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Paul J. Kunder Nominated for SAE's Contributor of the Year Award

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SAE International has announced that Paul J. Kunder has been nominated as a finalist for their highest honor, the 2019 Contributor of the Year Award.

Mr. Kunder was nominated for his contribution to the SAE Aeronautic, Space & Defense Quality Standards activity, primarily in support of the development of critical documents within the G-22 Aerospace Engine Supplier Quality Committee. Their work is widely accepted by the aeronautic, space and defense industry as providing tools for continuous improvement, compliance and quality for the supply chain.

Since 2013, he has been a non-voting member of Aerospace Systems Development & Safety, Component Process and Management Systems Group, the G-22 Aerospace Engine Supplier Quality Committee.

Mr. Kunder is a two-time award winner of the International McFarland Award (2013 & 2017) by the Society of Mobility Engineering (SAE, International) for contributing to the aerospace professional development in the areas of quality, safety and risk.

About the Award

Over 60,000 people are active contributors to SAE. A committee nominates 50 of those contributor/volunteers be considered for the award as a Top Contributor. Those individuals are nominated based on their contribution and engagement across the organization. Staff look for individuals who provided valuable insight and played a key role in advancing the mobility industry through involvement in SAE activities. For example, he/she might have provided an exceptional level of support and/or leadership over an extended period or as a judge at a Collegiate Design Series. The award winner will be announced at their annual Awards Dinner Gala in Las Vegas, NV on November 16, 2019.

Who is SAE International

Their mission is to advance mobility knowledge and solutions for the benefit of humanity. SAE is the leader in connecting and educating mobility professionals to enable safe, clean, and accessible mobility solutions. With a global association of more than 128,000 engineers and related technical experts in the aerospace, automotive and commercial-vehicle industries. Their core competencies are life-long learning and voluntary consensus standards development.

History of SAE

First created in the early 1900s, this was to be a new society representing engineers in all types of mobility-related professions. SAE member Elmer Sperry actually created the term "automotive" from Greek *autos* (self), and Latin *motivus* (of motion) origins to represent any form of self-powered vehicle.

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By 1980, membership had grown to more than 35,000. For the next two decades the society, like the industries and individuals it serves, became larger, more global, more diverse, and more electronic.

SAE now creates and manages more aerospace and ground vehicle standards than any other entity in the world. One of the society's key roles has been encouraging and supporting the development of capable practitioners in the many mobility communities we serve. In an effort to promote science and mathematics literacy, and to help ensure that industries will have a qualified and more diverse pool of candidates entering the workforce.