

# **Status Report**

There seems to be light at the end of the Covid tunnel, but it's still a little hazy. We are not quite sure how far off it is, but we know we're getting closer. While we wait for when we can go face-to-face with our existing

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and potential supporters, we are Zooming regularly to develop a strategy for bringing the Triumph of Flight closer to a reality. In a sense, this forced inactivity has been beneficial. Since we have the time, we are reviewing all aspects of the Triumph of Flight and identifying those strengths that best promise to attract the local partners and supporters we need to move the project forward. We are updating our cost estimates and accordingly adjusting our fundraising goals.

## **Elections**

At our virtual meeting in December, we elected a new board of directors. The following directors were re-elected to new three-year terms through 2023:



Steve Brown, Joe Lehman, Ralph Link, Linda Kahn, and Jacaie Nawroth

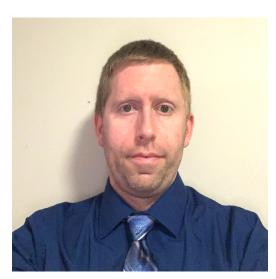
A newcomer to our board, Paul Selm, was elected to his first term expiring at the end of 2023 (see Paul's bio on page 2). The existing officer slate was re-elected for a one-year term covering the calendar year 2021:

Executive Director – Curt Nelson
Director of Engineering – Steve Brown
Director of Development – Joseph Lehman
Director of Public Information – Byron Kentner
Secretary – Sandy Anderson
Treasurer – Jacaie Nawroth

Our elections were much more congenial than those recently highlighted in the news.

Our treasurer reported that our finances remain sound. Although our contributions have fallen off some during the Covid crisis, our hiatus from active fundraising has resulted in lower spending.

## **Introducing Paul Selm**



Our newest board member is Paul Selm, who has been working with the Wright Image Group since February of 2017. He telephoned "out of the blue," to see if there was anything he could do to assist with the Triumph of Flight project. Since then, he has acted as our "web master," leading our efforts to upgrade and maintain the Triumph of Flight website.

He was born and raised in the Sugarcreek Township/ Centerville area, and graduated from Wright State University with a double major in Business Management and Information

Systems. He subsequently earned an MBA in Project Management. He has worked as a business, analytical, and logistics systems consultant for

over a decade, delivering process and performance upgrades for clients and projects ranging from small businesses to government agencies.

He was initially employed by Crown Equipment's Global Business Systems but is currently working for a consultancy partnership between Accenture and DCI that supports the Defense Supply Center in Columbus. That work supports the enhancement and sustainment of their Joint Enterprise/Logistics Systems, focusing primarily on materials, quality, and supply inventories.

Paul resides in Columbus with his wife, Marie, their young daughter, Cora, and a beagle-mix rescue dog that, as he puts it, "consumes pretty much all of my non-working hours and table scraps, respectively."

He is a fan of the Columbus Crew, the Columbus Clippers, and The Ohio State football and hockey teams.

His goal as part of the WIG team is to help build a physical icon that will one day be a proverbial touchstone and landmark for the western Ohio and greater Dayton regions.

#### **WIG Board of Directors**

Executive Director - Curt Nelson
Dir Design & Engineering - Steve Brown
Dir Development - Joseph Lehman
Dir Public Information - Byron Kentner
Secretary - Sandy Anderson
Treasurer - Jacqie Nawroth
Tom Kleptz
Amanda Wright Lane
Ralph Link
Linda Kahn
Bill Koop
Walter Rice
Paul Selm

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