

# President's Report

SIA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Featuring the latest Association and Member News and Industry Events

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On May 6th, SIA President Tom Stroup (center, right) presented the 2019 Satellite Leadership in Government Award to Dr. Scott Pace (center, left), currently the Executive Secretary of the National Space Council (NSC). The award recognizes Dr. Pace's distinguished career in the space industry and was presented at SIA's 22nd annual Leadership Dinner during SATELLITE Week in Washington, DC. David Redl (left), former Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce provided a keynote address. Grace Koh (right), who recently joined the U.S. Department of State's Office of International Communications and Information Policy, also delivered a keynote address to the gathering of satellite industry leaders and SIA guests. Ms. Koh is the head of the U.S. delegation to this fall's 2019 World Radiocommunication Conference also known as WRC-19. For more information regarding the SIA Leadership Dinner, Dr. Scott Pace and keynotes David Redl and Grace Koh, please see the SIA news page [HERE](#).

## SIA APPLAUDS VICE PRESIDENT PENCE FOR HIS RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF SATELLITE AND HIS COMMITMENT TO ENSURE SATELLITE INDUSTRY ACCESS TO SPECTRUM

On May 6th, SIA applauded Vice President Mike Pence for his remarks recognizing the critical importance of the commercial satellite industry to the lives of Americans and for his commitment to the next-generation of broadband 5G services - while ensuring that vital spectrum resources remain available to the satellite industry. The Vice President, who also serves as Chairman of the National Space Council, made his remarks while addressing members of the commercial satellite and space industry at the SATELLITE 2019 conference and exhibition in Washington, DC. "On behalf of SIA and its members, I would like to thank the Vice President for his enthusiastic support for the commercial space industry plus his recognition of the everyday critical importance satellites have on the lives of all Americans," said Tom Stroup, President of the Satellite Industry Association. "SIA also strongly applauds the Vice President on his commitment to ensure that the commercial satellite industry has continued access to the wireless spectrum needed for continued innovation and U.S. leadership in space, especially as companies begin to roll out the next-generation of 5G connectivity. SIA and its members look forward to working with the National Space Council and the Vice President to ensure continued U.S. leadership in both commercial space and the race to the rollout of 5G services."

## SIA APPLAUDS US SENATE ON CONFIRMATION OF EX-IM BANK BOARD MEMBERS

On May 8th, SIA applauded the U.S. Senate on its confirmation of three Presidential nominees as members of the board of directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Kimberly A. Reed of West Virginia was confirmed as president and chairman of the board of directors. Spencer T. Bachus III and Judith DelZoppo Pryor were both confirmed as board members. The bipartisan votes also restore the export credit agency to full financing capacity. Although the Ex-Im Bank charter was reauthorized by lawmakers in late 2015, for over three years it has been virtually closed to the satellite industry as lawmakers have failed to fill the Bank's vacant board seats and provide the quorum necessary for Ex-Im Bank to provide credit support for projects in excess of \$10 million.

"SIA congratulates Kimberly Reed, Spencer Bachus and Judith DelZoppo Pryor on their Senate confirmations," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. "SIA strongly applauds today's actions by the U.S. Senate which restore the Bank's financing capabilities. In the global satellite manufacturing market, government-backed Export Credit Agencies provide foreign manufacturers with a competitive advantage when competing with U.S. companies. Today's action helps level the playing field and permit American satellite manufactures to provide American jobs while reinforcing their market leadership position." For further details, please see the SIA News Page [HERE](#).



## SIA RELEASES 2019 STATE OF THE SATELLITE INDUSTRY REPORT

On May 8th, SIA released the 2019 State of the Satellite Industry Report (SSIR) at an industry briefing as part of the SIA-organized Government and Military Forum at the SATELLITE 2019 conference and exhibition in Washington, DC. SIA's 22nd annual industry report, produced by Bryce Space and Technology, LLC, is derived from proprietary surveys of satellite companies, in-depth public information, and independent analysis which are combined to assess the performance of key satellite industry sectors including satellite services, manufacturing, ground equipment and launch services.

