 per jump.*
- *All requirements included in the SCM will be met, including \$100 per day and two meals per day for judges, and support for the USPA Controller.*
- *Marylou Laughlin will conduct a Canopy Piloting training judges course.”*

2. The Committee felt that it would help with sport promotion of the US Nationals if the site were chosen two years in advance.

Motion 41: Passed, 17/0/1 (Mr. Worth)

“Move to change SCM Section 10, paragraph 10-1.1F to read, ‘Bids will be awarded two years preceding the year in which the competition will be conducted.’”

Motion 42: Passed, 16/0 (Mr. Bangs)

“Move to amend the previous motion.”

Motion 43: Passed, 16/0 (Mr. Worth)

“Move to change SCM Section 10, paragraph 10-1.1F to read, ‘Bids should be awarded two years preceding the year in which the competition will be conducted’.”

3. The next two motions are necessary because Canopy Piloting became a National event and it needs to be included in the SCM.

Motion 44: Passed, 19/0 (Mr. Worth)

“Move to change SCM Section 10, paragraph 10-1.1B to read, ‘Each year, USPA solicits bids for hosting the U.S. National Skydiving Championships in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing;

Canopy Formation (CF); Formation Skydiving (FS); Artistic Events (AE); Canopy Piloting (CP); Sport Accuracy; and the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships’.”

Motion 45: Passed, 19/0 (Mr. Worth)

“Move to change SCM Section 10-1.1C, to read ‘All but the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships and Canopy Piloting should be conducted concurrently or sequentially at a single venue and time frame.’”

4. The following motion explains how the two-year National bid cycle will be implemented.

Motion 46: Passed, 16/0 (Mr. Worth)

“Move to implement the bidding for future National Skydiving Championships as follows: Bids for the 2007 Nationals, with the exception of Canopy Piloting, must be received by 1 June, 2006 for consideration at the July 2006 Board meeting.

Bids for the 2007 National Championships of Canopy Piloting, and bids for the 2008 National Skydiving Championships, must be received by 15 January 2007 for consideration at the February 2007 Board meeting.

Bids for the 2009 National Skydiving Championships must be received by 1 June, 2007 for consideration at the July 2007 Board meeting.”

Section 11 –US Teams (Smith)

1. The allocation of the Team Trust Fund needs to be modified to reflect the addition of Canopy Piloting and 2-way Canopy Formation teams.

Motion 47: Passed, 18/0 (Ms. Laughlin)

“Add SCM 11-2.6A5 Canopy Piloting Team 8; change SCM 11-2.6A1 Canopy Formation 22.”

2. The Committee voted to allocate \$26,160 to the 2006 US Teams.

Motion 48: Passed, 18/0 (Ms. Laughlin)

“Move to distribute \$26,160 from the Team Trust Fund to the US Teams per SCM 11-2.6 and that any money allocated for slots that are not filled will be returned to USPTTF.

3. The committee made the following recommendations for the Head of Delegation and three Team Managers for the 2006 US Teams.

Motion 49: Passed, 18/0 (Ms. Laughlin)

“Move to name Larry Bagley the 2006 Head of Delegation for the US Teams in Germany and Russia.”

Motion 50: Passed, 17/0/1 (Ms. Laughlin)

“Move to name Marylou Laughlin as the 2006 US Formation Skydiving Team Manager.”

Motion 51: Passed, 18/0 (Ms. Laughlin)

“Move to name Brian Buckland as the 2006 US AE Team Manager.”

Motion 52: Passed, 18/0 (Ms. Laughlin)
“Move to name Lindy Leach as the 2006 US Style and Accuracy Team Manager.”

4. The Committee felt that a team contract would help the team members to know the responsibilities that they agree to follow as US Team members.

Motion 53: Passed, 18/0 (Ms. Laughlin)
“Change to SCM 11-1.5B, to read ‘All team personnel must sign the US Team Contract prior to being named to a position on the team.’ The US Team Contract will be placed in Section 11 and will be approved by the competition committee.”

5. The committee has been exploring ways to raise money for the US Team Trust Fund. I-Give is being tested by some USPA board members and the results will be evaluated at the summer BOD meeting.
6. Raising the compensation for the Head of Delegation and Team managers was discussed and it was decided that no change would be made at this time.
7. The committee wants the US Team members to wear uniforms of good quality and common to all the teams from year to year. To achieve this goal the committee wants USPA to provide a source by which team members can obtain team uniforms. USPA will provide this source to the team managers.

Section 12- State, National, and World Records

1. Larry Bagley did extensive work on the State Records program and his work produced the following motion:

Motion 54: Passed, 15/0 (Mr. Worth)
“Move to adopt a program to recognize Skydiving State Records per the attached document [Attachment A] titled, ‘State Records draft 2-19-06 LKB’ to be implemented on 1 May, 2006.”

