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Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance Announces Changes

Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance, the region's largest and longest running aerospace trade organization, announced leadership, organizational and program changes today that will position it to respond to the changing aerospace landscape and enhance its support of the aerospace community especially as it relates to manufacturing strategies, workforce and the rise of space and other new sectors.

"The aerospace world has been rapidly evolving and PNAA is making some big changes to ensure our industry's competitiveness for years to come," said PNAA's CEO Melanie Jordan. "I am excited to announce that PNAA has added three new board positions to match the new dynamics that are occurring in the industry and to enhance its leadership team to take PNAA to the next level," Jordan said.

PNAA outgoing Board Chairman Ted Croft agreed. "Our new board of directors, led by PNAA's first female Board President, Nikki Malcom, Business Development Manager for Element Materials Technology will allow PNAA to grow in delivering connections, programs and resources to our members. I am excited and very pleased that Nikki will take the helm," Croft said. "Having worked with Nikki in many PNAA endeavors, I know that there is no better person to lead this organization into the future. She is a bright, forward-thinking and energetic force in the aerospace industry and I look forward to serving with her for years to come."

PNAA's new board members voted in at PNAA's Annual General Meeting on September 25 include:

- Mike Barsoski – Operations Manager, Orion Industries
- Justus Breese – Director of Military Programs, The Umbra Group
- Amandine Crabtree – Project Development Director, BRPH
- Tan Le – Senior Manager, Moss Adams
- Jim Lazarus – Director of OEM Sales Americas, Diehl Aviation
- Paul Van Metre – Co-Founder, ProShop
- Torsten Welte – Global Head of Aerospace & Defense Industries, SAP SE

In addition to the Board changes, PNAA's Fiona McKay, formerly of Rolls-Royce and Parker Aerospace, was promoted to Deputy Executive Director in September, and Brian Canfield, who comes from Boeing and aerospace supplier manufacturing was hired as PNAA's new Business Development Director. The two have made impressive changes at PNAA including the rollout of PNAA NExT – a New and Expanding Technologies Program initiative that will include non-traditional aerospace programs.

“We are proud to announce the kick-off PNAA NExT,” said Canfield. “NExT will expand the market options for existing suppliers while serving an additional community around space exploration, unmanned autonomous flight, UAVs, electric and hybrid electric propulsion, as well as sonic and hypersonic aircraft.

By combining the existing team of seasoned aerospace professionals with fresh faces and new perspectives, expanding the types of companies represented and enhancing the diversity of the board and team, PNAA is ready to take on the NExT decade of aerospace.

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About PNAA: Since 2001, Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance has been promoting the growth and success of the region's aerospace industry with dynamic events designed to inspire aerospace leaders, connect aerospace interests and educate policy makers. Today, with members throughout the northwest and around the globe, PNAA is dedicated to delivering the latest market intelligence to ensure our region's competitive edge. PNAA's unwavering commitment to sharing bold ideas, innovative technologies and leading edge processes has strengthened the industry and earned respect from the White House to the factory floor. Its members represent every segment of the aerospace industry and are responsible for designing, manufacturing and supplying parts and services that launch rockets, fly planes, and even land on Mars!