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Biosketch:

I am:

Jan Willem van Gelder,

63 years young,

Married, 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren, my wife is NAUI ASD she was diving, my daughter is NAUI ASD and diving, my son in law is NAUI DM and Diving. I am Chairman of the Board in a club in the Netherlands with more than 100 members en Head of Staff with 6 NAUI Instructors, 2 Instructor Trainers and myself. It is a nonprofit diving school, but for our satisfaction-fun and our love for the NAUI system. It is more than a hobby at the moment, but a very nice one.

We are very busy on the moment and have in (16/17) the ITC now 1 new instructor and a DM and a lot of SD and ASD en ARD courses and have a lot of fun.

I'm diving since 2000, Padi DM 2004, switch to NAUI and became an Instructor in 2005

IT since 2011, CD since 2013 and 2016 CDT

My dives witch I have made, now round 3500 was in Hawaii, Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao (6 different times), Venezuela, Mexico, Cuba (2 times), England, France, Spain, Belgium, Tunisia, Austria, Maldives (10 times (4 islands)) and off course the Netherlands.

I have a degree in Didactics en Pedagogic

I'm a teacher (40 years) on a high school of Chefs who work in companies with Michelin Stars. So, education is almost my live. And also, the club and the NAUI Staff, we are very glad to teach this system of freedom and safety. It is good to know that your students also are very glad to know this system above the others. I'm also the keeper of the computer systems of ower department.

I hope still get the opportunity to go several years further on with NAUI and maybe next year going for the board of directors.

I 'm speaking English, German, French and a little bit Spanish

I try to participate in de advisory com. For two years of the Bylaws. It is a typical American system, so a little bit hard to understand for a European. But with participating you are learning.

Position Statement:

So I hope to be helpful for NAUI with my knowledge of diving and the diving industry, especially in the didactical way of teaching new divers and became later on leaders. I speak also good English and will help to change the feeling in Europe to NAUI HQ, what is in my opinion, not good on the moment.

A person from the continent who speaks the languages or can translate and understand it is important to make a World Wide association.

I have also a financial sense build over a lot of years in associations.

I'm visiting almost every year the diving exhibitions in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, so I can go there as a member of the Board. Also in France and Spain / Italy

I want to help NAUI make a grow and make an expansion over Europe and make the NAUI family bigger.

I think there is still too much for profit. That's understandable, but with this we are missing over goals, the quality is increasing, keep this at a high standard. That is what make NAUI great. A small example, a new instructor wants to go in a resort where only padi is. He got his Padi brevet.??? A NAUI CD does did?? Is this for profit. I think we me not renege our NAUI standards of quality only for profit.

Answers to BoD Questions:

1. Naii is in Europa not such strong brand as PADI and SSI, why, there is no marketing strategy at all. So start marketing. M AUI is a good brand, make your self-known as a representative of NAUI. We (I did with a fellow instructor) organized in the Netherlands as members of a small club a NAUI member day for the Netherlands and Belgium. It was a small success, it was the first time and it will grow. There were some questions about the organization of NAUI, why this or why that. So make yourself better known, then the grow will follow. Help the diving schools with marketing and support.

2. Just what I said in the first topic, in Europe of for Europa, HQ is far away. NAUI does not live in the thoughts of the members. Show yourself to them, vote for a European member, it is one of them. Now, it is only the US counting. I have tried to bring them together, and told them. I 'm going again for the Board. To make your voice heard. Let them feel that they are counting as a full member, not only paying. I will show myself on every diving exhibition as "Boot" in Germany, "Duik vaker" in the Netherlands, "Duiken" in Belgium and so on. Make NAUI World Wide and not USA only please.

3. I am a professional in teaching, developing materials for education, exams en testing. I am busy to translate the S&P in Dutch, and speak Dutch, English, French en German. I am known with the diving in Europa but also Caribbean, Maldives, Egypt, Cuba, Venezuela, Mexico. So, I can help to make the materials better, translate or help you to t translate. Also, I want to improve with my knowledge of education and CDT the ITC with didactic tools to improve the skills of a NAUI Instructor/ Skin Dive Instructor/ OM and AI. Even more also the ITW and CDW. This is the base to grow in members with a NAUI heart.

I am al so known with finance and everything within associations. I was for 40 years a treasurer.