

## Board Report: Technical Information, Research and Education Committee (TIRE)

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**Purpose:** The Technical Information, Research, and Education (TIRE) Committee serves as the source of technical information for the ACCT community, through research and documentation of relevant technical information, creation of white papers relevant to the aerial adventure industry, and the creation of draft standards for submission to the Consensus Group

### Terms of Reference:

- Ensure that the ACCT meets the emerging needs of the industry identifying and researching relevant technical information.
- Coordinate the gathering, creation, and dissemination of information pursuant to technical research.
- Manage, coordinate, and ensure harmonization of draft standards.
- Create, manage, and administer relevant Task Forces and research groups as necessary, including but not limited to creating or updating Terms of Reference and appointing chairpersons.
- Submit draft standards to the Consensus Group for the ANSI review and approval process.
- Submit an annual meeting schedule to the Board of Directors for approval including at minimum one face-to-face meeting per year.
- Submit annual budget requests, including sub-group requests, to the Board of Directors

for approval no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

**TIRE Committee Projects:**

Project Name	Task Description	Description of Status
<b>TIRE Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We filed three vacancies on the committee; and as part of our long term succession planning to address historical context and continuity of projects, we are having founding members roll off slowly/Kathy Haras stepped off the TIRE committee in October, and will serve only in a task force capacity. John Winter is rolling off of the committee in January. The following new members were selected at a special meeting on December 30:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bahman Azarm (2023)</li> <li>Neils Damman (2024)</li> <li>Elise Manning (2021)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Complete
<b>Standards Committee Sub-group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Randy did an outline of how we might approach producing new draft standards. We have organized small work groups to review comments by topic and identify recommendations for future standards work.</li> <li>Kathy performed analysis on the data to organize it by commenter and topic.</li> <li>Zip Line Braking has deleted unrelated comments and duplicates from their list, and ended up with 490 comments that are directly related. Comments are being sorted into relevance categories; yes, no, and maybe.</li> <li>Operations and Training sub-committee met on December 30 and posted learnings from their comments review in the TIRE drive:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AdmQtVJYnWeC_UJ970QORYCNPBUnJ_xb">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AdmQtVJYnWeC_UJ970QORYCNPBUnJ_xb</a> </li> <li>This work is to gather relevant information for future standards submissions, and not directly working on drafting standards or replying to comments.</li> </ul>	Current Project

<b>Educational Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TIRE's two sessions for the Cleveland Conference: "Is This a Standard - Design, Performance &amp; Inspection" and "Is This a Standard - Operations &amp; Training" were approved by the Conference Session Review team.</li> <li>• Members of TIRE will be presenting several pre-conference and conference sessions.</li> <li>• TIRE submitted an article for the newsletter requesting input from members on what topics they would like TIRE to investigate. This was published in the September issue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No input has been received on the website so far.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Current Project(s)
<b>ANSI Related Tasks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One member of TIRE is a member of the ANSI Accredited Procedures Task Force whose work has been approved by ANSI. One TIRE member will be rolling off of the committee at conference time and has submitted a volunteer application for the Consensus Body.</li> <li>• One member of TIRE has volunteered to work on the task group to determine administrative processes to implement the recently approved accredited procedures. This work is planned to begin shortly following the ACCT Conference..</li> </ul>	Current Project
<b>Standards Education on ACCT LMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TIRE agreed to take the lead role in developing content for Standards Education working with the Academy Work Group.</li> </ul>	
<b>ISO Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have been trying to get connected with the playground group. The tourism group is working on other aspects unrelated to challenge courses at present.</li> <li>• One of the ISO groups is meeting on November 19, but none of our ACCT representatives have received any notification. We are uncertain what is going on so far.</li> <li>• The subject ISO subcommittees did not have any scheduled meetings in December.</li> </ul>	Ongoing

<b>December Open Office Hours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several members of TIRE attended the December Open Office Hours event. Dave Merrell put together a fun standards-related trivia activity. Elise Manning was the prize winner..</li> </ul>	Complete
<b>Face to Face Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have plans to meet face to face in Cleveland at the Burnham Restaurant at 7:00 AM EST. New members have been invited to join the meeting.</li> </ul>	Current Project

**2024 Meeting Schedule:** Committee meets the third Monday of each month at 4:00pm EST (2:00pm MST) for approximately 90 minutes

**Requests for Support:** None required at this time.