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DEPS Board of Directors Welcomes Fresh Faces

OXNARD, CA., March 5- Officially announced at the Annual Directed Energy Science and Technology Symposium, the Directed Energy Professional Society (DEPS) is pleased to introduce two new additions to their Board of Directors, Col. John Hartke and Dr. David Stoudt, as well as announce the reelection of Dr. Sean Ross.

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.

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.)

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 and reelected Secretary, is currently on assignment for the Air Force at the Pentagon.

Dr. David Stoudt, Engineering Fellow for Directed Energy and Senior Executive Advisor for Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH), is the newly elected President of DEPS and has been supporting DE technologies for nearly 30 years. Stoudt is a renowned leader within BAH's Directed Energy Innovation Team and has 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 heartfelt thanks to Jeff Maloney and Dr. Harold Schall for their service as officers on the Board of Directors for the last three years. Looking forward to working with the new Board as our organization continues to expand," said Mark Neice, Executive Director of DEPS.

The Directed Energy Professional Society fosters the 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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