

2014 ARFF Working Group Board of Director Nomination Bios

SECTION 2

Jason Graber:

Jason Graber is a Battalion Chief with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Fire and Rescue Department and is currently assigned to the fire operations division at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Graber has been with MWAAs since 2003. In addition to BC, he has previously held the ranks of Captain, firefighter and firefighter/technician and is a member of the technical rescue and hazardous materials response teams. As an officer, he has spent time in both shift and staff level positions including serving in the safety and training division for two and half years. Graber has been a member of the ARFF Working Group since 2004 and served as Section Two's Sectional Manager since March of 2008.

SECTION 4

Matthew Mauer

Battalion Chief Matt Mauer has more than 25 years of experience fighting fires, EMS delivery, and providing hazmat and rescue services to Kansas City's citizens and guests. For the last 10 years, he has led the Kansas City Fire Department's Aircraft Rescue Division, ensuring a prepared and professional level of response to aviation emergencies at both Kansas City, Missouri airports. Within the ARFF Working Group he has worked for the last 5 years on the ARFF News.

He views as the relationships he has built both nationally and regionally in the ARFF and airport communities as a special benefit of ARFFWG membership. Those relationships have provided ARFFWG member airports and fire departments numerous ARFF training programs and opportunities. He acknowledges that those relationships with other ARFF professionals are partly responsible for the 19 consecutive discrepancy-free FAA ACSI inspections of ARFF services at the City of Kansas City, Missouri's two 139 airports, while earning multiple FAA Medals of Excellence.

Chief Mauer believes that serving on the BOD is an opportunity to ensure that the ARFFWG membership will continue to derive great value from the organization.

Mauer says: "I believe that both my city's airports are safer today because of our membership in, and our work with, the ARFF Working Group. Our firefighters are more ready than they have ever been, thanks in part to the ARFF Working Group. I would like your vote and look forward to continuing to serve the ARFF Working Group whether elected to the BOD or in any other capacity. See you in Galveston."

Joseph Dancz

Captain Joseph (Joe) Dancz is an experienced veteran with over 25 years of aviation and aircraft rescue and firefighting experience. He has been involved with the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Working Group (ARFFWG) since 2009 and has served as the Michigan state coordinator for the past three years.

Captain Dancz started his career in the airline industry serving as a full-service agent for a regional airline where he developed his interest and transitioned his career into aircraft rescue and firefighting. In 1986, he became a firefighter at the Cherry Capital Airport in Traverse City, MI, and after three years of service he relocated to Grand Rapids, MI. There he joined the department at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. He was promoted to Captain in 2006 and serves in that position today. Joe's working credentials include being a licensed emergency medical technician, licensed building contractor, Firefighter I and II and Hazardous Materials Operations state certifications, and AAE Senior Firefighter certification.

As Captain Dancz heads into the latter stages of his career, he is interested in engaging in activities to help advance the firefighting industry. He views the ARFFWG as the leading group in the industry and would like to assume a more visible and active role in it. He would like to dedicate time to assist in expanding the group's network, expertise, and technologies. As he nears retirement, he would like to ensure he makes it a priority to give back to an industry that has given so much to him and the industry as a whole.

SECTION 6

Bryan Kohrmann – Incumbent

Bryan Kohrmann has been in the fire service for 21 years and currently is a shift Captain with Eagle County Airport Fire Department at the Eagle County Regional Airport near Vail, CO. He has been at the airport for 11 years and his credentials include Colorado IFSAC FF2, Airport Firefighter, HazMat Tech, EMT-B and ICS 400. He is also a member of the Eagle County Regional Hazmat Team and a Board member for the team. In his current position, his duties also include daily coordination of airport operations. Bryan moved up through the ranks at the airport from firefighter, Training

Officer to Lieutenant to his current position. Bryan has served as a Board Member for the ARFF Working Group for the past two years representing Section 6 and looks forward to continuing dedicating his time and experience as the Section 6 Director.

Douglas Mangels

Doug is the Safety Coordinator and Trainer for the Denver Fire Department ARFF Training Academy at Denver International Airport. As a 30-year veteran of the Denver Fire Department, Doug is IFSAC, FFI, FFII, Hazmat Technician, ARFF, and EMT-B certified. Doug is an accomplished speaker, trainer, and international instructor, certified through IFSAC, AAEE, and CMCB. He is a past member on the Board of Directors of the ARFF Working Group. Educated at Metropolitan State Collage in Denver, Doug brings over three decades of firefighting experience and training curriculum development in ARFF, structural firefighting and hazardous materials response to one of the nation's premier ARFF training facilities.

