

From The Cockpit

Hello, members!

Our chapter meeting on October 2nd is one you should not miss because it is the first step in our upcoming chapter officer and Board of Directors elections November 6th in accordance with our new chapter By-laws. The process is simple: we will nominate candidates for these position at our October 2nd meeting, and vote on them during our November 6th chapter meeting. The new officers and board members will take office right after the election and will all serve one year terms.

I cannot stress the importance of participating in our chapter electoral process! The chapter officers are the leaders of the chapter and are your representatives, too. Each officer has a specific job and responsibility as outlined in our By Laws; they work in conjunction with the Board of Directors, who bring balance to the chapter management process. These are the folks who collect our dues, keep our books, maintain the chapter's documents and records, tend the web, write our newsletters and other chapter communications, and generate and organize our chapter's programs and activities.

I am very proud of our chapter. The chapter has grown and prospered over the past three years! We are now "current" with EAA HQ in terms of our liability insurance, chapter status reports, updated member rosters and leadership classes. We once again enjoy our "Not for Profit organization" status with the State of Minnesota. We have a well-organized management structure, new By Laws, and now, of course, annual elections. We regularly participate in the Two Harbors Airport Commission meetings and have been involved in numerous meetings with city, county and state officials to promote and support our various aviation / EAA interests. We have reached out to EAA chapter 272 in Duluth and EAA Chapter 1221 in Cloquet (The "341" program) to coordinate, promote and participate in all local EAA chapter activities. The list goes on and on and my point is that we are a very active EAA chapter!

This is YOUR chapter! I guarantee that the more you participate in chapter activities the more you will get out of the chapter! If you feel like you would like to step up and do more, please feel free to volunteer, or even consider running for an office, or becoming an Executive Board member. I will gladly walk you through the process and answer any questions you may have. Make no mistake: our EAA chapter needs YOU!

To enter our chapter election, you must be a chapter member in good standing *and* be a member of the national EAA organization. Next, you will need to be nominated for the office of your choice (October 2nd this year!). After that, it is up to the members who vote! Please bear in mind that this is NOT a popularity contest and it is important for the members to elect the candidates they feel are best qualified to do the job and to represent the chapter. Sure, there IS work involved, but it can be fun, and very rewarding, too, especially when your participation produces a good chapter meeting, or event.

Thank your for your support and participation! See you there.

Sincerely,

Mike Busch

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