

Leading from the Second Chair

Questions for Reflection and Discussion Introductory Section (Chapters 1 and 2)

Chapter 1 – Living in the Paradoxes

- Which of the paradoxes do you find most challenging? Why?
- Which of the paradoxes do you handle the best? What enables you to do so?
- Is there someone from whom you can learn to become a better second chair leader? What keeps you from starting that process?
- What do you most hope to learn and improve upon as you read this book?

Chapter 2 – Am I a Second Chair Leader?

- Do you think of yourself as a second chair leader (based on our definition)? Who else on your team and in your organization is a second chair leader?
- Do others in your organization see you as a second chair leader? Why or why not?
- Reflect on the definition of a second chair leader? Which aspect of the definition is most difficult for you to master?
- Do you rely on a title to indicate that you are a second chair leader? How would you assess your influence?
- What are you currently doing to “put on leadership lenses” and improve your skills as a leader?
- In your current role, is your attitude one of surviving or thriving? Based on your answer, can you identify why?