



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CAVE DIVING  
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## **CALL FOR ELECTIONS**

### **Re: 2015 Annual Election of Officers and Directors**

- A. National Association for Cave Diving, Inc., By-laws, 30 July 2013**
- B. National Association for Cave Diving, Inc., Standards & Procedures, Revised March, 2014**

Dear Members:

Following the last scheduled NACD Board of Directors Meeting held on January 9, 2016, and upon review of the Organization's By-Laws and Standards and Procedures in effect at the time during which the 2015 NACD Annual Election was to have occurred, it is clear that no election, in fact, ever took place. Notwithstanding the fact that candidate names were submitted in nomination to fill vacancies presently existing on the Board of Directors, certain procedures were not followed in advance. Specifically, no ballots were mailed out to the voting members of this Organization, thus, no candidates were presented for consideration and none were therefore duly elected by the voting membership.

As a result—to wit: that no proper election has been held—there was no legal change to the Board of Directors or Officers. Accordingly, what was purported to be the new 2016 NACD Board of Directors, is not therefore, a legally-constituted Board of Directors for the NACD, and any actions purportedly undertaken by “new 2016 Board of Directors” (which includes new individuals believing themselves to be duly elected), are, and shall be, considered void *ab initio*, and thus, have no legal force or effect upon the conduct of business of this Organization. In light of this circumstance, all 2016 nominees were hereby expressly directed to refrain from undertaking any further action(s) henceforth on behalf of the NACD.

The direct consequence of the foregoing and action since taken is that the Board of Directors of the NACD, with three (3) vacancies, those being one (1) Director and two (2) Instructor Director vacancies; and, with those individuals serving as Officers and Directors of the 2015 NACD Board of Directors remaining in their respective positions.

Of note a position although currently manned will be also be subject to the electoral process, that is (1) additional Director Position.

To remedy the situation, the NACD will proceed forthwith to hold a proper election pursuant to, and in accordance with, the By-Laws of this Organization. Those individuals whose names were previously submitted in nomination for consideration by the voting membership and in good standing may re-submit their names once more to the NACD Nominations Committee. Furthermore, notice will be made for the submission for nomination to the Nominations Committee of the names of any other NACD members who would seek to be elected to serve upon the Organization's Board of Directors. Upon receipt of nominations and in accordance with the By-Laws of the NACD, the Nominations Committee shall perform a thorough vetting of each prospective candidate to determine the qualifications and eligibility of such nominees. From those found qualified and eligible, the Nominations Committee will present a slate of eligible candidates for the voting membership to consider in the casting of their ballots for the proper election of the 2016 Board of Directors of the NACD.

Your cooperation and support in this regard is appreciated. Please vote it's your agency.

Sincerely,

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President/Instructor Director  
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