



# Press Release

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**Vertical Flight Technology Leaders Elected to the  
2018 Board of Directors of AHS International**

***Industry Executives to Lead the Vertical Flight Society***

**Fairfax, Virginia, May 3, 2018** — AHS International, *The Vertical Flight Society*, is pleased to announce the election results for its Board of Directors. The following members of the Board's Executive Committee were elected for the one-year term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019:

- **Chair: Roberto Garavaglia**, Senior VP, Competitive Analysis & Strategy, Leonardo Helicopters (previously the Board President)
- **President: Glenn Isbell, Jr**, VP Rapid Prototyping & Manufacturing Innovation, Bell (previously the Board Secretary/Treasurer)
- **Secretary/Treasurer: John Saabas**, President, Pratt & Whitney Canada\* (new to the Board)

In addition, the Executive Committee appointed **Andy Keith** — Chief of Propulsion Engineering at Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company — as the Society's new **Technical Director**, also part of the Executive Committee.

Vertical Flight Society members in half of its ten regions elected or re-elected Regional Directors and Vice-Presidents for the two-year term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. (Those new to the Board are marked with an asterisk.)

**Americas Region** (Canada, Central America and South America)

- Vice President: **Michael Nault**, Bell
- Regional Director: **Kenneth Swartz**, Aeromedia Communications\*

**U.S. Mideast Region** (including the Philadelphia and Erie Chapters, and surrounding areas)

- Vice President: **Dr. Stanley Orr**, The Boeing Company
- Regional Director: **Bill Hunt**, Leonardo Helicopters Philadelphia\*

**U.S. Southeast Region** (including the Aberdeen, Federal City, Patuxent River, Hampton Roads and Cherry Point Chapters, and surrounding areas)

- Vice President: **Dr. Inderjit Chopra**, University of Maryland\*
- Regional Director: **Susan Gorton**, NASA\*

**U.S. Southwest Region** (including the Southwest Chapter and all surrounding areas)

- Vice President: **Aaron Brieger**, Sikorsky, A Lockheed Martin Company\*
- Regional Director: **Mike Shaw**, Bell

**U.S. Western Region** (including Los Angeles, San Francisco and Arizona Chapters, and surrounding areas)

- Vice President: **Dr. Ram D. JanakiRam**, The Boeing Company
- Regional Director: **Dr. Colin Theodore**, NASA Ames

Other members of the Board of Directors, who will continue to serve until June 30, 2019, are as follows:

**Asia-Australia Region** (includes all members in Asia and Oceania)

- Vice President: **Dr. Arvind Sinha**, Australian Department of Defence
- Regional Director: **Samgeeth Rajan**, Textron India

**Europe-Africa Region** (members in Europe and Africa)

- Vice President: **Dr. Jürgen Rauleder**, Technical University of Munich
- Regional Director: **Philippe Beaumier**, ONERA

**U.S. Midwest Region** (members in Dayton and St Louis Chapters)

- Vice President: **Dr. Dale Pitt**, consultant
- Regional Director: **Prof. Dave Peters**, Washington University in St. Louis

**U.S. Northeast Region** (members in Stratford, Connecticut Valley and Empire State Chapters)

- Vice President: **Usman Asif**, Sikorsky, A Lockheed Martin Company
- Regional Director: **Mark Miller**, Sikorsky, A Lockheed Martin Company

**U.S. Southern Region** (members in Redstone, Atlanta, Jake Fortner and South Florida Chapters)

- Vice President: **Dr. Robert King**, US Army
- Regional Director: **Prof. Marilyn Smith**, Georgia Institute of Technology

The following are currently the appointed Directors of the Board:

- VP Membership: **Jon Tatro**, consultant
- VP Washington, DC: **David Wildes**, consultant
- Appointed Director: **Robert LaBelle**, XTI Aircraft Co.
- Appointed Director: **Thomas Laux**, Northrop Grumman

Non-voting advisors:

- Environment & Infrastructure: **John Leverton**, Leverton Associates International
- Civil Helicopter Operations: **Gene Munson**, consultant
- Army Aviation: **Randy Robinson**, US Army

Founded in 1943 as the American Helicopter Society, the Vertical Flight Society today is the international organization that advocates, promotes and supports global vertical flight technology and professional development.

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