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DEPS Announces Candidates for Upcoming Board of Directors Election

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Dec. 4- With voting opening soon, the Directed Energy Professional Society (DEPS) is pleased to announce the five candidates who will be vying to fill three Board of Directors positions. New Board members will be seated at the Board meeting during the DEPS Annual Science and Technology Symposium in Oxnard, CA in February. The following slate emphasizes technical, organizational, and geographic diversity.

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 High Energy Laser (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.)

Jeff Maloney, Business Development Manager for DE Systems for L3 Brashear and the incumbent Board President, has been supporting HEL weapon system development since 2001. 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.

Dr. Sean Ross, Directed Energy Program Element Monitor (PEM) and Experimentation Liaison for SAF/AQR, has been a contributing member of the DE community since 1994 and is most recognized for

his work in laser beam quality metrics. Ross, Board incumbent Secretary, is currently on assignment for the Air Force at the Pentagon.

Dr. Harold Schall, incumbent Board Treasurer and Chief Engineer of Laser and Electro-optical Systems for Boeing, has more than 30 years of experience in HEL system technology development, integration, and test. Schall served as chief engineer for integration and test for the ABL program, and has been selected as both a DEPS Fellow and a Boeing Senior Technical Fellow for his extensive contributions to the DE community.

Dr. David Stoudt, Engineering Fellow for Directed Energy and Senior Executive Advisor for Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH), has been supporting DE technologies for nearly 30 years and is a renowned leader within BAH's Directed Energy Innovation Team. 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.

For full biographies and candidate statements, visit www.deps.org.

"We have five great candidates who represent the membership, and three of them will join the leadership that sets the course for DEPS activities for the next three years as DE systems mature into transition," said Mark Neice, Executive Director of DEPS.

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

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