B. Constitution and By-Laws

Chair: Mike Mullins
Members: Jan Meyer
Gary Peek

The C&B Committee convened, had no old business, had no new business, and adjourned.

C. Executive Committee

Chair Glenn Bangs
Members: Mike Perry
Madolyn Murdock
Lee Schlichtemeier
B.J. Worth
Marylou Laughlin

Motion 56: Passed, 17/2/2 (Mr. Bangs)
“Move to approve a 5% performance bonus for USPA’s Executive Director for 2005.”

The committee wishes to thank the headquarters staff for their hard work and tireless efforts.

D. Finance and Budget

Chair: Lee Schlichtemeier
Members: Richard Schachner
Jim Jenkins
Chris Quaintance
Chris Welker
Advisors: Glenn Bangs
Chris Needels

1. 2005 Financial Report – Presented by Chris Needels in his Executive Director’s report.
2. 2005 Investment Report – Presented by Lee Schlichtemeier in his Treasurer’s report.
3. 2006 Budget – Discussed in detail. The budget as presented by the Executive Director was changed only in adding funds to the Communications Department for the purpose of developing in-house public relations, marketing administration and liaison with the public relations contracted firm.

Motion 57: Passed, 21/0 (Dr. Schlichtemeier)
“Accept the document ‘USPA Annual Operating Budget – 2006’ dated January 9, 2006 as the USPA calendar year 2006 operating budget with the following change: Add \$35,000 to the Communications Department for the Staff Compensation account.”

4. Completion of Cash to Accrual Accounting Status – The calendar year 2005 was the first year of accrual basis accounting. Thus, year-to-year comparisons with prior years are somewhat difficult. All comparisons from January 2005 forward will be comparable with regard to accounting methods.
5. Headquarters Relocation Update – presented by Chris Needels
 - a. Schedule – presented as part of the Executive Committee report.
 - b. Financing – Construction financing is in place and being drawn down at present. This loan has matures in September and can be converted to long-term financing at that time.
 - c. Sale of current HQ – Has been completed and funds received. Proceeds have been placed in short-term interest-bearing financial instruments with longest maturity 6 months. This will allow draws of these funds as necessary to supplement the construction loan and complete the transition to the new headquarters facility.
6. Regional directors’ travel allocation – Discussed but we have no changes to recommend at this time.

2. Wind Tunnel Group Membership - The Committee discussed the fact that the current GM Pledge is inappropriate in its entirety for wind tunnels that request Group Membership. We also discussed in which category a wind tunnel Group Member would be placed. This discussion generated the following motion.

Motion 60:

Passed, 20/1

(Ms. Butcher)

“Move to include wind tunnels in Category 3 and require signature to an abbreviated GM Pledge to include:

- *Support USPA promotional programs at the drop zone*
- *Agree to abide by USPA’s Skydiving Service Code of Conduct*
- *Include USPA in the Group Member hold-harmless release, consistent with state laws”*

The above three statements from the pledge will be asterisked and noted for wind tunnel applicants.

3. The chair received a letter from Frank Carreras, AFF CD from Germany, expressing concern over the increase in dues for Foreign Group Members. The rate increase caused a renewal rate to change from \$100 per year to \$200 per year. The committee reviewed the increasing expenses incurred by USPA to maintain a Foreign Group Membership and agreed the increase was warranted. The committee agreed that no change is needed at this time. The chair will contact Frank and apologize for the short notice of the change and that we appreciate his continued support of USPA and the GM Program.
4. The committee discussed the application process for new Group Membership. In the current process a new applicant receives the New Member Application, must sign the GM Pledge, and complete the Self-Inspection Checklist, then return all of it to USPA.

After discussion, we concluded that the self-inspection checklist would be better placed in the packet that a new GM receives after joining. However, the committee agreed that it was still important to ask some questions from the self-inspection checklist during the application process. Some key questions have been pulled forward and will be added to the New Group Member Application. We also agreed that providing potential answers to these questions to the Regional Directors would assist them when talking with the new GM DZ. The following motion followed.

Motion 61:

Passed, 21/0

(Ms. Butcher)

“Move to change the USPA Group Member Manual Section 1-5, Procedures for Application C 3 to remove ‘Completed Self-Inspection Checklist’ and replace it with ‘Completed Checklist for new Group Members.’”

5. The committee discussed airport access assistance from USPA and confirmed that USPA assists any current GM DZs when asked. In addition, USPA assists Individual Members who ask for help when trying to start a new DZ. The expectation then exists that they will become a Group Member when the DZ is established and ready to start operations.
6. DZO Conference - The committee discussed the timing of the 2007 DZO Conference and makes the following motion:

Motion 62:

Passed, 21/0

(Ms. Butcher)

“Move to hold a DZO Conference in conjunction with the 2007 PIA Symposium in February 2007.”

The chair would like to thank the committee members and Ed Scott.

