



Press Release

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**Vertical Flight Society Announces 2019 Board of Directors
Industry Executives to Lead VFS**

Fairfax, Virginia, May 10, 2019 — The Vertical Flight Society is pleased to announce the election results for its Board of Directors. The next Board meeting will be held during the world's largest vertical flight conference — its 75th Annual Forum & Technology Display — May 13–16, 2019 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia: www.vtol.org/forum.

The following members were elected to the Board's Executive Committee for the one-year term of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

- Chair: **Glenn Isbell, Jr**, VP Rapid Prototyping & Manufacturing Innovation, Bell (previously the Board President)
- President: **Edward Hoskin**, VP Engineering, Pratt & Whitney Canada (previously the Board Secretary/Treasurer)
- Secretary/Treasurer: **Dan Schultz**, President, Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company (new to the Board)*

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, 2019 to June 30, 2021. Those new to the Board are marked with an asterisk.

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

- Vice President: **Prof. Sejong Oh**, Pusan National University*
- Regional Director: **Samgeeth Rajan**, Textron India

Europe-Africa Region (all countries with capitals in Europe and Africa)

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

U.S. Midwest Region (all members in ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, MO, WI, IL, MI, OH, KY & WV)

- Vice President: **Charles Svoboda**, The Boeing Company*
- Regional Director: **Prof. Dave Peters**, Washington University in St. Louis

U.S. Northeast Region (all members in ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY & northeast NJ)

- Vice President: **Mike Ambrose**, Sikorsky, A Lockheed Martin Company
- Regional Director: **Usman Asif**, Sikorsky, A Lockheed Martin Company

U.S. Southern Region (all members in AR, LA, MS, AL, TN, SC, GA & FL)

- Vice President: **Mark Jeude**, Iron Mountain Solutions, Inc.*
- Regional Director: **Prof. Marilyn Smith**, Georgia Institute of Technology

The following are currently appointed Directors of the Board:

- Technical Director: **Andy Keith**, Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company
- VP Membership: **Jon Tatro**, consultant
- VP Washington, DC: **David Wildes**, DAJ, Inc.
- Appointed Director: **Robert LaBelle**, XTI Aircraft Co.
- Appointed Director: **Thomas Laux**, Northrop Grumman
- Appointed Director: **Harry Nahatis**, GE Aviation

Non-voting advisors:

- Environment & Infrastructure: **John Leverton**, Leverton Associates International
- Civil Helicopter Operations: **Gene Munson**, The Boeing Company (Ret.)
- Army Aviation: **Randy Robinson**, US Army
- Vertical Flight Foundation: **Edwin P. Birtwell**, Birtwell Consulting Services

Other members of the Board of Directors, who will continue to serve until June 30, 2020, are as follows:

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 (AgustaWestland Philadelphia Co.)

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

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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