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Parachute Association of South Africa Becomes International Affiliate

We are thrilled to announce that the Parachute Association of South Africa (PASA) has become an official International Affiliate of the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame. We owe a great deal of appreciation to our enthusiastic supporter Sheila Sharman.



International Affiliates are national skydiving federations, associations, committees and clubs that desire to support the Museum & Hall of Fame and see the

accomplishments of their members appropriately recognized. "South Africa is so well suited to be an International Affiliate," notes Development Committee Chair and Museum Vice President Graeme Windsor. "They've consistently made outsized contributions to skydiving."

Sheila Sharman was the special spark that led to PASA affiliating. Feeling strongly that her country of birth should be recognized for its contributions to skydiving, she collaborated with the leadership of PASA and provided vital financial support to help make it all come together.

Do you have a special affinity for a country that you would like to see recognized for its skydiving accomplishments? Our Director of Development, Jim McCormick, would be glad to talk to you about how you can be a part of bringing that country's skydiving community to the fore. Contact Jim at +1(970) 577-8700 or *jm@skydivingmuseum.org*.

Trustees-at-Large an Amazing Group

As support for the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame has grown, we have identified some of the prominent and well-regarded members of the skydiving community who are "pulling tension" for the project. This led us to establishing the Trustees-at-Large designation. Trustees-at-Large are an amazing group from many generations of parachutists and skydivers. We are honored to present them all as avid supporters of the Museum & Hall of Fame. They are . . .

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Bill Wenger Joins Museum's Board of Trustees

Bill Wenger has joined the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame Board of Trustees.



Bill started jumping while attending Southern Illinois University in 1971 and is still an active competitive and fun jumper with over 10,300 jumps. Competitively, he has been a national champion, world champion and world record holder in accuracy, 8-way and large formation as a civilian and a member of the Army Golden Knights. Bill coached the U.S. Air Force Parachute Team to 19 national championships. He served on the USPA Board of Directors for 12 years, serving as a member and chair of the Competition Committee. He has worked as meet director for 10+ National and Collegiate National Championships. In 2016, Bill was the meet director for the World Championships Mondial which was the

largest International Championships ever in the U.S. He is a multi-engine, commercial, and instrumented rated pilot with over 2,000 hours flying jumpers. When not in the air, Bill spends his time underwater with 3rd Coast Divers, his local scuba diving club. He is a Master Scuba Diver.

Efforts to Secure Site for Museum & Hall of Fame Uninterrupted . . .

The leadership of the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame is not letting the challenges presented by the coronavirus distract from moving forward toward determining the permanent location of the facility.

The search has been narrowed to a few sites which are being subjected to methodical and thorough analysis of their suitability. Our effort to finalize agreements with tunnel operators to be co-located with the Museum & Hall of Fame continue. As part of the process, a highly regarded team of economists has provided objective and professional analysis of the sites under consideration. In addition, we are working with a team of professionals including real estate brokers, planners, engineers, surveyors, title officers and attorneys as we interact with local planning agencies regarding our plans.

More details will be provided to our valued supporters as soon as possible.

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Make the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame part of your legacy when you prepare or update your will or estate plan. For more information on how to join the Legacy Society, contact Jim McCormick at +1(970) 577-8700 or *jm@skydivingmuseum.org* or visit *www.skydivingmuseum.org*, *click on "Join the Team" then "Legacy Society."*

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