



QUALIFICATIONS FOR AAUS DIRECTORS

Note: This form is intended to allow prospective candidates to provide an outline of their skills, capabilities and availability to act as a Director of AAUS, and will be provided for information to voting members.

1. A willingness to contribute to furthering the advancement of unmanned systems in Australia.

As Financial Controller of Textron Systems Australia, I'm very keen to see the growth in the unmanned systems market, the ongoing development of products and the responsible operation of unmanned aircraft in Australia.

2. Ongoing interest and previous experience in unmanned systems activities.

I am currently the Financial Controller of Textron Systems Australia, a position which I have held for over 10 years. I have been Treasurer of AAUS for the past 2 years.

3. Governance experience, particularly on the Board or Committee of a voluntary organisation or club or of a publicly listed company.

I have been the Treasurer of AAUS for the past 2 years. I am also a life member and previous Treasurer of each of the Hawthorn Cricket Club, the Hawthorn Swimming Club, the Eastfield-Studfield Athletics Club and a previous Treasurer of the Ringwood Swimming Club.

4. A basic understanding of the roles and duties of Directors of Incorporated Associations (this will be augmented by an AAUS induction process and documentation).

I am currently the Company Secretary and Public Officer of Textron Systems Australia and have been Director, Company Secretary and Public Officer of a number of companies dating back to 1998.

5. Sufficient time available to:

- a. Participate in face-to-face Board meetings where Interstate travel may be required (held Quarterly usually in conjunction with major events such as Avalon Airshow).

I attend a number of the functions where AAUS Board meetings are held in my role and Textron Systems Australia will support travel where required.

- b. Respond to issues circulated between meetings

With the support of Textron Systems Australia and given that I manage my own time, I will be able to respond to issues as required.

- c. Attend and represent AAUS at one or more major events per season (Conferences, seminars, trade shows, etc)



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- d. Serve on at least one specialised subcommittee (Advocacy, Communications, Events or Membership)

In my time on the AAUS Board, I have participated in working groups which I've found to be most worthwhile. In other organisations, I've assumed positions such as Treasurer, President and Team Manager to be an active participant in the organisations.

- 6. Demonstrable experience in at least one of the following areas vital to the ongoing activities of the AAUS Board:

- a. Remotely Piloted Aircraft System Industry

Textron Systems Australia is a long time participant in this industry and who I have been with for more than 10 years.

- b. Maritime Autonomous System Industry

Some exposure to this industry through the broader Textron group

- c. Land-based Autonomous System Industry

Some exposure to this industry through the broader Textron group

- d. Government liaison & advocacy

In my roles with various organisations over the years, I've had many interactions with State and Local Governments to advance the interests of the organisations.

- e. Media and communications

I support Textron Systems Australia marketing and social media activities.

- f. Membership development

I have been involved in many campaigns to grow membership in my previous roles in other associations.

- g. Event Management

I have managed many company and club events over the past 30 years

- h. Sponsorship and fundraising

I have been involved in campaigns to obtain sponsorship and raise funds to support a number of associations to ensure survival.

- 7. Be an individual member of AAUS or a nominee of a corporate member.



I am a nominee of a corporate member

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Leigh Simpson

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