F. Membership Services

Chair Madolyn Murdock

Members: Jim Jenkins
Jan Meyer
Mike Mullins
Richard Schachner
Lee Schlichtemeier

Advisors: Larry Bagley, Chris Needels, Michelle Garvin

1. Insurance

A. Third party liability Insurance

The committee reviewed seven property claims from our policy renewal date of March 2005 to the present. The claims paid were considerably lower than last year so expect no increase in the cost of the policy. The committee will continue to review the possibility of self-insurance as it becomes feasible.

B. Accident Death & Dismemberment

The AD&D Insurance program is up for renewal and the current policy ends on April 1, 2006. Because of the history and the increase in claims since AIG took over the program two years ago the policy limit coverage will remain the same but the premiums will increase by 36%. Members can include their family for coverage for an additional fee.

C. Demonstration Insurance

In 2005 there were 302 demonstration insurance policies issued and we are happy to report that there were no demo claims. We do however have a large demo claim still open from 2004 but we anticipate no changes in the coverage or the renewal premiums. The agent has experienced no problems or complaints about the program.

The committee reviewed reports from the two waivers issued for demonstration insurance waivers and those demos were without incident.

Insurance Technologies and Programs, the provider of our demonstration insurance expressed that they would be in agreement to remove the 1000 jump requirement for demo insurance into stadiums and honor our pro-rating requirement but the committee decided to leave the additional insurance requirement. The procedure for obtaining the waiver was reviewed and it was thought that it would be helpful to organizers to define the procedure for the stadium requirement waiver process in the S&T newsletter and any other appropriate means of communication to our members.

There was a discussion on the reported misrepresentation of demo insurance to some event coordinators as event insurance. To avoid any misrepresentation on the part of the sponsor, the certificate was altered by the insurance company.

2. Membership/Rating Fees – The committee reviewed a proposal from Chris Quaintance to waive instructional rating renewal fees for lifetime members. There are eleven (11) of the 1520 lifetime members who currently hold instructional ratings. This is an issue that will cross over to the S&T Committee as well.
3. Achievement Awards (Wings & Freefall Badges)
Surveys in 2004 & input from members confirmed that these awards are valued but changes to badges and pins should be considered since the # of jumps and freefall time has outgrown the original design. Problems with setting the stones in the current wing and badge awards, the expense of individually setting them in each badge and the slow process has prompted a redesign of the award that eliminates the stones. The committee reviewed designs and made a recommendation to the Board that we hope will speed up the processing time to the member and will clarify what the award is. The first two awards will continue to be at no cost to qualified members with subsequent awards costing \$15.

Motion 63: Passed, 16/0 (Ms. Murdock)

“Move to revise the design of the USPA wings and freefall badge awards. The new design would reflect the award rank but eliminate the stones. The transition would be contingent upon inventory and production time of the new awards.”

Headquarters would make the necessary changes to the award description in the SIM and on the Wings & Badges application to eliminate reference to a badge or stone color and replace with the actual number of jumps or hours of that award.”

4. Performance Awards
The committee reviewed input from members of the Canopy Formation community regarding the USPA Canopy awards that were retired at the end of 2005.

Motion 64: Passed, 16/0 (Ms. Murdock)

“Move to continue the Canopy Formation Awards and replace the original wording for this award and application for this awards program in the SIM Section 8 at the next printing.”

5. Service Awards
There was a brief review of the status of our international Aviation Awards nominations as well as discussion on the upcoming presentation of the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Awards to G.P. Thacker at the HQ dedication.

It should be noted that this was the first assembly of this Membership Services Committee without our trusted advisor and mentor, Mr. William H. Ottley. We will miss his wit and wisdom in our meetings.

G. Nominations and Elections

Chair: John Goswitz
Members: John DeSantis
Sherry Butcher
DJan Stewart
Advisors: Larry Bagley

The Committee met for one hour to discuss the items on the agenda.

The committee reviewed a section of New York law concerning the use of electronic signatures. It is our opinion that the law allows for the use of electronic signatures in an election or other events where the membership is allowed to vote. The committee now wishes to get an opinion from our lawyer before doing any further research on the matter of conducting membership voting by electronic means. If a favorable opinion is returned, then the committee will confer with the Constitution & By-Laws committee to see if the Association could make use of electronic voting.

The committee reviewed the internal document used by headquarters during the course of the election. It was discovered that the most current version of the document was not disseminated to the committee. The Chair will obtain the most current version and distribute it to the committee for review at the next meeting.

Mr. DeSantis brought up the matter of placing the headline "Election Issue" on the cover of the November issue of Parachutist. During the last election this was not printed on the cover. This will be corrected in this election.

The Chair informed the committee that Mr. Needels has been asked to place a notice in the April issue of Parachutist requesting letters of intent from the membership for the upcoming election per the Governance Manual. The letters of intent must be received by June 1st and state the position the person is planning on running for.

