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Unmanned Systems Association of Virginia Begins Work *Association Names Board and Elects Officers*

RICHMOND, Va. – The Unmanned Systems Association of Virginia (USAV), a newly-formed non-profit coalition of leading companies in the unmanned systems industry, named its board of directors and elected officers at its inaugural board meeting held October 12, 2016 in Richmond, Va. USAV is focused on promoting a legal and regulatory framework that supports innovation, collaboration and growth in the unmanned systems industry in the Commonwealth.

The organization's 10 founding members, which represent aerial, ground and maritime sectors of the unmanned systems industry, were officially named to the USAV board of directors. Board members include:

- **Nicole Barranco, Volkswagen Group of America**
- **Bob Burkholder, Clark Nexsen**
- **Joel Campbell, Avineon**
- **Sean Cushing, Hazon Solutions**
- **Robert E. Dehnert, Jr., Raytheon**
- **Steven A. Eisenrauch, Dominion Virginia Power**
- **Robert Grant, Lyft**
- **John Lamb, Newport News Shipbuilding**
- **Charles Mondello, Property Drone Consortium**
- **Guy Sanitate, Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC)**

The board of directors elected officers, with terms effective immediately and to serve through August 30, 2017. Officers include: **Sean Cushing, chairman; Guy Sanitate, secretary; and Joel Campbell, treasurer.**

According to Sean Cushing, newly-elected chair of USAV, "Virginia is poised to be a leader in the unmanned systems industry in the United States, and USAV will help bring this objective to reality. I'm thrilled to take on a leadership role as we grow our membership, focus on our legislative priorities in the upcoming session and work toward becoming the voice of the unmanned systems industry in the Commonwealth."

The association's key objectives include promoting Virginia's UAS test site, unmanned systems research and other resources; sharing information about grant opportunities for expansion of existing businesses or attracting new unmanned systems businesses; supporting legislation that fosters a business environment that is favorable to innovation and development of technology; supporting public and private programs that promote STEM education, workforce training and workforce development that may be beneficial to the unmanned systems industry; and promoting collaboration among entrepreneurial, existing technology and academic research entities.

For more information on joining USAV, please contact info@unmatchedva.org.

About Unmanned Systems Association of Virginia (USAV)

The Unmanned Systems Association of Virginia is a non-profit coalition focused on creating legislation and a regulatory framework that supports innovation, collaboration and growth in the unmanned systems industry in the Commonwealth. For more information, please visit www.unmatchedva.org.

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