The number of operational satellites on orbit grew by over 20 percent to 2100 with over 300 satellites being launched in 2018. Remote sensing satellites made up 39 percent of the total while commercial communications satellites made up 22 percent. In 2018, overall global satellite industry revenue grew by three percent compared with the previous year, led by satellite manufacturing revenues which increased by 26 percent over 2017 and launch services revenues which increased by 34 percent over the previous year. Satellite consumer broadband revenues also increased by 12 percent over the previous 12 months. For more information regarding the Report including instructions on how to order a copy of the SSIR, please see the SIA News Page [HERE](#).

## SIA ORGANIZES GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY FORUM AT SATELLITE 2019

As an official partner of SATELLITE 2019, SIA was pleased to once again organize this year's Government and Military Forum at the industry conference and exhibition. SATELLITE 2019 took place from May 6th - 9th at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. In addition to the State of the Satellite Industry Report briefing described above, SIA also hosted a series of satellite industry conference panels and organized tours of the Exhibitor Hall for U.S. Government officials and guests. For more information regarding the 2020 SATELLITE conference and exhibition, please see the website [HERE](#).

## SIA FILES REPLY COMMENTS TO THE FCC REGARDING THE COMMISSION'S ORBITAL DEBRIS NPRM

On May 6th, SIA submitted reply comments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in response to the Commission's Orbital Debris NPRM. As SIA noted throughout its initial comments, orbital debris mitigation, along with space traffic management (STM) and space situational awareness (SSA), demand a whole-of-government approach in order to ensure that a single set of comprehensive, effective, and efficient regulations are adopted to govern these critical aspects of safe space operations.

To achieve that end, SIA supports the creation of an interagency working group for the development of a unified, and cohesive U.S. policy on safe space operations. The Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, should work with the Commission, to ensure that Federal Government activities related to STM, SSA, and orbital debris mitigation are developed. Such collaboration will enable development of a single, comprehensive U.S. policy, thereby helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of the space environment. Please click [HERE](#) for a complete copy of the filing.

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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## BLUE ORIGIN ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH AND LANDING OF ITS NEW SHEPARD REUSABLE LAUNCH VEHICLE



On May 2nd, Blue Origin announced it had successfully conducted the 11th launch and landing of its New Shepard reusable suborbital launch vehicle and spacecraft at its testing site in West Texas. This was this particular launch vehicle's 5th successful launch and landing and it carried 38 payloads for a variety of schools, universities, government agencies and commercial companies. (photo credits: Blue Origin)

## SIA MEMBER MONTHLY NEWS HEADLINES

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- Eutelsat America Corp. to Participate in NASA Space Relay Partnership and Services Study
- Telesat, Vodafone and Newtec Demonstrate 5G Backhaul over LEO Satellites
- Viasat Chosen to Develop Link-16 LEO Satellites for the U.S. Military
- Inmarsat Receives FAA Approval of Digital Airline Operations and Safety Platform
- EchoStar Transfers Broadcast Satellite Services to DISH
- Eutelsat Selects Hughes to Support its KONNECT High Throughput Satellite
- Northrop Grumman Demonstrates Rapid Small Satellite Development for DoD
- Viasat Awarded GSA Contract for up to \$450 Million to Support C5AD for DoD
- SES Signs Agreement with Dream Cruises to Offer High-Speed Broadband Connectivity aboard Cruise Ships
- Speedcast Announces New Subsidiary - Speedcast Government
- Envistacom Expands Agreements with U.S. Navy and the DoD
- OneWeb Signs User Terminal Agreement with Intellian
- Planet Signs Agreement with Stanford for Access to Satellite Imagery and Data
- XTAR Announces Plans for Two New Next-Generation Satellites
- Hughes Announces Partnership with Facebook to Provide Wi-Fi in Brazil and Mexico
- Envistacom Completes Acquisition of Fast Fit Technologies
- Spire to Provide AIS Data for BAE Geospatial Solutions
- Viasat Announces FAA Approval of its Ka-band In-flight Connectivity System for Super Mid-size Business Jets

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

## SIA Organized Events and Calendar

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

1. 2019 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 AND MEMBER SPEAKERS - Satellite Innovation 2019 - Oct 7th-10th in Silicon Valley, Mountain View, CA](#)
- [SIA WORKSHOP - 2019 DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop - December 17th-19th at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA](#)

For a list of ALL upcoming industry conferences, tradeshows, and events - please click [HERE](#) to visit the SIA President's report Event Calendar page.



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