

**NDSA Internal Activities Committee  
Committee Report  
October 2, 2006**

A. Activities Since April Board Meeting

1. Michael Squyres appointed Chairman, replacing Pete Campbell
2. Paul Reinert resigned due to other demands on his time
3. Processed the nomination of Debbie White to become a member of the Board from Region 5, replacing Paul Reinert
  - i. NDSA Executive Committee and NDAA Executive Director approved
  - ii. Debbie White seated on Board with 3-year term beginning July 1, 2006
4. Search begun for replacement of six NDSA directors whose terms expire June 30, 2007: Jim Slattery, George Harvey, Jo Ann Harvey, Pete Campbell, Mike Neumeister
  - i. These directors have been asked to help identify possible successor directors from their regions.
  - ii. The NDSA Classes Committee (George Koch, Chmn.) and the Clubs Committee (Dan Merritt, Chmn.) have been asked to initiate searches within their networks for possible successor candidates.
  - iii. Two directors whose terms expire June 30, 2007 have the option to renew for another two years on the Board: Michael Squyres, Bill Kreps. They have indicated their intentions to do so.
  - iv. A chart of expiring directors' term is attached to this report.
5. Certificates of Appreciation are being prepared for former directors Bob Pruett and Paul Reinert.
6. The supply of Senior Alumni Participation Award patches is being replenished.

B. Projects being considered for Internal Activities Committee involvement

1. Assembly of an introduction/orientation folio for new Board members
2. Rationalization of the award-giving processes of NDAA and NDSA
  - i. The purpose(s) of the awards, some with barely distinguishable descriptions, is lost on the audience
  - ii. The large number of annual awards diminishes the importance of the individual awards
  - iii. The titles of awards named after people carry no message (confusion resulting from trying to serve two purposes: recognizing the awardee and recognizing the person after whom the award is named)
3. Identification of opportunities for productive use of the NDSA website
4. Research and suggest agenda topics and structure for inclusion in Board Meetings

