



# Press Release

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**Fairfax, Virginia** — AHS International — *The Vertical Flight Technical Society* — is pleased to announce the election results for its 2016-2017 Board of Directors. The following members of the Board's Executive Committee were elected for the one-year term of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017:

- **Chair:** Jean-Brice Dumont — Airbus Helicopters, Chief Technical Officer and Executive Vice-President of Engineering (previously the President)
- **President:** Dave Koopersmith — Boeing Vertical Lift, Vice President and General Manager (previously the Secretary/Treasurer)
- **Secretary/Treasurer: Daniele Romiti** — Leonardo-Finmeccanica Helicopter Division, Managing Director (new to the Board)

AHS International members in half of our ten regions elected or reelected new Regional Directors and Vice-Presidents for the two-year term of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018:

**Americas Region:** AHS members in Canada and in all countries in Central and South America

- Vice President: **Michael Nault** — Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited (new to the Board)
- Regional Director: **Edward Hoskin** — Pratt & Whitney Canada (new to the Board)

**U.S. Mideast Region:** Philadelphia and Erie Chapter members in Delaware, Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey

- Vice President: **Dr. Stanley Orr** — The Boeing Company (re-elected)
- Regional Director: **Patrick Donnelly** — The Boeing Company (re-elected)

**U.S. Southeast Region:** Aberdeen, Cherry Point, Federal City, Hampton Roads and Patuxent River Chapter members in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

- Vice President: **Dan Wolfe** — Universal Solutions (re-elected)
- Regional Director: **Bruce Tenney** — Karem Aircraft (new to the Board)

**U.S. Southwest Region:** Southwest Chapter members in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

- Vice President: **Tom Wood** — Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (re-elected)
- Regional Director: **Mike Shaw** — Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (re-elected)

**U.S. Western Region:** Arizona, Los Angeles and San Francisco Chapter members in APO/FPO, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming

- Vice President: **Dr. Colin Theodore** — NASA Ames (previously the Regional Director)
- Regional Director: **Dr. Ram D. JanakiRam** — The Boeing Company (previously the Regional VP)

In addition, the incoming (appointed) AHS International Technical Director will be **Dr. Judah Milgram** — Office of Naval Research, US Navy.

Other members of the Board of Directors who will continue to serve until June 30, 2017, are as follows:

- **VP Membership:** Jon Tatro, Carter Aviation
- **VP Washington, DC:** David Wildes, Textron
- **Director at Large (Appt.):** Robert LaBelle, AgustaWestland North America
- **Director at Large (Appt.):** Thomas Laux, Northrop Grumman Corporation
- **Regional Director - Asia-Australia:** Arvind Sinha, Dept of Defence, Australia
- **Regional Director - Europe-Africa:** Klausdieter Pahlke, German Aerospace Center (DLR)
- **Regional Director - U.S. Midwest:** David Peters, Washington University St. Louis
- **Regional Director - U.S. Northeast:** Mark Miller, Sikorsky, A Lockheed Martin Co.
- **Regional Director - U.S. Southern:** Robert King, U.S. Army AMRDEC
- **Regional VP - Asia-Australia:** Duck-Joo Lee, Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology
- **Regional VP - Europe-Africa:** Jean-Brice Dumont, Airbus Helicopters
- **Regional VP - U.S. Midwest:** Dale Pitt, The Boeing Company
- **Regional VP - U.S. Northeast:** William Welsh, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation
- **Regional VP - U.S. Southern:** Keith Darrow, U.S. Army AMRDEC
- **Regional VP - U.S. Western:** Ram JanakiRam, The Boeing Company
- **Environmental Advisor:** John Leverton, Leverton Associates International
- **Civil Operations Advisor:** Gene Munson, The Boeing Company (Ret.)

AHS International thanks all those members who are willing to serve the Society.

Founded in 1943 as the American Helicopter Society, AHS International today is the world's premier vertical flight technical society. The Society is the global resource for information on vertical flight technology. It provides global leadership for scientific, technical, educational and legislative initiatives that advance the state-of-the-art of vertical flight.

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