Meeting Minutes: UPRT Network Board Meeting

Date: January 22, 2026
Theme: The Pursuit of Excellence
Attendees: Pete (Chair), King, Lambo, Jeff, and other board members (Rob and John absent/proxy).

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1. Opening & Strategic Vision

Pete introduced the 2026 guiding principle: **"The Pursuit of Excellence."** This branding will be integrated into all UPRTN social media and communications to establish the network as a leader in General Aviation safety.
Top Three Priorities for Q1 2026:

1. **Full Board Accreditation:** All board members must transition from "provisional" to "fully accredited" status by **March 1, 2026**.
2. **Membership Infrastructure:** Scaling the network to handle the recent doubling in size.
3. **Data & Surveys:** Launching the safety surveys to build a database that the **NTSB** and **AOPA** have expressed direct interest in reviewing for Washington D.C. influence.

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2. Financial & Systems Update

- **Treasury:** The checking account sits at **$2,609.00**. Lambo's contact (Karen) is formalizing the non-profit budget and tax filing paperwork.
- **Membership Software:** The board voted to approve a new management portal ($313–$325/year). This system will handle automated payments, member tracking, and a website portal.
- **Survey Monkey:** The board approved **$365/year** for Survey Monkey to facilitate the collection of client safety data and recovery metrics.

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3. Membership & Branding

- **New Members:** Jeremy Millet (Australia) was voted in as a provisional accredited member. Several instructors from Tennessee Flight Training are also joining as APIs.
- **Logo Design:** King presented several drafts (wings, shields, and "swoop" designs).
  - **Decision:** The "Wing" logo was favored for apparel. King will upload top candidates to the drive for a final vote.
- **Outreach:** Pete and Cuckoo are pursuing speaking slots at **Air Venture 2026**. Jeff is

drafting a standardized slide deck for the network to ensure a unified message.

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4. Training & Accreditation Standards

A debate was held regarding the hierarchy of instructor levels:
- **SAI vs. API:** The board discussed whether a **Spin Accredited Instructor (SAI)** should have the authority to accredit an **Accredited Primary Instructor (API)**.
- **The Consensus:** While the board wants to grow the network, they must avoid the "watered-down" nature of current industry endorsements.
- **Action:** Tabled until a **Minimum Standards Checklist** is created (referencing AC 61-67 and the ACS) to ensure SAI-led training remains rigorous.

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5. Action Items for the Board

Task	Owner	Deadline
Move off Provisional Accreditation	All Board Members	March 1, 2026
Call Don to initiate Membership Software	King	Immediate
Send Draft Surveys to AOPA (Mike Ginter)	Pete	Jan 26-27
Create SAI/API Checksheet/White Paper	King	Next Meeting
Coordinate UPRT Principles with IAC	Pete & Jeff	Jan 27

Would you like me to generate the "Minimum Standards Checklist" for the SAI/API transition mentioned in the meeting?