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Paul J. Kunder Awarded 2017 SAE International McFarland Award

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SAE International has announced that Paul J. Kunder has been awarded the 2017 McFarland Award.

Mr. Kunder was recognized by this award for his contribution to the SAE Aeronautic, Space & Defense Quality Standards activity, primarily for his continued support of the AS13001/AS9117 Common Training for Delegate Product Release Verification (DPRV) activity. This supports 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 has previously been awarded the International McFarland Award (2013 by the Society of Mobility Engineering (SAE, International) for contributing to the aerospace professional development in the areas of quality, safety and risk.



*Paul J. Kunder, President, Amara-Veritas Inc., and Earl Capozzi
Supplier Quality Discipline Chief at PWA, Pratt Whitney USA*

Delegate Product Release Verification (DPRV)

In the aerospace industry, delegated product release is a process whereby a supplier has been provided the authority to act on behalf of a delegating organization to verify and release products without additional oversight from that delegating organization. Currently, each of these delegating organizations manages and conducts a unique training program for individuals responsible for their product release oversight process. For suppliers producing products for multiple delegating organizations, each must then manage the multiple training requirements. The delegating organizations, recognizing there is commonality among the various training programs, have come together to consolidate their training into a single, common training standard.

About the Award

This award recognizes individuals for their sustained outstanding contributions toward the work of the SAE technical information through professional development programs or outstanding contributions enhancing the interchanges of technical information.

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Established in 1979, this award is administered by SAE Engineering Events and honors the late Forest R. McFarland who was himself an outstanding session organizer, a chairman of the Passenger Car Activity and a member of the Engineering Meetings Board. Funding for this award is through a bequest by McFarland to SAE and consists of a framed certificate presented at an appropriate event.

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.

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.