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SUBJECT:	Award Nomination – Leonardo da Vinci Diploma - USA	AGENDA #	26.2.2
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FAI Awards - Nomination Form FAI Skydiving Commission (ISC)

(one form per nomination)

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Name of the Award	Description	Nomination	
THE FAI GOLD PARACHUTING MEDAL <i>the FA/ By-Laws- 7.6.1</i>	<i>The Medal may be awarded annually for an outstanding accomplishment in connection with parachuting. This may be in the realm of sport, safety, or, at the option of the Commission, an invention. It cannot be awarded to delegates to the FA/ Parachuting Commission.</i>		
THE LEONARDO DA VINCI PARACHUTING DIPLOMA <i>the FA/ By-Laws- 7.6.2</i>	<i>Up to five Diplomas may be awarded each year to a person who has achieved one of the criteria mentioned in the FA/ By-Laws - 7.6.2.2:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
FAUST VRANCIC MEDAL <i>the FA/ By-Laws- 7.6.3</i>	<i>The Medal may be awarded, on the decision of the FA/ Parachuting Commission, for technical innovation or achievement in parachuting. It cannot be awarded to Delegates to the FA/ Parachuting Commission.</i>		
Nomination for			
First Name	Kirk	Family Name	Verner
Birthdate	1966 September 28	Email Address	kirk@flyxp.com
Citations* for the Nomination <i>(Shall not exceeding 250 words based on the FA/ By-Laws 7.2.1)</i> <i>*Will be uploaded to FA/ Database and presented at fai.org</i>	<p>Kirk Verner is a preeminent figure in skydiving, celebrated for his three-decade legacy of competitive excellence, leadership, and innovation in formation skydiving. He has consistently elevated the sport, enabling generations of skydivers to safely push their limits. As a fierce competitor, selfless leader, and pioneering innovator, Kirk has shaped formation skydiving for 32 years, making him an exemplary candidate for the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma.</p> <p>His qualifications include serving as the U.S. delegate to the International Parachuting Commission for nine years, representing the sport with distinction globally. Kirk's competitive achievements include gold medal victories at FAI First Category Events in 4-Way (1995, 1997) and 8-Way (1999, 2004, 2021-2024) with elite teams Arizona Airspeed and Paraclete XP8. He also set multiple world records in large formation skydiving.</p> <p>An inductee of the International Skydiving Museum and Hall of Fame, Kirk is revered for his mentorship and leadership, significantly enhancing team dynamics and performance. As Manager of Skydive Paraclete XP, he continues to drive the sport's future by fostering talent and innovation at a world-class training facility. Kirk Verner's profound impact through record-setting achievements, global representation, and competitive dominance establishes him as a model recipient of the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma.</p>		
Additional information about of the nominee Add the links website/social media, photos, articles etc. <i>(All in relation while practicing his/her sport or achievement he/she is nominated for)</i>	<p>Parachutist Profile: https://parachutist.com/portals/parachutisUparachutisUarchives/october-2007/HTML5/index.html?page=17</p> <p>Hall of Fame Induction: https://skydivingmuseum.org/member/kirk-verner/</p> <p>Podcast Interview: https://open.spotify.com/episode/OWNiBz1N6qOlgUxxorLYck</p>		
<p><i>All nominations must be received at the FA/ Secretariat in electronic format latest 60 days before the Commission Plenary Meeting based on the FA/ By-Laws 7.1.2.</i></p> <p><i>Please submit your nomination to commissions@fai.org</i></p>			