The committee next held an open discussion on the election. Mrs. Butcher brought up the idea of obtaining some advertising space in Parachutist to be used to build up interest in the election. This matter will be discussed with Headquarters staff to see if it is possible and revisited at the next meeting of the committee.

This concludes my report. The Chair wishes to thank the committee members and staff for their hard work.

H. Regional Directors

Chair Tony Thacker
Members: All Regional Directors
Advisors: All National Directors

All RDs and many more were in attendance

Lifetime Memberships No Instructor Dues - Chris Quaintance sought the opinion of the Regional Directors about the possibility exempting annual rating fees for Life Members that have Instructional Ratings. The issues discussed were funds possibly gained or lost and the membership's perspective if any BOD members were also Life Members.

Approving Group Membership application of a Non Group member suspected of BSR violations – DJan Stewart asked for advice on this subject. Most felt that a DZ should be allowed a Group Membership unless there was documented evidence of BSR violations.

Regional Director's Jurisdiction – Mike Perry brought up the RD Jurisdiction Rules in the Governance Manual 1-6: D. After much discussion the majority of RDs felt the Governance Manual was OK as is.

S&TAs or RDs approval of Demos – Glen Bangs brought up an issue with the demo insurance application that requires only a signature from the S&TA. It created a situation where the application could be approved without verification of the signature or credentials of the S&TA. The possibility of requiring the signature of the Regional Director was discussed. After much discussion (time prohibited additional debate) about requiring a RDs signature on the insurance request the majority of RDs felt that the S&TAs should continue to sign it and the RDs be notified. The RDs are requesting that the Membership Services Committee look into this.

Safety Day was to have been discussed but was not due to time.

Thanks to all of the Regional Directors for their hard work

I. Safety and Training

Chair: Mike Perry
Members: Sherry Butcher
Jessie Farrington
Jan Meyer
Mike Mullins
DJan Stewart
Gary Peek
Advisor: Max Cohn
Chris Quaintance
Todd Spillers
Mike Turoff
Jim Crouch - Director of Safety & Training

1. Canopy wing loading chart submitted by Brian Germain
Brian provided the committee with a briefing on a proposed wing loading chart. This was referred to a sub committee working on changes to canopy training in the ISP and SIM.
2. Removal of AFF Standardization Meeting as an AFF Course Director requirement in IRM
The committee discussed the need to continue conducting the AFF Standardization Course. The committee believes this course is still valuable.

manor. The committee requests the staff examine the possibility of adding this Video to USPA web site

Jim Crouch and Mike Perry briefed the committee on the details of the USPA sponsored Canopy Summit. Participants included Shannon Pilcher, Jay Moledski, Ian Bobo, John Leblanc and Scott Miller as well as Jim Crouch and Mike Perry. Two areas of focus emerged from these discussions. One area addressed changing the order in which the ISP presents Canopy Tasks to new students. Several ideas were recorded and captured. Scott Miller also offered to mark up a copy of the ISP with additional recommendations. The second area of focus was improving instructor knowledge of canopy training techniques. While the group did not feel developing a “Canopy Coach” rating was the correct approach at this time. The goal should be to encourage instructional rating holders to attend a professional canopy course.

A subcommittee will continue to work with canopy summit participants to further develop future recommendations.

10. S&TA responsibilities (Needs to go to the Regional Director Committee agenda as well)- Incident reports are at an all time low due to a lack of reporting by S&TAs or Instructors. Safety Day is not held at many drop zones across the US even though the S&TA is tasked with organizing the event. S&TA cooperation and participation needs to improve in both of these areas. Guidelines need to be communicated better to each S&TA to help them understand the responsibilities of the appointment.

The committee concurs S&TAs should be reminded of their responsibilities with regard to incident reporting. The committee believes this can best be conveyed by the Regional Directors that appoint the S&TAs. The committee referred this to the regional directors committee for discussion.

11. Tandem Demos into Stadiums and Tandem demo requirement for passenger to hold Pro rating
The committee discussed the existing requirements and determined there was no need for change at this time.

12. SIM and IRM changes-
The Chair provided guidance for future reviews of both the IRM and SIM. This guidance was to simplify these documents to improve the user experience. The guidance also included direction to be mindful of the effects of any changes on smaller DZs with weekend staffs. We also discussed the current production cycle. We believe we may be able to extend the production cycle in the near future.

13. Review SIM discussion of student recurrency training for clarity
Gary Peek presented a concern that there may be some inconsistencies in the current recurrency guidance. He will work with the headquarters to research the document and potential corrections for presentation at the next board meeting.

14. Formation Skydiving with Students cleared for Freefall self supervision by D license holders

The committee had detailed discussions of the benefits in terms and detractors of permitting D-license holders to conduct formations skydives with students that have been cleared for freefall self supervision. The committee determined this has and could be conducted safely. This resulted in the following motion:

Motion 66

Passed, 21/0

(Mr. Perry)

“Move to change SIM section 2-1E6 to read:

‘6. Students training for group freefall [S]

a. Student freefall training for group freefall jumps must be conducted by either:

1. A USPA Coach under the supervision of a USPA Instructor or;

2. D-license holders provided there is a minimum ratio of one D-license holder to one student with a maximum of a 4-way.’”

