



BIOGRAPHY



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Frank A. Slazer is the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) Vice President, Space Systems with responsibilities for all space related issues for the organization. His 30 year career has involved working on a wide range of civil and military space programs for a number of major aerospace companies including Northrop Grumman, the United Launch Alliance and Boeing.

He began his career as a propulsion engineer at McDonnell Douglas on the Delta Launch Vehicle in Huntington Beach, CA. Over the years, he held positions of increasing responsibility and transitioned from engineering to business development in 1986. In 1988, he was chosen by McDonnell Douglas to participate in the Conference Board/Brookings Institution Congressional Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C. After a year of working for North Dakota Congressman Byron Dorgan (who was later elected to the Senate), he moved to the McDonnell Douglas Washington office where, for six years, he was the company's principal representative on NASA's Space Station program.

In 1996 he relocated back to Huntington Beach when he was named Director of Business Development for Space Flight programs. In 1997, he was named Director, EELV/Delta IV Business Development – a position he retained following McDonnell Douglas' merger with Boeing. In 1998, after Boeing's EELV contract award, he headed USAF/DOD Sales in the new Delta Launch Services organization until 2001 when he was chosen to lead Boeing's Space Shuttle Business Development organization. In 2003, he transitioned back to lead civil space business development for Boeing Launch Services. He continued leading civil space sales after the formation of the United Launch Alliance joint venture between Boeing and Lockheed Martin until February 2008.

Prior to joining AIA in March 2011, for more than two years, he was the leading business development focal at Northrop Grumman in support of its space exploration and re-usable space launch new business pursuits.

In addition to his responsibilities with his corporate employers, Frank has been President of the American Astronautical Society since 2007. His involvement with AIA's Space Council goes back to 1992 which he chaired in 2001 and 2002. His education includes both a BS in Aerospace Engineering and a BA in Political Science from Syracuse University, and an MBA from the Paul Merage School of Business at the University of California, Irvine.