NOMINATION FORM – ELECTED APF DIRECTOR POSITION - SQPC

Full name **Mark Edwards – APF Life Member 2:19002**

ASSOCIATION WITH APF

I commenced my APF membership in 1989 after completing my first skydive at the age of 14. I have maintained continuous membership since that time and have attained Jump Pilot Examiner, Senior Instructor, Display Open, Packer A and Coach ratings.

Over the course of my skydiving career, I have competed at both national and international levels across multiple disciplines, including Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation, Freestyle, Canopy Piloting, Speed, Style and Accuracy, and Paraski. I have represented Australia at seven World Parachuting Championships and was fortunate enough to be an organiser of the 2018 World Parachuting Championships held in Australia

I have participated in numerous Australian records in both formation skydiving and canopy formation disciplines, in addition to achieving several individual records. My commitment to competition remains strong, and I intend to continue competing into the future. I also maintain instructional currency, conducting tandem operations at Caloundra Drop Zone when possible.

Professionally, I have made over 6,000 skydives and accumulated more than 15,000 flying hours. For the past 20 years, I have been employed as a pilot with the Qantas Group, operating both domestic and international services.

I currently hold the position of APF National Aviation Officer and have served on, and chaired, several APF committees. These roles have strengthened my knowledge of regulatory frameworks, training standards, auditing processes and investigations, as well as stakeholder engagement with CASA and Airservices Australia.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Extensive experience in instruction, coaching and elite competition
- Broad operational knowledge of aircraft and aviation systems
- Direct liaison with CASA and Airservices Australia
- Governance and committee leadership experience
- Financial literacy and investment knowledge
- Genuine commitment to the sport and its community

STATEMENT

Having grown up on drop zones, the sport and its community have been central to my life. I am committed to contributing to the continued viability and growth of the APF.

The Federation faces ongoing challenges in maintaining visibility, affordability and accessibility for future generations. I believe the Board should prioritise:

- Promoting skydiving through modern media platforms to engage the next generation of participants
- Advocating for reasonable and proportionate regulation to prevent unnecessary cost escalation
- Support of both full training and sporting focused drop zones to ensure a sustainable membership pipeline

I Agree to be bound by the APF Board Committee Charter and Code of Conduct.