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DEPS Appoints Four New Fellows to the BSEA

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., April 18 – The Directed Energy Professional Society (DEPS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. James Horkovich, Charles LaMar, Michael Lavan and Dr. Don Shiffler to their Board of Scientific and Engineering Advisors (BSEA.)

Appointed by the DEPS Board of Directors, the BSEA is a small group of senior, highly respected individuals from within the Directed Energy (DE) community who then assist the Board in various ways, including evaluating graduate scholarship applications and by recommending candidates for the rank of DEPS Fellow. Additionally, they may be asked by the Board to recommend a technically sound position for the Board and DEPS to adopt, concerning current technical, management or political issues of import to the DE community.

Dr. James Horkovich, from the Shafer Corp. in Albuquerque, N.M., is known for pioneering the U.S. Air Force Space Based Laser technology programs, as well as for playing a key role in establishing DEPS as the premier Directed Energy organization for industry, academia, and government.

Charles LaMar, of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) in Huntsville, Ala., who has been recognized for his more than 30 years of contributions in the fields of high-energy laser lethality and advanced beam control technologies, continues to spearhead the Army's HEL Lethality programs and is considered one of the nation's leading experts in laser lethality and target vulnerabilities.

Michael Lavan, retiree of the U.S. SMDC in Huntsville, is known for his exceptional advancements, technical insights and leadership contributions made to the overall advancements of high-energy laser systems throughout his highly successful career in service to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Dr. Donald Shiffler, of the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) in Albuquerque, N.M., is widely known in the DE community for his leadership in the development and fielding of rep-rate high power microwave devices for national defense and security applications.

Horkovich, LaMar, Lavan and Shiffler are set to replace Dr. Tim Andreadis, Paul McManamon, Dr. Harold Schall and Dr. Tom Schriempf.

“DEPS sincerely thanks Harold, Paul, Tim, and Tom for their long standing support and welcomes Charles, Don, James, and Michael to the team. These gentlemen work to help shape the future and recognize past accomplishments, drawing upon their decades of tireless and outstanding service to this community,” said Jeff Maloney, President of the DEPS Board of Directors.

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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