Donald R. Davidson Jr.

Potential Vice Chair of
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Don Davidson is Director, Cyber-SCRM (Supply Chain Risk Management) Programs at Synopsys, where he helped stand-up a new Chief Security Office (CSO) in the Office of the President. He is active in several NDIA Divisions. Synopsys is an active NDIA member and the Synopsys CSO (Davidson's boss) is on the NDIA BoD. Synopsys does not do much contract work directly with DoD, but we do support 80+% of the Defense Industrial Base (DIB). Synopsys provides hardware & software information technology enabling capabilities, that are changing the way we live, work, play & conduct military operations. ICT/Cyber-SCRM is not just a US challenge; it is a global challenge and we need to work with our international partners and allies to best support our militaries.

He retired from the US Department of Defense (DoD) in Jan 2019 with over 44 years of Federal Service (to include 11 years as an active-duty US Army Field Artillery Officer). He served his last 15 years in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (in both AT&L & DoD-CIO), often leading public-private Outreach, Science & Standards activities; he co-sponsored, planned and executed quarterly public-private Software & Supply Chain Assurance (SSCA) 2-3 day Conferences at MITRE for 10 years, with attendance of 100-200 people per event from industry, academia, US government (DoD & interagency) and international partners.

He served 5 years on the US Army Staff in the Office of Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for International Affairs, where he was the US National Standardization Officer (US-NSO) leading US participation in the American, British, Canadian & Australian Armies' (ABCA) Program, to include annual 4-star level ABCA meetings, bi-annual ABCA Exercises and US participation in 16 ABCA Functional Capabilities WGs. His office processed all NATO STANAGS & ABCA QSTAGS for the US Army; his office received the US Defense Standardization Office award under his tenure. He planned US hosting of the NATO Military Agency for Standardization's Army-Away-Board for first time in 50 years in Washington DC.

He has participated in a wide variety of USG and commercial bi-lateral and multi-lateral activities. He has participated in almost all annual COMDEF Conferences in Wash DC for the last 20+ years, occasionally speaking there. He is North American Advisor to the EU's Global Forum (ITEMS) for a Digital Future; he has helped plan and has spoken at several of their annual events. He has presented at a Wash DC Defense Attaches' Luncheon.

He is active today developing, leading and representing US positions in IEEE/ISO standardization processes. He contributed to and is quoted in the 2019 National Science & Technology Advisory Committee's *"NSTAC Report to the President on Advancing Resiliency and Fostering Innovation in the Information and Communications Technology Ecosystem";* he is currently nominated to be a member of the Department of Commerce / Bureau of Industry Security's *Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee* (ISTAC).

He has lived in both Japan & Germany (3 years each).

EDUCATION
• US National War College / National Defense University, @ Ft McNair, Washington DC US
Master's Degree- 6/2004, Major: National Security Affairs, Minor: Information Resources Mgt
• United States Military Academy (USMA), @ West Point, NY US
Bachelor's Degree- 6/1978, Major: Engineering

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
• Graduate of OPM's Leadership for a Democratic Society (#442) at Federal Executive Institute (FEI) 2018
• Graduate of Defense Leadership & Management Program (DLAMP) May 2008.
• Graduate of LOGTECH at Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC (2007).
• Graduate of Executive Leadership 1&2 (2005 Brookings Institute).