15. Southwestern Regional Director Presentation

The Southwestern regional director discussed an equipment waiver request from a DZ in his region. After extensive discussion the committee declined to act on the request

16. Water Jumps – Is there inconsistency in the SIM with regard to water jump privileges?

The committee reviewed the applicable document and concluded there is no need to change the existing documents.

17. Slope Soaring

Jessie Farrington presented a concern with third party converge of members conducting slope soaring. The committee referred her to Membership Services who has purview of the insurance programs.

18. Review rating and license fees. - Tabled

19. DZ/Rating holder survey of coach Program.

The committee discussed the possibility of surveying the organization to determine how the field believes the coach program is working. It was decided that placing it as an agenda item on DZO Conference would provide initial feedback.

20. DZ/Rating holder survey of ISP.

The committee discussed the possibility of surveying the organization to determine how the field believes the ISP is working. It was decided that placing it as an agenda item on DZO Conference would provide initial feedback.

21. Tandem type Rating

After a brief discussion the committee determined there is no need to capture type rating in the membership database at this time.

22. Highlighting Document Changes.

The committee discussed the subject of highlighting to the membership changes to S&T documents. Several ideas were presented. The committee will explore with headquarters the best method to accomplish this with a minimum impact on the operational budget. This item will be on the agenda of the next meeting to allow for action with the next S&T documentation publication cycle.

23. Appointments

The committee reviewed one request for appointment resulting in the following motion:

Motion 67: Passed, 18/0/2 (Mr. Perry)
“Move to appoint Rob Laidlaw, member number 089587, as an AFF Course Director. Rob has met all the prerequisites and has the full endorsement of the Safety and Training Committee.”

24. Individual Waiver requests

The committee reviewed several waiver requests resulting in the following motions:

Motion 68: Passed, 20/0 (Mr. Perry)
“Move to waive IRM Coach Rating Course Section 1A4a ‘18 Years of age’ for Autumn Shults, member number 195346, and issue her a Coach rating. Autumn completed the Coach Course in July ‘05 and has met all other prerequisites. She has the full endorsement of her Regional Director.”

Motion 69: Passed, 20/0 (Mr. Perry)
“Move to waive IRM Tandem Rating Course Section 1A4, ‘Holds or has held any USPA instructional rating’ for Enzo Amitrano, member number 105197, and issue him a USPA Tandem Instructor Rating. He completed a BIC and the DZ was supposed to have taken care of his Tandem I rating years ago but never did. He has 6000+ tandem jumps.”

After discussing several waiver request to permit coaches to supervise static line / IAD progression students following their first successful clear and pull the committee forwards the following motion:

Motion 70: Passed, 20/0 (Mr. Perry)
*“Move to change SIM Section 2-1E4c to read as follows:
‘All AFF students must jump under the direct supervision of an AFF Instructor until demonstrating stability and heading control within five seconds after initiating two intentional disorienting maneuvers involving a back-to-earth presentation. All IAD/SL students must be under the direct supervision of an appropriately rated USPA Instructor until successfully completing their first clear and pull. Students under the supervision of a USPA Coach must be given ISP Category E Aircraft Briefing by a USPA Instructor.’”*

25. Other Business

In discussion of instructional rating fees the following motion is presented:

Motion 71: Failed, 3/11/6 (Mr. Perry)
“Move to waive instructional rating renewal fees for lifetime USPA members.”

Jim Crouch discussed a request by the FAA to clarify the water gear requirements for students. This resulted in the following motion:

Motion 72:

Passed, 20/0

(Mr. Perry)

“Move to change SIM section 2-1K5 to insert the word solo after the word all and before the word student to read ‘...and all solo students must wear floatation gear when the intended exit, opening or landing point is within one mile of an open body of water...’”

This concludes my report. I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work.

12. Adjournment

Motion 73:

Passed 16/0

(Mr. Goswitz)

“Move to adjourn.”

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm on Sunday, February 19, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Madolyn Murdock, Secretary

March 16, 2006

Attachments:

“A” – State Record Program Draft 2-19-06 LKB

“B” – SCM Section 5 changes

“C” – SCM Section 8 changes

“D” – SCM Section 4 changes

Attachment “A” - State Record Program Draft 2-19-06 LKB

USPA ANNOUNCES NEW STATE SKYDIVING RECORDS PROGRAM!

Beginning May 1st, skydivers will be able to officially set state records in addition to national and world records, and those already set and meeting the qualifications will be automatically recognized.

Participating record holders will be recognized in Parachutist and the USPA website, the accomplishment permanently recorded, and a certificate suitable for framing presented. Go to [link] for details on how to make your mark on skydiving history.

