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Biography for Daryl S. Davidson Executive Director, AUVSI Foundation

In 2008, Daryl Davidson became the Executive Director of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) Foundation. The Foundation, which is a supporting organization to AUVSI, focuses on getting students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) through hands-on robotics activities. The Foundation manages one of the Navy's key K-12 outreach programs, SeaPerch as well as hosts a series of autonomous vehicle competitions that challenge students to apply their engineering skills in the development of ground, air and maritime vehicles. The educational experience students gain through the Foundation's activities help prepare them for a variety of technical fields including careers in the robotics industry.

Prior to joining the AUVSI Foundation, Mr. Davidson served as the Executive Director of AUVSI from 1996 until 2008 when he joined the Foundation. He began working for AUVSI in 1988 and served in both staff and elected positions, including a term as Trustee from 1991-1993. During his tenure as Executive Director of AUVSI, the Association's membership grew from 1,700 to more than 5,000. Corporate members tripled and the organization launched a number of new initiatives aimed at serving the entire global unmanned systems community.

From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Davidson was employed as Public Relations Coordinator for Bombardier in the company's Arlington, Virginia, UAV office. As PR Coordinator, he managed all media-related activities for the Canadair CL-227 Sentinel and CL-289 UAV systems.

In 1993, Mr. Davidson founded Davidson Public Relations, and included Bombardier and AUVSI as clients. After three years supporting AUVSI as a consultant, Mr. Davidson was offered the position of Executive Director.

Mr. Davidson holds a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Texas A&M University. He is married to Peggy Davidson, an aerospace engineer, and they have two very smart, beautiful children.

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