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Membership Elects Maloney, Re-elects Hartke and Stoudt to DEPS Board of Directors

ALBUQUERQUE, NM, March 23- Officially recognized at the virtual Annual Directed Energy Science and Technology Symposium, the Directed Energy Professional Society (DEPS) is pleased to introduce one new addition to their Board of Directors, Mr. Jeff Maloney, as well as announce the re-election of COL John Hartke and Dr. David Stoudt.

Having been both nominated and elected by the DEPS membership, these individuals will join the existing leadership that sets the course for DEPS activities as DE systems mature into transition for the next three years.

Mr. Jeff Maloney, Program Manager and Saxonburg Site Lead for II-IV Aerospace & Defense, has been supporting High Energy Laser (HEL) weapon system development for almost 20 years. Maloney has been the Program Manager for several HEL systems, including the Airborne Laser Program (ABL), HELTD, LaWS, and LWBD; and now works closely with the government and commercial partners to continue the advancement of HEL systems toward a fielded system for soldier protection.

COL John Hartke, a Professor at the U.S. Military Academy and Deputy Head of the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering, has served in a variety of operational assignments that include service during Operation Desert Storm, Operation United Assistance and Operation Enduring Freedom. COL Hartke has mentored more than 50 cadets conducting HEL related research and continues to serve as

the chairman for the Advanced Concepts Technical Area Working Group for the Joint Directed Energy Technology Office (DE-JTO).

Dr. David Stoudt, Engineering Fellow for Directed Energy and Senior Executive Advisor for Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH), is the incumbent President of DEPS and has been supporting DE technologies for 30 years. Dr. Stoudt provides technical leadership and guidance to a team of over 50 DE professionals who work with clients across the DoD and Intelligence Communities to support the development and fielding of directed energy capabilities. A renowned leader, Dr. Stoudt served in the Department of the Navy for 32 years providing technical and strategic leadership that led to the establishment of world-class DE programs, personnel, and facilities at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division.

“My sincerest thanks to Dr. Sean Ross for his service on the Board of Directors for the last six years. Looking forward to working with the Board as our organization continues to expand,” said Mr. Mark Neice, DEPS Executive Director.

The Directed Energy Professional Society fosters the research, development and operational transition of directed energy (DE) technologies, including high energy laser (HEL) and high power microwave (HPM) technologies, for national defense and civil applications through professional communication, education and outreach. For more information, visit www.deps.org

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