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AHS International Announces New Officers For The Board Of Directors

Alexandria, Virginia, April 23, 2013 — AHS International – *The Vertical Flight Technical Society* – Chair of the Board **Stephen D. Mundt**, Vice President, Business Development, EADS North America, today announced the results of the society's general elections for officers and directors for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

The AHS Board of Directors congratulates **John Garrison**, President & CEO, Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (previously the President of the Board) as the incoming Chair of the Board and **Ed Birtwell**, General Manager and Vice President of Turboshaft Engines, GE Aviation (previously the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board) as the incoming President. **Mick Maurer**, President & CEO, Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., is the incoming Secretary/Treasurer.

Society members also elected a vice president and a director-at-large for each of the six regions holding elections this year. The results are as follows:

Asia-Australia Region

Vice President: **Dr. Shigeru Saito**, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
Director at Large: **Prof. Takashi Hiramoto**, Teikyo University

Europe-Africa Region

Vice President: **Jean-Brice Dumont**, Eurocopter
Director at Large: **Fabio Nannoni**, AgustaWestland

Americas Region (Canada, Central and South America)

Vice President: **Andrew Sayer**, Bell Helicopter Canada
Director at Large: **Somen Chowdhury**, consultant

U.S. Southern Region

Vice President: **Keith Darrow**, U.S. Army Aviation Engineering Directorate (AED)
Director at Large: **Dr. Robert King**, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC)

U.S. Midwest Region

Vice President: **Prof. David Peters**, Washington University

Director at Large: **Dr. Dale Pitt**, The Boeing Company

U.S. Northeast Region

Vice President: **Bill Welsh**, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation

Director at Large: **Mark Miller**, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation

The AHS International's Technical Director, Dan Newman, Senior Technical Fellow of The Boeing Company, also appointed **Mark Potsdam** of the U.S. Army's Aeroflightdynamics Directorate (AFDD) as the incoming Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the AHS* for the term of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016. *The Journal of the AHS* is the world's only scientific journal dedicated to vertical flight technology.

AHS International was founded in 1943 as the American Helicopter Society. Today, AHS International – *The Vertical Flight Technical Society* – has more than 6,000 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.

For more information on AHS International and its Board of Directors, please visit the Society's home page at www.vtol.org and click on "Who We Are".

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