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NGPA Elects New and Returning Directors; Selects New Board Officers

St. Louis Park, MN, November 10, 2023 — The NGPA elected three new directors and four returning directors to its Board at its annual meeting held this year in Tysons, Virginia following the conclusion of the NGPA Aviation Inclusion Summit.

New directors represent a spectrum of experience and capability that will greatly enhance the work of the Board and help to ensure the future success of the organization. The new directors will begin service on January 1, 2023, and include the following:

Amber Stevenson, a pilot with American Airlines. Amber has previously worked as a chief financial officer and supported efforts with the Human Rights Campaign, It Gets Better, and The Red Cross.

Dristin Rose, a pilot instructor for United Airlines. Dristin has served as a pilot and training director for Boutique Air and currently serves on the board of the University Aviation Association and as chair of NGPA's University Chapters committee.

Ryan Davis, a pilot with United Airlines. Ryan has previously worked for Era Alaska, Compass Airlines, and Northern Air Cargo. He serves as a regular volunteer at NGPA events, including Palm Springs Winter Warm-Up and EAA's AirVenture while supporting local NGPA chapter events in the Northwest.

In addition to these new directors, NGPA reelected the following directors to three-year terms starting on January 1, 2023: Doug Carr, Andi Sue Phillips, Ari Sarmento, and Travis Johnston. Director Dean Sela, Air Canada, will conclude his service to NGPA on December 31, 2022, following six years on the Board.

Finally, the NGPA Board elected the following directors to fill Board officer roles beginning on January 1, 2023:

Chair: Scott Konzem
Vice Chair: Doug Carr
Secretary: Ryan Lynch
Treasurer: Alan Miles
Education Fund Officer: Andi Sue Phillips

"I am excited and proud to announce our new NGPA Board Directors and Officers for 2023. As I conclude my role as NGPA Board Chair this December, and my service as a Director at the end of 2023, I am comforted in knowing that NGPA is in capable hands for meeting the needs of our LGBTQ+ aviation community in the coming years," voiced exiting Chair, Steve Tustin.

The NGPA is a non-profit organization based in Minneapolis. Founded in 1990, NGPA is an international organization of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Queer (LGBTQ) aviation professionals and enthusiasts. Our organization aims to encourage individuals to begin aviation careers, foster an environment of equality for LGBTQ+ aviators, promote safety, and establish personal and professional networks. The NGPA makes this a reality through education, outreach, and social events. Our organization is run by a board of directors, executive leadership, and volunteers! For more information, visit www.ngpa.org.

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