

National Association for Cave Diving

Election Ballot

Only voting members of the NACD are qualified to vote.

Voting Members as per the bylaws are defined as: Cave Certification and a Member of the NACD in good standing.

If you have a cave certification from another Agency and are a member in good standing of the NACD and wish to have voting privileges in this election you will need to fill out this entire form and also make a front and back copy of your certification cards full cave and higher. If you do not have a voting member card and have full cave through the NACD I urge you to do the same.

Without this information your vote will not be counted.

This entire form must be filled out and all information accurate and true. Please only select one choice for the instructor director position and also one choice for the director position.

Ballots can be completed, scanned, and emailed back to nominations@safecavediving.com. Or they can be mailed back to P.O BOX 14492 Gainesville, FL 32604 addressed to NACD Nominations. ***ALL BALLOTS MUST BE EMAILED OR MAILED BY DECEMBER 18th 2012.***

CHOOSE NO MORE THEN ONE FOR EACH CATEGORY OR YOUR VOTE WILL BE DISMISSED

Instructor Director

- ☐ Jeff Bauer
- ☐ Chris Corbett

Director

- ☐ Michael Browning
- ☐ Bill Lester
- ☐ Tim Thomas SR.

Must be completed to the full extent:

Name: _____ First _____ Last _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Certification Level/Agency: _____

ATTACH COPY OF CERTIFICATION CARDS OR VOTING MEMBER CARD!!!

Email nominations@safecavediving.com with any questions.

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PLATFORM STATEMENTS (Alphabetical)

Jeff Bauer

I have been involved with the NACD in a number of volunteer positions over the past decade, from webmaster, journal editor, board member and President for six years. I was part of the leadership team that guided the NACD to its largest number of members, certifications and business facilities in the 40 plus year of the agency. I have helped the NACD survive the occasional upheavals by working quietly behind the scenes to restore common sense, order and decency among the other volunteers. I left the board at the end of 2011 to provide more attention to a family matter, which has been resolved. In the summer of 2012 I was asked by the existing board to return and help, yet again, to offer my leadership and interpersonal skills for yet another crisis. I understand the internal workings of the agency; have shown the ability to listen and act on the concerns of our members and am very qualified to serve on the board.

I am excited at the current level of excitement, commitment to honor and transparency that the board and active volunteers are now showing the members. I am available and ready to continue returning the NACD to another six years of stability that the agency enjoyed under my leadership as President.

Michael Browning

NACD Board

I want to thank everyone for the NACD Board Nomination and if elected, the opportunity to serve as a board member of the NACD. It is my desire for the NACD to continue to evolve and thrive by increasing the visibility of the NACD throughout the cave community.

I am a member and active NACD Instructor in good standing with the NACD. During my years as a NACD member, I have volunteered in the following capacity:

- 2010 – Video Taped the Annual NACD Conference and converted the tapes to DVD format for archival purposes
- 2007 – 2010 – Submitted pictures taken at NACD Social for the NACD Journal
- 2007 – 2010 Submitted pictures taken at the NACD Seminars for publication in the NACD Journal
- 2009 – Video Taped the Annual NACD Conference and converted the tapes to DVD format for archival purposes
- 2009 Safety Day (participant)
- 2008 Submitted pictures for the NACD Workbook
- 2008 – Video Taped the Annual NACD Conference and converted the tapes to DVD format for archival purposes
- 2007 – Video Taped the Annual NACD Conference and converted the tapes to DVD format for archival purposes
- Volunteer NACD Sante Fe River Clean-up
- 2003 - 2004 - Cave Conservation Committee Member

It is a prestigious honor to be a part of an organization of this caliber and I would love to see it excel once again. With the ideas that I plan to implement, I believe not only can we restore the lineage of the NACD, but raise the bar for up and coming organizations. If elected to the board, some of my intentions are as follows:

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- Improved communications between the members and the board ensuring transparency to the NACD membership
- Act as a liaison of the communities and its members
- Head up and organize the events such as the seminar, safety days and river clean-ups.
- Extending a line in securing the future of this organization by networking with young cave diving enthusiasts to hear their ideas / views.
- Focus on new membership
- Actively volunteer / head committees

I have put a great deal of thought into running for the NACD board, and have gone back and forth on my ability to do a job as well as those before me and continue their work to move even further. I can say that I am qualified, full of ideas and ready to work with others to insure the NACD continues to move into the future. I have always been a hard worker and taken on leadership roles in things I am passionate about. If elected, I promise to serve with honesty, integrity and transparency to the NACD and its members.

Christopher Corbett

To all NACD members:

My name is Chris Corbett. I have been a NACD Cavern Instructor for 2 years. I along with my wife Julie have been NACD members for 7 years.

