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Place of Birth: Kankakee, Illinois (USA)

Current Residence: Madison, Wisconsin (USA)

Domain: Medical, telecommunications, consumer, aerospace

Years in systems engineering: 35+

Year joined INCOSE: 1991

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Roles in INCOSE: Founding member, Integration Community of Practice chair, Commercial Practices Working Group former chair, Phoenix Arizona Chapter co-founder/treasurer, Chicagoland Chapter Honorary Fellow/founding member/former board member, regular INCOSE speaker/moderator, including Technical Operations webinars (coming up: June 17, “Unleash the Engineers”)

How did you become a founding member of INCOSE?

My entire career has revolved around system level decision making, so somehow systems engineering just seemed to “make sense” to me. When I heard about INCOSE starting up in 1991 it was love at first sight.

Tell us a little bit about your first INCOSE conference.

In 1991 at the first conference in Chattanooga, the energy level was contagious. Everyone was passionate about launching the society; everyone was certain we would make the world a better place by doing so; and by sheer determination, a huge number of barriers were overcome.

It is humbling to realize that the entire INCOSE group from that conference would fit comfortably in any one of the session rooms we now use for the INCOSE International Symposium – a powerful reminder that any dream you care strongly enough about can become reality with the right associates.

What are your goals as chair of the Integration Community of Practice for INCOSE, the Project Management Institute and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Consortium for Engineering Program Excellence?

I’m honored to represent INCOSE within the alliance, and my primary role is to facilitate the flow of information to and from INCOSE. In addition to completing the current book project that will share key findings from the INCOSE / PMI / MIT research on project management and systems engineering integration, I see the alliance as a great vehicle for bringing the systems engineering message to a much wider potential audience. It’s a great resource for helping INCOSE achieve the [Vision 2025](#).

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