Hello SARR Members,

Spring is in the air and so is running! This month we had our first race of the year, the Prickly Pear 50K/15K/5K Trail Race, and wow, what a great race it was! The participants really enjoyed it, and I heard so many positive comments. This is very encouraging as we continue on the path to in-person racing. Additionally, it took a lot of volunteers to pull this off, so a big shout out goes to each of you, you made it happen!

Next up: Our Mission Run is this Sunday, April 3rd. This year we've added a Half Marathon along with the 10K, 5K, and Kids 1K. This is always a festive and fun race that gets you into that fiesta mood! We have 500 participants signed up for this one! On the training side, our Walk2Run 5K beginner training program begins this Saturday, April 2nd. This is a great program!

Check your email: We have many more great races and training programs coming up soon! When you get those marketing emails with the schedule of our upcoming races and training programs, make sure you review them closely, mark your calendars, and be sure to take advantage of any special pricing and deadlines. You can always check the 2022 race and training schedule at our website <u>HERE</u>.

SARR Inclusion Program. I'm excited to announce we have a new Inclusion Program that was developed by an outstanding committee led by Scott Peacock. The goal of the program is to increase diversity and inclusion in running by providing free SARR race and training program entries to disadvantaged or low-income runners in the San Antonio area. Our motto for the program is "There is no reason why money should prevent a runner from getting to the starting line, especially when crossing the finish line could change their life." The program is listed on the SARR website and the link to the application can be found <u>HERE</u>.

Annual Membership Meeting and Election: Our Annual Membership Meeting and Election will be held on Saturday June 11th, 2022. We are now accepting nominations for the following SARR Board positions:

- Executive Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Director of Training Programs
- Director of Volunteers

Nomination information can be found <u>HERE</u>. May 1st is the deadline to submit your nominations.

Annual Awards: Nominations are also being accepted for the following annual SARR awards:

- RoadRunner of the Year: A long-time member who exemplifies SARR through participation, volunteerism, and enthusiasm.
- Newcomer of the Year: someone who joined within the last 12 months & jumped right in through participation and volunteering.
- Comeback of the Year: for a member who has been injured but made it back to participate in SARR activities.
- Inspiration of the Year: for a member who has done something to inspire others around the sport of running.

If you know some good candidates for these awards, please nominate them HERE.

Take care and enjoy those miles!

Keith Click President, SARR