I am not a member of any other overhead training agency. My platform is flexible as always being open to new ideas. My diving has always taken a conservative approach.

I thank you and the nominations committee for your time and consideration.

Christopher Avery Corbett

Bill Lester

Bill Lester for NACD Board of Directors

My name is Bill Lester and I want your vote. The NACD BoD position I am running for is very important for many reasons. Among them are: the need to rebuild the agency after the damage done over the last year; the need to return to the systems that gave us the pro-growth era we experienced during the tenure of Debra Green; the need to be responsive to membership; the need to bring the organization into the 21st century in its communications and training needs; and the need to restore the checks and balances that keep the agency above reproach. I can help the NACD achieve all these things and have the experience to follow through and bring the agency back to its former glory.

I have worked closely with the NACD for more than 10 years. I worked very closely with Debra Green during that time and understand a great deal about what, how, and who she worked with to get things done for the NACD. During the years I have served the NACD I have volunteered for many areas, including:

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- NACD Journal Editor for three (3) years
- Equipment and Technology Chairman (1) year
- North Georgia Safety Officer for five (5) years
- Member of the Bylaws Committee
- Past NACD webmaster for one (1) year
- Authored the current NACD *Hand Signals for Scuba Diving Manual*
- Edited the NACD *Guidelines for Success Manual*
- Design, Layout, and Printing of both the “*Hand Signals*” and “*Guidelines*” Manuals
- Edited the current NACD Training Manual with Debra Green
- Manned the NACD’s DEMA Show booth on at least four (4) separate years
- Assisted with the running of the NACD Rebreather Summit for two (2) years
 - Assisted Debra Green in preparing for NACD events such as Annual Seminars, Safety Days, Rebreather Summits, etc. for more than six (6) years
 - Designed countless flyers, advertisements, and graphics for NACD events, the Journal, and other agency needs
 - Written articles for the NACD Journal
 - Created the NACD Journal Archive DVD’s (1st & 2nd 10 Years) along with Sean Denny
 - Designed T-Shirts for many NACD events
 - Photography and Videography for various NACD events

My long time record of volunteering for the NACD and working closely with Debra has given me a strong understanding of the inner-working processes of the NACD. I currently work very closely with the current NACD BoD and enjoy an extremely good working relationship with all BoD members. It is my opinion that I have earned the respect of all of the BoD, committee members, other NACD members, and our external vendors. I want to continue to serve the membership of the NACD and believe I have the experience and understanding necessary to be an effective BoD member. Additionally, I was awarded the *NACD Outstanding Service Award* for 2010. This award is recognition by the BoD for long and continued service to the organization and deemed to be the most prestigious award given out each year.

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If elected, I promise to continue my record of service, be responsive to the NACD membership, work to build the NACD, promote cave diving safety and conservation, update the agency by introducing new communications capabilities for members', build relationships with other legitimate cave conservation and training organizations, activate inactive committees for the betterment of the NACD, and grow the NACD Journal to be even more informative and a greater value to the membership.

Please vote for me in the upcoming NACD BoD election. I want to work for you.

Timothy J Thomas Sr.

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PADI – 235075 MSDT
SDI/TDI – 15395

Hi my name is Tim Thomas and I am avid diver, I am also the owner of Best Dive Training, LLC. and the current manager of the BRATS (Best Recreational And Technical Scuba) club. While this is fun in my real job, which pays for the fun, I am the Managing Director of MBSII.net LLC, a software development and web hosting company with clients around the world. My company host databases, web, email and back office systems for many large clients. It is this experience that I'll bring as a director of the NACD. In addition I have volunteered to redo the NACD website to provide better functionality and a new level of interaction between the members.

Running our dive club I understand how difficult it can be to keep an organization active and fresh. Unfortunately after attending the last NACD work shop it became very obvious that spark that keeps an organization alive was very dim, with that in mind it is my feeling that the NACD needs new blood capable of bringing in new ideas. My goal is to be that person and I ask for your support in seeing this happen.

I understand what it takes to be a volunteer. The time requirement is extensive but the rewards of watching an organization grow and expand are worth every bit of effort. As a volunteer I am a crew member on the R/V Garloo a famous dive boat and Research Vessel out of Captree Marina in Babylon NY. I am an active volunteer dive leader and trainer at the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk CT and on any Thursday you will find me swimming with the sharks in the Open Ocean exhibit and speaking to the audience from under water with a full face mask on.

When not crewing on the Garloo you'll see my SUV full of gear heading south to dive the spring fed cave systems in Northern Florida, a true passion of mine. I am a trained technical diver and an equally trained cave diver, often mixing skills to dive deep cave systems.