

## **Tony Williams**

### **Vision**

First and foremost, I want to thank the Chapter leaders of Sector I for giving me their trust over the last 15 months as I stepped into the role of Sector Director. As each of you are already very busy servant leaders for your chapters, I really appreciate your responsiveness and support as we jointly seek to improve the state of the Sector I chapters. I also want to thank the Sector Leadership team that has come together to help support the Chapters – a great team including Kevin Weinstein, Eric Belle, Renee Steinwand, Bill Scheible, Richard Matt, Rosana Stoica, and Alice Squires.



Looking back, I feel we've accomplished quite a lot. I'm especially excited about the chapters that are re-building – their growth and success benefits all Sector I chapters (and all INCOSE chapters world-wide). Our recent increased focus on member retention will directly benefit all our Sector I Chapters as this will lead to significant growth. Looking forward, I see a Sector that has highly diverse chapters, including technical focus areas, size, volunteerism, etc.

If re-elected, my goals and priorities will not change, however my objectives and strategy are now educated by 15 months in the job. I've learned that one large challenge, with a corresponding opportunity, is that our volunteer talent is spread across a large geographic area, and, as a result, many regions struggle to maintain volunteer energy. Yet, at the same time – ironically, Sector I has the greatest number of INCOSE members in the world, with about one-half of the total INCOSE population.

Thus, the challenge and opportunity for the Sector is how to better leverage our volunteer talent and energy to the benefit of the members that we serve. I don't know the exact shape of the solution, but I feel that better use of collaborative technologies (webex, telecons, Connect), increased collaboration between Chapters, and improved leveraging of INCOSE resources will all be major factors.

If you continue to place your trust in me and support my candidacy, I believe that together, we will improve the Chapter and member experience across the Americas – a huge benefit to INCOSE and to the Systems Engineering Profession.

### **Biography**

Tony joined INCOSE in 2008. He's currently serving as INCOSE Director for the Americas, after winning a mid-term election in April 2017. He's served in the local chapter in a number positions, including twice serving as Chapter President. In 2016 he led the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter to its first ever Gold Chapter Award. He's had a central role in planning the Inaugural TGCC Conference on Collaboration between SE in Oil and Gas and Aerospace, where he served as Technical Chair. Tony is an ESEP and previously served as Certification Application Reviewer. Tony is the coordinator for the Jacobs INCOSE MOA.

Tony is the Chief Engineer, Systems Engineering and Integration, at Jacobs Engineering developing flight systems for the International Space Station (ISS) and Orion Program. He also serves as Jacobs Engineering Project Manager for the Orion Ascent Abort-2 test. Previously, he was the Jacobs Project Manager for the ISS Simplified Aid for EVA Rescue (SAFER), a complex safety-critical jetpack that provides final self-rescue opportunity for a stranded astronaut who has drifted from the ISS. Prior assignments include serving as a Lecturer at the University of Houston where he taught a Master's level Systems Engineering series, and as a Senior Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton where his roles ranged from launch mission assurance studies to development of exploitation tools for multi- and hyper-spectral imagery to modeling of satellite constellation replacement needs.

Tony is a retired Colonel in the Air Force Reserve (1988-2008) including active duty tour as Chief, Space Command and Control Division and Commander, Space Operations Squadron at Air Force Space Command in 2005.