National records recognized by USPA and listed on the USPA National Records website will be recognized as state records where appropriate. Those who have established a record in accordance with the rules prior to the 1 May effective date and not listed on the USPA National Records website may submit evidence in accordance with the rules and the record may be recognized.

12-3: STATE SKYDIVING RECORD REPORTING PROCEDURES

12-3.1 INTRODUCTION

- A. The purpose of this document is to assist USPA members interested in establishing U.S. state skydiving records.
- B. State records processing and documentation differs from those established by the International Parachuting Commission for national and world records and are described herein.

12-3.2 GENERAL

- A. All USPA competition rules in the Skydiver’s Competition Manual must be observed during a record jump.
- B. At least 51% of the skydiving participants must be USPA members and the remainder must be USPA members or the foreign equivalent.
- C. Records are categorized as follows:
 - 1. General – best performance achieved
 - 2. Female – best performance achieved by a woman or a team composed only of women except for the photographer/videographer providing the photo/video evidence to support the record
- D. Records are sub-categorized as follows:
 - 1. Altitude – the exit of the parachutist from the aircraft by reference to the pressure altitude, which is measured in feet by the aircraft altimeter set at 29.92”.
 - 2. Individual accuracy landing
 - a. The record performance shall be the number of consecutive landings on a 3cm dead-center disc plus the distance of the next jump not on the disc.
 - b. The jumps must be made within a period of seven days and can be interrupted by other jumps as long as the record-attempt jumps are declared before boarding the aircraft.
 - c. The jumps must be made on a functioning automatic measuring device.
 - 3. Freefall style – must be judged using a ground-to-air video recording system.
 - 4. Formation skydiving 4-way, 8-way, 16-way, longest sequence
 - 5. Formation skydiving 10-way, fastest time

6. Formation skydiving, largest formation
7. Canopy formation 4-way rotation
8. Canopy formation 4-way sequential, longest sequence
9. Canopy formation 8-way, fastest time
10. Canopy formation, largest formation
11. Canopy Piloting, longest distance
12. Canopy Piloting, fastest speed
13. Freeflying, longest sequence
14. Freeflying, largest head-down formation

12-3.3 PROCEDURES

A. Records are registered by completing and submitting the “Request for Certification of State Record” form contained herein.

B. Each record must be certified by at least one regional (or higher-rated) judge, rated in the discipline concerned, plus at least one of the following (all those certifying the record may be participants in the record):

1. S&TA
2. USPA board member
3. USPA staff member

C. Initial notification of record must be sent to USPA within 72 hours of the record being set and can be transmitted by email (competition@uspa.org), telephone (703-836-3495), or fax (703-836-2843).

D. The completed “Request for Certification of State Record” form, along with the required fees, must be received by USPA within seven days of the successful record.

12-3.4 FEES

A. The record fee is \$35 and includes one official certificate.

B. Additional certificates may be purchased for \$5 each (minimum of 4 certificates).

12-4: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF STATE RECORD FORM

Today’s date:

CATEGORY OF RECORD (CHECK ONE):

- General
- Female

SUB-CATEGORIES OF RECORD (CHECK ONE):

- Altitude
- Accuracy Landing
- Freefall Style
- Formation Skydiving 4-way, longest sequence
- Formation Skydiving 8-way, longest sequence
- Formation Skydiving 16-way, longest sequence
- Formation Skydiving 10-way
- Formation Skydiving, largest formation
- Canopy Formation 4-way rotations
- Canopy Formation 4-way sequential

Canopy Formation 8-way speed
Canopy Formation, largest formation
Canopy Piloting, longest distance
Canopy Piloting, fastest speed
Freeflying, longest sequence
Freeflying, largest head-down formation

Date(s) of performance:

Local time(s) of jump(s):

Place of performance:

Type of aircraft:

Results of attempt:

Name(s) of participant(s), including gender(s), and USPA (or other country's) membership number(s) including date(s) of expiration:

Date USPA notified: _____

CERTIFICATION:

We, the undersigned, certify the record performance aforementioned above. The attempt was made in accordance with the regulations of the USPA Skydiver's Competition Manual. Photographic evidence, where appropriate, of the record was provided and verified.

SIGNATURES OF USPA CERTIFYING OFFICIALS

FAI JUDGE

FAI JUDGE

NATIONAL JUDGE

NATIONAL JUDGE

REGIONAL JUDGE

REGIONAL JUDGE

USPA Board Member

S&TA

USPA Staff Member

Attachment “B” - SCM Section 5 changes

5-1.9: SCORING

A. 4-, 8-, and 16-Way:

1. A team will score one point for each judgeable scoring formation performed in the sequence within the allotted working time of each round. Teams may continue scoring by continually repeating the sequence.
 2. Three points will be deducted for each omission. If both the inter and the second formation in a block sequence are omitted, this will be considered as only one omission.
 3. If an infringement in the scoring formation of a block sequence is carried into the inter, this will be considered as one infringement only, provided that the intent of the inter requirements for the next formation is clearly presented and no other infringement occurs in the inter.
 4. The minimum score for any round is zero points.
 5. It is the responsibility of the team to clearly present the correct scoring formations, inters, and total separations to the videographer and the judges.
 6. Scoring formations need not be perfectly symmetrical, but they must be performed in a controlled manner.
 7. Mirror images of random formations and whole block sequences are permitted.
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5-1.11: JUDGING AND RECORDING