SECTION 10

Ajith Kumar – Incumbent

Mr. PS Ajith Kumar has 30 plus years of experience in Aviation Fire Safety Profession. He is Present Fire Chief for Bengaluru Int'l Airport, (India's 3rd busiest airport). He is one of the eminent ARFF experts who has successfully associated in building and commissioning India's first "Green" field PPP Model Airport's Fire Station at Cochin Int'l Airport (India), and also instrumental in building and commissioning the airport fire station at Green field Bangalore Int'l Airport. He is a specialist in design, recruitment, training, establishment and operation of airport fire station and airport fire protection system as per statutory and operational requirement. He is also renowned speaker for international conferences and seminars (AFJ, IAFPA, IAFSSG and IFE) and presented technical papers on various ARFF subjects. Ajith is also technical member in Airport Authority of India, DGCA and local fire authority. He is well known for his technical knowledge, continuous Professional Development and consultancy services on ARFF and Aviation Fire Safety. He was Chief Conference Coordinator for India's First ARFF conference held a Bangalore and presently he holds Co-Chair of IAFSSG (Indian Aviation Fire Safety Specialist Group).

Mark Von Nida

Mark commenced service with Airservices Aviation Rescue & Fire Fighting Service (ARFF) in 1988 after a 6 week recruit course in Melbourne at the Tullamarine ARFF

Training College. Airservices ARFF is a national fire service based at nearly 26 locations across Australia and has around 850 operational firefighting staff. He has held postings and acted as the manager in several Airservices fire stations including Mount Isa, Brisbane, Alice Springs, Mackay, Perth and Sydney. He successfully managed two capital city ARFF fire stations at Perth as a category 9 station and then at Sydney as a category 10 station over a period of ten years.

Mark holds an Advanced Diploma qualification in fire fighting management, a Diploma of Health Studies (Ambulance) and is a Graduate in the Institution of Fire Engineers.

Mark also holds a Graduate Diploma of Applied Business. He recently graduated from Charles Sturt University with a Master's Degree in Leadership & Management and has also now completed his studies in the Masters of Emergency Management and graduated with a second Masters degree.

Mark is currently the Manager Operations Support (ARFF) and was promoted to Chief Superintendent in early 2013. The Manager Operations support is accountable to ensure that the ARFF is ready now and into the future in the areas of Operational Procedures and Equipment, WH&S, Operational Risk, Regulatory Compliance and Fitness and Injury Prevention. There are a team of five specialist advisers that report to this role along with a coordinator and a technical assistant. This branch provides support to National Operations and the Office of the Chief Fire Officer in providing a safe, compliant, modern and sustainable fire services to the aviation industry.

SECTION 12

Sarah Peck – Incumbent

Sarah is a Graduate from Oklahoma State University with a Business Degree in Marketing & Management. While at OSU, she worked as a Student Tech at IFSAC. After college, Sarah moved to Dallas where she was employed at Crash Rescue Equipment Service, Inc. for four years. She served as their OEM Account Manager and Product Manager for Snozzle, Turrets and F.L.I.R. Products. While employed at Crash Rescue, Sarah had the opportunity to work with many Fire Truck Manufacturers around the world. This gave her the opportunity to learn the various operations at ARFF Departments outside the USA.

Presently, and for the past 6 years, Sarah is the OEM Account Manager for the Akron Brass Company. Because of her background in Business, Sarah has been an asset in the

Sustaining Member position she current holds. If elected she will continue to be a valuable asset as a Sustaining Member Director.

Anthony Kasper

Anthony has served as past 1st Vice–Chair and as Secretary, he has served 4 years on the Board of Directors. Anthony was a Captain and Training Officer with the Chicago Fire Department. Anthony served for 33years and served 12 years at Midway and O’Hare International Airports. Anthony’s duties included response, training and liaison to other governmental agencies. Anthony has made several presentations for the ARFFWG in the U.S. and in Denmark. Anthony has a worldwide focus and would be an asset to the ARFFWG. Anthony is founder of ARFF Integrative Services a consulting and training endeavor.