

2015-2016 CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICES

PRESIDENT



Anthony J. “Primo” Primozich, P.E.

SAWE Members, I am requesting your vote as I seek to continue working for the SAWE as your next International President. The President needs to be prepared to supervise the activities of the SAWE and communicate the endeavors of the Society to the membership. Likewise, the President needs to assist in conference planning and to preside at all Board of Director meetings and ensure they are carried out in accordance with the By-Laws. I believe that my past SAWE experience of executing several training slates as well as international conference planning and Board of Directors participation has positioned me well for the office of President.

Numerous industries are dealing with issues like shrinking budgets, rising attrition rates of highly experienced engineers and limited replacement with new engineers. In many cases, this “brain drain” is driving specialties like Mass Properties Engineering to consolidate with other disciplines and become a “jack of all trades.” As President, I hope to assist the SAWE in fostering an environment of multi-disciplinary collaboration with the ultimate goal of being the industry recognized repository for Mass Properties knowledge and training. Further, I hope to continue the success of the corporate partner program and seek new corporate and individual members. I sincerely request that you elect me, Anthony Primozich, as your International President. Thank you very much for your support.

Anthony “Primo” Primozich lives in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and is employed by US Air Force as an Aerospace Engineer focusing on Propulsion and Mass Properties. He graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in 2000 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He promptly accepted a position as a civil servant at Wright-Patterson AFB and has contributed significantly to the development and acquisition of several military programs and platforms. Primo obtained his MS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Dayton in 2004 and became a registered Professional Engineer in 2006.

Primo has been a member of the SAWE since 2001 and is an active part of the Kittyhawk chapter; where he has served in every office. He has attended multiple International Conferences; participating as a training class student, author, presenter, Board of Directors representative, and a Military Aircraft Workshop panel member. He served as one of the Deputy Vice Presidents for Training and was later elected as Senior Vice President. Primo received the Ed Payne Award in 2008 and the title of Fellow in 2011.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



Robert Hundl

Robert is currently the Weight Control Manger for the Exxon Mobil Odoptu Stage 2 Project at Fluor, Inc. in Houston Texas. Fluor is an Engineering & Construction company serving the Oil and Gas industry and other industries (such as power plants, mining, road & bridges, etc.).

Previously, Robert was the Mass Properties Lead for the Commercial Crew Vehicle Program at The Boeing Company in Houston Texas and was a co-leader for the company's Enterprise-wide Mass Properties Functional Skill Team. He was also the Orbiter Mass Properties Sub-System Manager (SSM) for the NASA Space Shuttle System. As the SSM, he was the technical lead for the Orbiter Mass Properties group and was considered the technical expert by his customers (NASA and United Space Alliance (USA)). He received SSM certification from the NASA Riley board in 2002 and held the position until the shuttle was retired from service and placed in museums. While fresh from college he worked in the Space Shuttle Integration Mass Properties for The Boeing Company. Leaving the Aerospace Industry from 1995 to 2002, he worked in manufacturing, product management, and information technology while at PI Components Corp (subsidiary of Emerson) with ancillary pressure instrumentation components. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering.

Robert has been a SAWE member at large since 1992 and a Houston charter member since 2003. He received the SAWE President's award in 2003 for his work in helping to organize the chapter. He has served as Vice President, President, and Director of the Houston Chapter. He led the chapter in hosting the 2014 fall workshop at Texas A&M University – Galveston. He has also supported chapter projects and events.

At the International Level, Robert has served in the past as the Vice President Technical Director for three years, Co-Chairman of the Flight Technology Unmanned and Space for three years, and has been a member of the technical committee for 10 years or more. He has attended many international conferences and several board of directors meetings. He assisted the Houston Chapter in hosting the International conference in 2011. As a member at large, he assisted the Huntsville Chapter in hosting the 1995 Huntsville International Conference. He has written one SAWE paper and plans to write more.

Robert believes his leadership experience and varying engineering backgrounds provide a solid foundation upon which to advance the mass properties engineering specialization thereby also promoting the goals of SAWE.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Rick Watkins

Experience:

8 years as SAWE Member of the Houston Chapter
2 years as SAWE Deputy Vice President of Training
1 year as International Registration Chair
3 years as 70th International Conference Chairman
1 year as Houston Chapter President
1 year as Houston Chapter Vice President
3 years as Houston Chapter Webmaster
1 year as Houston Chapter Secretary
Recipient of the 2011 Ed Payne Award for Outstanding Young Engineer

Accomplishments:

Mr. Watkins has a proven track record of supporting the SAWE at both the Local and International levels. Since joining the SAWE in 2006, he has been an active member of the Houston Chapter and continues as a leader in that group while also serving in two International offices. He has secured his own company, Altair Engineering, as a Corporate Partner and a repeated Sponsor/Exhibitor. In addition, he has provided the Society with insights into how the Society can more effectively retain and attract these Partners, who are critical to its success. He has also been a key voice in streamlining and modernizing the Society's practices and procedures for their planning and execution of International and Regional Mass Properties Conferences.

Candidate Statement:

Dear fellow SAWE members,

I am very pleased to request your support for my bid to serve as Sr. Vice President for a second term. I am proud to have been involved in a number of Chapter and International positions over the previous years, particularly those that have focused on supporting the Society's annual International Conference. This year, I have served as the Deputy VP of Training and as the International Registration Chair reporting to the current Sr. VP. Both of these positions specifically work with the International Conference and with the experience I have gained here and during my time as the 2011 Conference Chairman in Houston, I am confident that I can provide the kind of service this position deserves and requires.

If elected, there are areas on which I would continue to focus my attention as Sr. VP. The first is to continue to reinforce the honor that it is for a Chapter to host an International Conference. I believe that this instills pride in the Society and an unparalleled sense of belonging. By reducing the amount of repetitive work, we can make hosting a conference fun and rewarding. My personal goal would be to see every Chapter have a plan to host a Regional or International Conference in the next 10 years.

My second area of focus would be on continuing to streamline and improve the International Conference experience for everyone involved – Host Chapters, Members, Authors, Sponsors and Partners. The annual conference is our most visible mechanism for enriching the Mass Properties industry and reaching out to potential members who are not yet part of our ranks. I think that this is an aspect that is often forgotten as the details of schedule and budget mount upon the planners. Toward that end, I will continue to support the practices that make our Conferences the highlight of each Mass Properties Engineer's year, whether it is a new mobile app showing the schedule or the cherished tradition of that particular whiskey in the Hospitality Suite.

In addition, we must secure a chapter to host the 2018 Conference. I will begin the dialogue with potential chapters to that end.

Vote on this Proposed Change to the SAWE By-laws:

The Society shall amend the By-laws to add a statement that the Society and its members will abide by anti-trust laws in the United States and abroad.

Descriptive Narrative:

At the 2014 Board of Directors meeting the Board reviewed the anti-trust policy as proposed by Alan Titcomb and described in the SAWE Weight Engineering Journal, Volume 73, Winter 2013-14, No. 2. The Board determined that the policy puts the Society on record as recognizing and complying with specific legal obligations of fair trade laws. Subsequent to this action, ANSI notified the Society that an anti-trust policy such as the one reviewed and approved by the board is required to be compliant with ANSI 2015 requirements. For these reasons, the Board of Directors recommends a vote **For** the addition of anti-trust policy to the by-laws.

Pro's

1. Necessary for the Society to be recognized as an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer.
2. Protects the Society for potential anti-trust legal actions.

Con's

1. None.