E. Score sheets:

1. If the judges use a score sheet to record their evaluation, they will operate their own stopwatches, accurate to one one-hundredth (.01) of a second, and use the following symbols.
 - a. Correct scoring formation: /
 - b. Formation Infringement: O
 - c. Inter Infringement: I
 - de. Omission: X
 - ed. Formations, inters or total separations not visible on screen due to meteorological conditions, or factors relating to videographer's equipment that can not be controlled or uncontrollable factors affecting freefall video equipment. (example;lense fogging) : NV
 - fe. End of working time: //

2. In this case, the score sheets of all judges must be collected immediately after the judges have scored the jump for evaluation by the scoring section.

F. The results of the evaluation will be checked by at least one judge.

Attachment “C” - SCM Section 8 changes

8-1: USPA COMPETITION JUDGE RATING

8-1.4: DEFINITIONS

A. Regional Judge: A judge who has met the initial qualifications outlined in this section and is qualified to act as Principal, Event, or Chief Judge at regional and local meets in the events so qualified and to apply for the National Judge Training Program.

B. National Judge: A judge who has met the initial qualifications outlined in this section, completed the USPA National Judge Training Program, and is qualified as a Principal, Event, or Chief Judge at the U.S. National Championships.

C. U.S./FAI Judge: A judge who has met the initial qualifications outlined in this section and the FAI Sporting Code and is qualified to serve in the events so qualified as judge at international competitions.

D. Ratings: A judge may be designated as qualified to judge one or a combination of the following:

1. Freefall Style
2. Accuracy Landing
3. Formation Skydiving (FS)
4. Canopy Formation (CF)
5. Artistic Events (Freeflying (FF), Freestyle Skydiving (FR), and Skysurfing (SK))
6. Canopy Piloting

8-1.5: INITIAL QUALIFICATION

A. Regional Judge: To earn a Regional Judge rating, USPA members must submit the completed Judge Rating Proficiency Card to USPA Headquarters.

1. The Judge Rating Proficiency Card, included in the hard-copy edition of this Manual, can also be obtained from USPA Headquarters or on line at www.uspa.org.
2. Completed proficiency cards, rating fees, and a required photograph should be forwarded to USPA Headquarters for processing.

B. National Judge

1. To earn a USPA National Judge rating, Regional Judges must successfully complete an event specific National Judges Training Program (NJTP).
2. The Course Director for the NJTP will forward the names of the successful National Judge candidates to USPA Headquarters along with the applicant’s logbooks.

C. Fees

1. The Regional Judge rating is \$25, which includes a judge’s logbook.
2. National and FAI rating fees are \$15.

D. The minimum qualifications for initial ratings are—

1. Regional
 - a. current USPA membership
 - b. assisted an appropriately rated and current Regional, National, or FAI Judge in judging one complete meet in that discipline
 - c. received a briefing of the General Competition Rules SCM Section 1 from a USPA National or FAI Judge
 - d. received a briefing on the SCM rules specific to the discipline by a National or FAI Judge rated in that discipline to include a review of the performance requirements for that each event in that discipline

- e. briefing on meet administration and required paperwork from a National or FAI Judge
 - f. training should include documentation of the performance and collation of scores, etc.
 - g. overview of scoring equipment necessary to judge the specific event
 - h. a minimum score of 75% on the Competition Rules test administered by a National or FAI Judge
2. National
- a. one year of USPA membership
 - b. Regional Judge rating in that discipline
 - c. successful completion of an event specific NJTP
 - d. recommendations from the Chief of the NJTP and the Chair of the USPA Competition Committee
3. U.S./FAI
- a. two years of USPA membership
 - b. meet the FAI requirements
 - c. hold the National Judge rating in that discipline for one year
 - d. serve as Principal or Event judge at three National Championships*, one of which must be a U.S. National Championships in the discipline for which the rating holder wishes to be rated
 - e. recommendations from three FAI Judges and the USPA Board of Directors
 - f. approval from the FAI

8-1.8: ADMINISTRATION

A. USPA Headquarters has available for distribution a roster of USPA judges, maintained by the Competition Committee, which will include the following:

- 1. Name, address, phone numbers, and e-mail address.
- 2. Rating: (Regional, National, FAI).
- 3. Discipline: S&A; FS; CF; AE; CP.

B. The Competition Committee must submit the FAI Judges' renewal roster, denoting disciplines, to the IPC Judge Committee no later than December 31 of each year, as required by the FAI Sporting Code.

