



SIA President's Report

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SIA Member News

PLANET, SPIRE, TELESAT AND IRIDIUM ANNOUNCE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHES OF LOW EARTH ORBIT SATELLITES



Jan 20th - Planet and Spire Satellite Launch. Photo credit: Rocket Lab



Jan 12th - Telesat Satellite Launch. Photo credit: ISRO



Dec 22nd - 10 Iridium Satellites Launch onboard a SpaceX Falcon 9. Photo credit: Amanda Stiles, CBS News and Reuters

Over the past six weeks, SIA members Planet, Spire, Telesat and Iridium all announced successful LEO satellite launches. For details of these and other member news stories, please see the headlines below and the SIA Member News page [HERE](#).

Other SIA Member News Headlines:

- [OneWeb Secures \\$1.2 Billion Financing and Plans to Begin Launch Campaign in 2018](#)
- [Iridium Announces March Target Launch Date for 10 NEXT Satellites](#)
- [SES-15 Enters Service Offering North American and Caribbean IFC/IFE and Live TV Services](#)
- [GEE Secures SES-15 HTS Capacity for High Speed Broadband and Inflight Communications](#)
- [Viasat Begins Beta Testing Viasat-2 Satellite with Service Planned for February Launch](#)
- [Intelsat Appoints Chief Commercial Officer to Accelerate High Throughput Data Services](#)
- [SES-14 Satellite in Good Health and Expected to Reach Design Lifetime Following Launch](#)
- [Viasat Awarded Special Operations Forces Contract](#)

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SIA Staff News

SIA FILES THERESE JONES JOINS SIA AS SENIOR DIRECTOR OF POLICY

On Jan 3rd, SIA announced that Therese M. Jones has been appointed as SIA's new Senior Director of Policy. Ms. Jones will be responsible for supporting SIA's work on government services, regulatory, legislative, defense, export-control and trade issues of critical importance to the commercial satellite industry and the Association's members. Since 2013, Ms. Jones served as a policy research analyst with the RAND Corporation. She focused on a wide range of space policy topics including communications, assessing SATCOM commercial acquisition strategies for the DoD and U.S Air Force and reviewing ITU and FCC regulatory filings and policies for newly proposed satellite constellations. Read Ms. Jones' complete bio [HERE](#).

SIA Event News



SIA is an official partner of SATELLITE 2018. The satellite industry conference and exhibition will take place from March 12th-15th at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. Please click [HERE](#) for more show details.

For a complete SIA list of Association and industry events, please see below or click [HERE](#).

SIA News Headlines

SIA APPLAUDS PROPOSED RURAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY BILL

On Jan 29th, SIA applauded proposed legislation that would require the FCC to establish a Task Force in order to meet the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the U.S. The Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act of 2018 was introduced by Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN). The bipartisan bill was also co-sponsored by Senators Steve Daines (R-MT) and Jon Tester (D-MT). A House version of the bipartisan legislation was introduced by Representatives Bob Latta (R-OH-05) and Dave Loebsack (D-IA-02). The legislation would develop policy recommendations to promote the rapid, expanded deployment of fixed and mobile broadband Internet access service on unserved croplands and ranch lands, with a goal of achieving reliable service on 95 percent of those lands in the U.S. by 2025. Read the press release by clicking [HERE](#).

SPIRE JOINS SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

On Jan 16th, SIA announced that satellite-based data company Spire Global Inc. (Spire), had become the Association's latest Executive Member. Executive Members of SIA hold a seat on the Association's Board of Directors with full voting privileges and Company representatives may be elected to serve as officers of the Association. Spire is a leader in the small satellite market, offering a lineup of satellite-based meteorological, maritime, and aircraft monitoring products as well as hosted payload services. To provide these services, Spire has manufactured and deployed 50+ low-Earth orbit (LEO) satellites and operates 25 ground stations globally. Read more by clicking on the SIA News page [HERE](#).

SIA BOARD ELECTS 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On Jan 9th, SIA announced the election results for its 2018 Executive Committee. The SIA Board of Directors elected Gerry Oberst of SES to serve as Chair for this year, joined by Bruce Cathell of Viasat Inc., as Vice Chair and Susan Crandall of Intelsat, to serve as Treasurer. "It is with great pleasure that I announce these three experienced industry executives will be leading our Executive Board for 2018," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. "These are exciting times for the commercial satellite industry with the launch of advanced new satellites and the deployment of new constellations, providing broadband, remote sensing and other new services. SIA's Executive Board suitably reflects the expanding nature of the industry and each of these incoming leaders bring years of valuable commercial and regulatory expertise to our growing roster of diverse executive members. I would also like to thank SIA's outgoing board for their service during the past 12 months and we look forward to a new year as the voice of the U.S. satellite industry." For more details, please visit the SIA News page [HERE](#).

PHASOR JOINS SIA

On Jan 10th, SIA announced that Phasor, developer of electronic antenna systems designed for mobile and enterprise connectivity and communications, is the latest innovative solutions firm to join SIA. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Phasor designs and provides enterprise-grade electronically-steered antenna (ESA) solutions that work seamlessly with both Geostationary (GEO) and Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite constellations to transform connectivity on aircraft, ships, trains, buses, and other mobile land vehicles, as well as enterprise networks. Read more on the SIA News page [HERE](#).

For all the latest SIA News, announcements and filings, please click [HERE](#).

SIA Filing News

SIA FILES COMMENTS WITH THE FCC REGARDING THE USE OF THE 24.75 GHZ-25.25 GHZ BAND

On Jan 23rd, SIA filed comments with the FCC regarding the Commission's second further notice of proposed rulemaking (FNPRM) on the use of the 24.75-25.25 GHz band by Fixed Satellite Services (FSS). In the comments, SIA supported the FCC's proposal to license FSS earth stations in this band on a co-primary basis with terrestrial fixed and mobile systems in the Upper Microwave Flexible Use Service ("UMFUS"). SIA also appreciated the FCC's recognition of the need to protect Broadcasting-Satellite Service ("BSS") feeder link earth stations in the band. SIA concluded, the FCC has proposed a licensing regime that will enable 24 GHz FSS earth station operators to deploy in support of advanced satellite broadband services with minimal impact on UMFUS operations in the band. In addition, it has proposed to lift restrictions on FSS use of the band that favored BSS feeder links, which will give FSS operators additional flexibility while still protecting BSS operations. Accordingly, SIA supports the Commission's proposals for the 24 GHz band. To view a copy of the filing, please click [HERE](#).

Calendar of SIA Featured Events

- [SIA PANEL MODERATOR - Smallsat Symposium: Mountain View, CA Feb 5th-7th in 2018](#)
- [SIA PARTNER CONFERENCE - SATELLITE 2018: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC March 12-15](#)

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