

2008 NASAR Board of Director's Election

(There are three positions available)



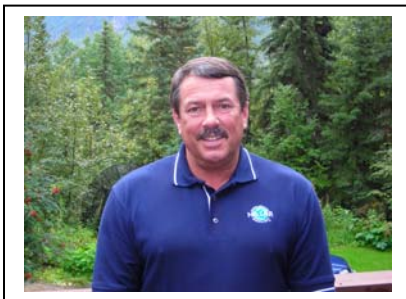
Robert Brewer

Ten years ago, I tagged along with a friend attending a SAR meeting, “just to see what it’s all about.” Within six months, I was elected as the team Training Officer, and my ongoing passion for search and rescue has brought me numerous leadership positions throughout the following decade. As a NASAR Lead Evaluator, I work with peers from the region to better develop SAR resources. Other leadership roles have included: Spokane Regional Search and Rescue President (2001-2003), Spokane Mountaineers Search and Rescue Training Officer (2005-2007), Spokane City/County Search and Rescue Council Vice Chair (2007).

As the current chair for the Council, my primary tasks are to encourage open dialog between the ten member organizations and to promote a friendly environment to advance SAR capabilities by working with teams in adjacent jurisdictions. I am enthusiastic about bringing this spirit of cooperation as I seek election to the NASAR Board of Directors.

NASAR is the organization we look to for SAR education, both curriculum and credentialing. These services can be better shared by developing a comprehensive curriculum plan that addresses individual team needs. Between NASAR programs and all the other emergency management-oriented training programs, we cover the basics pretty well. One large gap – that NASAR recognized a need for – is how to manage a team administratively. NASAR can and should provide tools to team officers on how to fundraise, recruit, build retention programs, and plan for succession. My underlying goal is to help NASAR deliver these additional programs and tools.

Dan Hourihan



I live in Eagle River, Alaska and have served on the Board since June, 2006, when appointed to fill a resignation vacancy. I serve as the NASAR External Affairs Director and I am seeking your vote.

I’ve worked in the SAR field as a paid and unpaid professional for more than 30 years. I worked as a state of Alaska Park Ranger for 28 years with the primary duties of SAR, law enforcement, and park management. As a SAR volunteer, I’ve been a member of the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group since 1977 and continue to be certified with the Group in incident command, search management, and technical rope rescue. I served as National President of the Mountain Rescue Association from 2002-2004 and currently serve as the U.S. delegate to the Terrestrial Rescue Commission of the International Commission for Alpine Rescue. I’m a NASAR traditional Instructor for MLPI, Planning Section Chief-SAR, ISAR, FUNSAR, and a SARTECH II Evaluator.

As NASAR's External Affairs Director, I serve on the National Sheriffs' Association Special Operations Committee and represent NASAR at meetings of the National Search and Rescue Committee. The goal of these NASAR activities is to strengthen our position as the go to source for SAR training and certification and serve as the connection between national SAR authorities and state/local SAR responders.

Involvement in SAR and the association with SAR responders for more than 30 years enriches my life. If elected, you'll have my continued deep commitment to the SAR profession and the NASAR membership.



Kathy Johnston

I have been involved in public safety since the late 1970's. My occupation was that of a firefighter/paramedic. I became involved in Search and Rescue outside of fire department search and rescue in the mid-90's, establishing Search and Rescue of Central Florida in 1997. I was involved in Search and Rescue at the state level as the Florida Association for Search and Rescue's first chair, serving for 5 years in that capacity.

Since my election to the NASAR Board of Directors in 2002, many things have changed. I believe these changes are constructive and are moving NASAR forward. One of the most important was the development and implementation of the NASAR Strategic Plan. I was honored to be able to participate as a Board Member in the development of the Strategic Plan. As President of NASAR for the last 2 years, I have been humbled by the enthusiasm and commitment of the NASAR board and members as the plan has been implemented. Some of the most important are:

- Increased financial accountability
- Increased Board Accountability
- Standardized business practices, published for all to see
- Improved conference curricula
- Wider participation of NASAR representatives in national initiatives

Much has been accomplished, and much more remains to be done. I believe that continuing to serve NASAR as a Board Member will help ensure that the forward progress NASAR has enjoyed over the last 3 or 4 years continues for the next three, and I request your support and vote.



Allan Knox

I currently serve as the Mass Rescue Operations Program Manager with the United States Coast Guard, Office of Search

and Rescue. I am a retired United States Air Force Officer having served over 15 years of my 20 year career in the USAF,

National and International Search and Rescue systems. During my career I served in various stateside and overseas Search and Rescue positions including; Chief, Joint Search and Rescue Center-Keflavik Iceland, Chief Joint Rescue Coordination Center-Joint Task Force South West Asia.

While assigned to the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, I served as Watch Supervisor, Instructor, Evaluator, Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking Liaison, Assistant Director of Operations and SAR and PLB Program Manager. I concluded my USAF career as an Instructor and Search Management Course Program Manager at the National SAR School.

I am a member of two Hal Foss awarding winning teams and have been a member of NASAR for over 6 years. I am currently serving out a term as an appointed member to the NASAR BOD.

I believe NASAR has turned a corner and is getting stronger as an organization. As a BOD member I believe I can continue helping the organization get better and stronger. I would like to continue working on achieving NASAR's strategic vision of being the global source for search and rescue credentials. This means continuing our work with ASTM and the FEMA typing and credentialing process. Thanks and I appreciate your support.



Lee Lang

I am seeking to contribute to NASAR by being a member of the Board of Directors, where I believe I can employ my life experiences in a constructive manner to move NASAR forward to meet its challenges. I have a graduate education in both Science and Business, and currently am the Director of Marketing and Business Development for a company that sells products globally. In addition, I have been involved with Search and Rescue on and off for nearly 20 years as well as having experience in the emergency services field.

I believe this experience, when combined, provides a unique foundation that will enable me to meet the challenges as a member of the Board of Director's for NASAR. My executive management experience will ensure that I remain focused on the key issues that the members expect their leaders to work to resolve.

Currently, I am a member of Larimer County Search and Rescue, a very active team located in northern Colorado. I have published papers regarding the application of Search Theory in Technical Rescue, an international publication for the Search and Rescue field. I have presented talks at the Summer 2007 MRA conference, the NASAR 2008 conference, and workshops at SARCON 2008.