8-2: USPA NATIONAL JUDGE TRAINING PROGRAM Proposed Changes

8-2.6: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION

A. A person may be rated as a National Judge in—

- 1. Freefall Style
- 2. Accuracy Landing
- 3. Formation Skydiving (FS)
- 4. Canopy Formation (CF)
- 5. Artistic Events (AE)
- 6. Canopy Piloting (CP)

B. To attain this rating each candidate must:

- 1. General

- a. Maintain the same standards of conduct and helpfulness as the principal judges.
- b. Pass the current written exam with a score of at least 80 percent.
- c. There will be separate exams for—
 - (1) Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing
 - (2) Formation Skydiving
 - (3) Canopy Formation
 - (4) Artistic Events
 - (5) Canopy Piloting

Attachment “D” - SCM Section 4 changes

Section 4 IPC Canopy Formation Rule changes

Feb 2006

At the IPC meeting in Stockholm Sweden there were only a few changes made to the IPC rules. The changes affect the following IPC rules.

IPC 5.1.3, 5.2.3, and 5.3.2 The 30 sec rule was modified to make judging easier. It applies to both 4 way and 2 way events.

IPC 4.9.2, 6.1.6, and 6.3.b .The throwaway round rule was reintroduced

IPC 7.3.6 Note: Teams or individuals may only complete in three events

IPC 7.3.6.1 The video rule that was added as an interim action for the World Meet in Eloy was kept in the rules. This rule allows teams to have a cameraman from another nation to act as their cameraman.

IPC 7.3.6.2 Each competitor and videographer shall only be allowed to compete for one team in each event.

IPC 4.2.5 Formations other than those drawn for that round may not be performed.

The committee has been moving toward~ changing our rules to be the same as the Ire rules to help minimize the changes that are needed after each Ire meeting. With this our goal the following will move this process along.

Section 4 of the Competition Manual will now be changed as follows:

4 -1 U.S. National Canopy Formation Championship Competition Rules

4-1.1 General

During descent under canopies, canopy formation teams perform a canopy formation or a sequence of canopy formations drawn from the dive pool as shown in this section.

4-1.2 Competition rules for this event will be the same as the current IPC competition rules for Canopy Formation

4-1.3 The IPC rules are changed as follows for the purpose of conducting USPA Nationals

4-1.3A IPC section 1.FAI authority is changed to read: The competition will be conducted under the authority granted by the USPA, according to the regulations of the sporting code of the FAI, General section and section 5 as approved by the IPC and validated by the FAI, and these rules. All participants accept these rules and the FAI regulations as binding by registering in the competition

4-1.3B Where reference is made to World Parachuting Championships (WPC) in the

IPC rules, USPA Nationals will be substituted.

4-1.3C Where reference is made to IPC controller, USPA controller will be substituted

4-1.3D IPC 6.1.2 will be changed to change PAL to NTSC

4-1.3E IPC 6.1.3 will be changed to read : The video controller will be appointed by the Meet Director, with the approval of the chief judge prior to the competition. The Video Controller may inspect a team's freefall video equipment to verify that it meets the competition requirements. Inspections may be made at any time during the competition that does not interfere with a team's performance, as determined by the Event Judge. If any freefall video equipment does not meet the performance requirements as determined by the Video Controller, this equipment will be deemed to be unusable for the competition

4-1.3F IPC 6.1.5 A Video Review Panel will be established consisting of the Chief Judge, Video controller, and the President of the Jury. Decisions rendered by the Video Review Panel shall be final and shall not be subject to protest or review by the Jury

4-1.3G IPC 7. Rules specific to the competition will be changed as follows:

7.2 Aims of the USPA Nationals

7.2.1 To determine the Winners of the USPA Nationals of Canopy Formation in the follow events:

- 2 2- way Sequential
- 4- way Sequential
- 4- way Rotation
- 8-way Speed

7.2.2 N/A

7.2.5 N/A

7.3.2 N/A

7.3.3 N/A

7.3.4 Changed to read: As per the organizer Bid

7.3.6 Changed to read: Composition of teams

- 1. A 2-way team may consist of up to 4 members, including the team videographer. But is eliminated from competition if, for any reason, it is cut to two or fewer members and the videographer.

2. A four way team may consist of up to six members, including the team videographer, but is eliminated from competition if, for any reason, it is cut to three or fewer members and a videographer
3. An 8-way team may consist or up to 10 members including , including the team videographer, but is eliminated from competition if, for any reason, it is cut to seven or fewer members and a videographer.

7.3.7 Aircraft Type and speed to be per organizer bid

7.3.8 Change World Parachuting Championship to: USPA Nationals

7.3.9 Delete: Chief of Judge's Training

7.3.10 Change Euro's to \$

4-1.4 If there is a conflict between an IPC rule and the USPA Competition Manual the Competition Manual will have final authority.