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## **AHS International Announces New Board Members**

**Alexandria, Virginia, April 24, 2014** – AHS International Chair of the Board John Garrison, President and CEO of Bell Helicopter Textron, today announced the results of the general elections for the AHS Board of Directors.

The 2014-2015 Executive Committee members, beginning their one-year term on July 1, are as follows:

- **Ed Birtwell**, General Manager and VP of Turboshaft Engines, GE Aviation (previously the President of the Board) is the incoming **Chair** of the Board of AHS International
- **Mick Maurer**, President & CEO, Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., (previously the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board) is the incoming **President**
- **Leanne Caret**, CFO/VP Finance, Boeing Defense, Space & Security, is the incoming **Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Dr. David Peters**, Professor & Director of Graduate Studies and the McDonnell Douglas Professor of Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri has been selected as the AHS International **Technical Director**

Half of the Society's ten regions around the world held elections this year; the other five held elections last year. The following AHS members were elected to the Board as regional representatives for two year terms beginning on July 1:

- Americas Regional Vice President: **Andrew Sayer**, Bell Helicopter Canada (re-elected)
- Americas Regional Director: **Somen Chowdhury**, Consultant (re-elected)
- U.S. Mideast Regional Vice President: **Dr. Stanley Orr**, The Boeing Company (re-elected)
- U.S. Mideast Regional Director: **Patrick Donnelly**, The Boeing Company
- U.S. Southeast Regional Vice President: **Dan Wolfe**, Universal Solutions
- U.S. Southeast Regional Director: **Michael Deitchman**, Dept. of the Navy (Ret.)
- U.S. Southwest Regional Vice President: **Tom Wood**, Bell Helicopter Textron
- U.S. Southwest Regional Director: **Michael Shaw**, Bell Helicopter Textron (re-elected)
- U.S. Western Regional Vice President: **Dr. Ram D. JanakiRam**, The Boeing Company
- U.S. Western Regional Director: **Dr. Colin Theodore**, NASA Ames Research Center

AHS International was founded in 1943 as the American Helicopter Society. Today, AHS International – *The Vertical Flight Technical Society* – has 6,500 members in more than 40 countries and is the world’s leading technical society dedicated to the advancement of vertical flight technology and its applications. Information on our current Board of Directors is available on the Society’s website at [www.vtol.org/board](http://www.vtol.org/board).

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