

President's Report

SIA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Featuring the latest Satellite Industry Association News, Member News and Industry Events

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SIA CONGRATULATES BRENDAN CARR AND GEOFFREY STARKS ON FCC COMMISSIONER SENATE CONFIRMATIONS

On Jan 4th, SIA applauded the U.S. Senate re-confirmation of Commissioner Brendan Carr and the confirmation of Geoffrey Starks as a new Commissioner at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Mr. Carr, a former FCC General Counsel, previously served as FCC Commissioner after being confirmed in the summer of 2018. In June 2018, Mr. Starks was nominated to serve a five-year term as FCC Commissioner by President Trump. He previously served as the Assistant Bureau Chief of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau and replaces former FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn. "The Satellite Industry Association would like to congratulate both Brendan Carr and Geoffrey Starks on their Senate confirmations," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. "It is a crucial time for the commercial satellite industry with a number of high profile and important regulatory issues at stake. Mr. Carr and Mr. Starks are long-time dedicated public servants and we look forward to working with them and the rest of the Commission as satellite providers prepare for the rollout of next-generation connectivity and other innovative satellite services."

SIA ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS AND WORKING GROUPS FOR 2019

On Jan 8th, SIA announced that its Board of Directors had elected the following as officers for 2019: **Bruce Cathell of Viasat Inc.**, as Chair, **Susan Crandall of Intelsat** as Vice Chair and **Stuart Daughtridge of Kratos** as Treasurer. "It is with great pleasure that we announce our Executive Committee for 2019," said **Tom Stroup, President of SIA**. "Each of these leaders bring with them a wealth of knowledge and a vast amount of commercial and regulatory experience coming from companies that span the ever-increasing capabilities of the satellite industry. From global telecommunications, satellite broadband, inflight connectivity and high throughput technology to ground system support for small satellites, GEO and new LEO constellations, remote sensing and imaging, cyber security and defense – the new Executive Committee and Board appropriately reflect the growing importance and functionality of today's commercial satellite industry. I would like to thank SIA's outgoing committee 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." To view bios for each of the officers, please see the SIA announcement [HERE](#).

Working Groups for 2019

As a trade association representing the commercial satellite industry, SIA has established working groups involved with a host of policy issues including: regulatory issues (satellite licensing, spectrum allocation and regulatory policy); government services, earth observation legislation, public safety, export control policy and international trade issues. SIA is a recognized focal point for the U.S. satellite industry in Washington, D.C., representing and advocating industry positions with key policy makers on Capitol Hill and with the White House, Federal Communication Commission and most Executive Branch departments and agencies. Below is a list of Working Groups and Co-chairs for 2019.

Earth Observation Forum – George John (Spire Global) and Craig Scheffler (Planet)
Export Control Working Group - Kirsten Shumway (Boeing) and Megan Kane (Spire Global)
Government Working Group – Tom Boyer (Kymeta) and Earl Madison (Lockheed Martin)
Legislative Working Group - Gwen Brown (Lockheed Martin) and Todd Putnam (Viasat)
Regulatory Working Group – Giselle Creeser (Intelsat) and Petra Vorwig (SES)
Space Safety Working Group – George John (Spire Global) and Jennifer Manner (EchoStar)

SIA RE-EMPHASIZES TO THE NTIA THAT SPACE POLICY MUST ENSURE LONG-TERM ACCESS TO SPECTRUM FOR AN EXPANDING SATELLITE INDUSTRY

On Jan 22nd, SIA filed comments with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) regarding Developing a Sustainable Strategy for America's future. SIA supports NTIA's efforts to develop a long-term sustainable U.S. spectrum strategy. As recognized by the President's Space Policy Directives and the White House Spectrum Memorandum, the commercial satellite industry plays an important and growing role in the U.S. economy and national security. The commercial satellite industry provides both the domestic manufacture of equipment, including satellites and terrestrial ground infrastructure, and the provision of critical services, including broadband and launch of government and commercial space assets. To continue to support this crucial U.S. economic sector, it is vital that long-term access to sufficient spectrum for the expanding needs of the commercial satellite industry be made available. SIA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to NTIA's long-term spectrum planning, and looks forward to further collaboration on this effort. To view a complete copy of the filing, please click [HERE](#).

SIA Welcomes Integrasys LLC as its Newest Member



On Jan 23rd, SIA announced that Integrasys LLC had joined the Association as the newest affiliate member. Integrasys LLC specializes in the engineering and manufacturing of innovative satellite spectrum monitoring systems and VSAT network deployment for the government market. The Company is based in Herndon, VA and is owned by Integrasys SA of Spain. For more details regarding SIA's newest affiliate member, please see the SIA News Page [HERE](#).

For a complete recap of the past month's SIA News and filings, please visit the [SIA News Page](#)

SIA Member News

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BREAKING NEWS - Telesat Signs Launch Services Agreement with Blue Origin (Click [HERE](#) for Further Details)

IRIDIUM, LOCKHEED MARTIN, SPACEX, BLUE ORIGIN AND PLANET ANNOUNCE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHES



Above - 1. Iridium and SpaceX announced the successful launch of 10 Iridium NEXT satellites onboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 - completing the Iridium NEXT constellation (left) 2. Blue Origin announced the successful launch and subsequent landing of its New Shepard reusable launch vehicle (center above). 3. Lockheed Martin announced the launch of the first GPS III satellite (right). 4. Planet announced the launch of 12 Flock 3k next-generation Dove satellites (center below). For more details regarding each of these launches, please see the SIA Member News page [HERE](#). (Photo credits clockwise from the left: SpaceX, Blue Origin, SpaceX and Glavkosmos)

SIA MEMBER MONTHLY NEWS HEADLINES

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- Lockheed Martin Begins Modernization of the U.S. Air Force GPS Constellation with Next-Generation GPS III Satellite Launch
- Blue Origin Breaks Ground for New Rocket Engine Factory in Huntsville AL
- OneWeb Broadband Satellites Arrive in Kourou in Preparation for February Launch
- Iridium Announces Completion of NEXT Constellation and Launch of Iridium Certus Broadband Service
- Viasat WiFi Hotspot Service Now Available to over 1 Million in Mexico
- UltiSat Awarded 5-Year U.S. Government Contract
- Planet Launches 12 Next-Generation Dove Satellites
- Hughes Awarded U.S. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Contract for BGAN Terminals
- Telesat Announces Completion of System Requirements Reviews for LEO Constellation

For more details on these and other stories, visit the [SIA Member News Page HERE](#).

SIA Organized Events and Calendar

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UPCOMING SIA EVENTS - Next year, SIA will organize or host the following SIA Member and Industry Events:

1. SIA Government and Military Forum at SATELLITE 2019 - Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington DC May 6th-9th
2. 22nd Annual SIA DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop - Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA Dec 17th-19th

For a list of Association and industry events, please see the [SIA Event Calendar](#) below or click on the [Industry Calendar HERE](#).

Calendar of 2019 SIA Featured Industry Events

- [SIA MODERATOR, MEMBER SPEAKERS AND MEMBER DISCOUNT - Smallsat Symposium- Feb 5th-7th in Mountainview, CA](#)
- [SIA FORUM - Government and Military Forum at SATELLITE 2019 - May 6th-9th at Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC](#)
- [SIA WORKSHOP - 2019 DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop - December 17th-19th at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA](#)

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