

## 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.**

I am keen to continue to represent AAUS in Western Australia and to contribute to the development and support of the Unmanned Systems industry and broader community.

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

I have been a Remote Pilot for over 40 years. Initially as an RC Helicopter and Gliding enthusiast where I competed at National and International level. In the mid 1980's a couple of friends and I designed and built an RC Helicopter that carried a video camera with which we did film shoots for TV commercials. I continued with developing my own video helicopters, working freelance in the film industry, taking time off from my day job as a soldier.

In the mid-1990s I had moved to Perth from Melbourne and was introduced to target drones by a friend. I have continued to fly both fixed wing and rotary wing (my design) target drones at Woomera since then, again taking leave from my day job as an electronics engineer to do so.

Then I was offered the opportunity in 2008 to join a Startup Company designing and developing fixed wing, rotary wing and multi-rotor RPAS. I finally quit my day job and started my real unmanned career. I became the Chief Remote Pilot and the Chief Remote Pilot Instructor for Cyber Technology (which eventually became ScientificAerospace) developing and working with various types of RPAS locally and overseas. I have over 2000 hours of flight time having flown over 20 types of RPA including over 500 hours of BVLOS operations, mainly for the Military.

In 2015 I created my own Company so that I could contract my capability to those that needed my extensive knowledge with RPAS operations and Remote Pilot Training. I had trained many Remote Pilots and then watched as they tried to find work or make a go of their own business. I wanted to connect Remote Pilots to Jobs and find Remote Pilots for Companies that were creating jobs.

My time as a Remote Pilot has enabled me to "give back" to the Industry as much as possible.

I delivered the first Remote Pilot Training Course for CASA in 2011 after working on the Training Development Committee with other representatives from the Unmanned Industry. I have worked on the CASA UAS Sub Committee, now the advisory panel on UAS to the CASA Aviation Safety Advisory Panel. I have also been volunteering my time to help develop training standards for Certificate III and Certificate IV for Remote Pilot with the Australian Industry Standards (AIS) Training Advisory Council.

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

As a Radio Control helicopter enthusiast, I have seen this hobby grow and grow.

I was a founding member of the Rotary Wing Club of Sydney in the early 1980s.

Then I became a founding member and President of the Melbourne Radio Control Helicopter Club and continued in that role for over ten years before I moved to Perth.

I then became a founding member of the Perth Radio Controlled Helicopter Club and the Clubs first President. I continue to hold that position.

I have been the Chairman of the MAAA RC Helicopter Sub Committee, reporting directly to the management committee.

I was appointed as a Director with UASci Ltd after working as the Chief Remote Pilot for that company for twelve months.

**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 spent twelve months as the Chief Remote Pilot of UASci Ltd before I accepted an appointment as Director, mainly because I wanted to be sure that I knew what my responsibilities would be but also to ensure that I would be able to contribute effectively. I spent a great deal of time researching the responsibilities of being a Company Director and at times was able to provide guidance and advice to other Directors and shareholders of that Company. I believe that I have good understanding of what my role and responsibilities will be as a Director of AAUS but am always ready to learn more.

**5. Sufficient time available to:**

**a. Participate in face-to-face Board meetings where Interstate travel may be required (2-3 hours)**

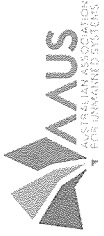
Innovaero has offered their full support and are more than willing for me to travel to attend Board meetings.

Over many years I have attended, in my own time and at my own expense, meetings with CASA, AIS and the MAAA. I have also travelled to attend AAUS Seminars on the East Coast.

Innovaero has offered Company support for my participation

**b. Respond to issues circulated between meetings**

I guarantee that my response to any issues circulated between meetings shall be well considered, effective and timely.



- c. Attend and represent AAUS at one or more major events per season (Conferences, seminars, trade shows, etc)
- I look forward to the opportunity. I would normally attend most of these events anyway. I have already volunteered my time recently to present on behalf of AAUS and have participated in the hosting of several Perth based networking events.
- d. **Serve on at least one specialised subcommittee**  
As you have seen in my previous responses, I am familiar with working on sub committees and would welcome the opportunity to continue to do so.
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**  
I am currently employed by Innovaero, a Western Australian Aerospace business. This Company is developing a range of RPAS that will be quite unique. I am responsible for the Commissioning, Flight Test and Operational Development of the Company RPAS.  
For the past 15 years I have been working in the RPAS Industry and have been the Chief Remote Pilot for six Companies so far.  
I hold a RePL which allows me to operate all weight and class categories of RPAS and I am endorsed for 12 specific RPAS types.
- b. **Maritime Autonomous System Industry**  
This is not any are of which I have any experience. I am always interested in learning more and have been keeping my mind open for possibilities in this industry.
- c. **Land-based Autonomous System Industry**  
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- d. **Government liaison & advocacy**  
I am passionate about the Unmanned Systems industry and would welcome the opportunity to provide liaison and advocacy with Local, State and Federal Government. I have a great deal of experience working with Government on sub committees and feel that I can strongly contribute in this area.
- e. **Media and communications**  
This is not one of my strong skills but I have been known to appear on television now and then providing a knowledgeable resource for Channel Nine in Perth. I have also contributed on air



to radio stations as their knowledge base responding to comments made by talk show listeners. My participation has always been calculated, reserved and precise.

**f. Membership development**

I am keen to promote the membership benefits of AAUS here in Western Australia. I don't think enough has been done yet to develop membership here in WA and would like the opportunity to work with the Board in a direction that was suitable.

Time and distance will always be issues but with modern technology AAUS should be able to manage these issues from a prospective member's perspective.

**g. Event Management**

This is not necessarily one of my stronger skills, but I have been involved several times organizing and managing State and National RC Helicopter Championships on behalf of the MAAA. I would be happy to contribute.

**h. Sponsorship and fundraising**

This is not one of my skills. I have very little experience in this area.

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

I wish to be a nominee of a Corporate Member, Innovaero.

Signature

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Paul Dewar  
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05/11/2024  
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