



CONFERS

FOSTERING THE SATELLITE SERVICING INDUSTRY

*...the independent non-profit global trade association
developing industry-led recommendations for
voluntary consensus standards and
guiding international policies for satellite servicing that
contribute to a sustainable, safe, and diverse space **economy***

About CONFERS

History

The Consortium for Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing Operations (CONFERS) was created by DARPA in October 2017. In October 2022, CONFERS, the independent 501(c)(6) global trade association fostering the satellite servicing industry, was founded.

Dues-based membership is open to participation by stakeholders from the global In-space Servicing, Assembly, and Manufacturing (ISAM), On-Orbit Servicing (OOS) and Rendezvous and Proximity Operations (RPO) community, including supplier and client companies, universities, government agencies and non-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

CONFERS Vision and Mission

Vision: Servicing empowering a robust space economy.

Mission: Develop industry-led recommendations for standards and guide international policies for servicing that contribute to a sustainable, safe, and diverse space economy.

CONFERS Primary Objectives

- Advocating and promoting satellite servicing, *including but not limited to* maintenance, repair, assembly, manufacturing, and inspection within the space domain extending from low-Earth orbit (LEO) to cislunar orbit and beyond.
- Developing industry-led recommendations for voluntary consensus standards (VCSs) that contribute to a sustainable, safe, and diverse space economy.
- Engaging with global governmental legislative and regulatory bodies on policies and oversight of satellite servicing activities.

CONFERS Leader Volunteers

CONFERS is governed by an international nine-member Board of Directors and a four-member Executive Committee:

- Joerg Kreisel, CONFERS President, iBOSS GmbH, iBOSS.space US LLC
- David Barnhart, CONFERS Vice President, Arkisys, Inc.
- Tahara Dawkins, CONFERS Treasurer, Astroscale U.S.
- Jon Beam, CONFERS Secretary, Rogue Space Systems Corporation
- Chris Blackerby, CONFERS Immediate Past President, Astroscale Holdings
- Joseph Anderson, Director Space Logistics, LLC
- Catherine Doldirina, Director, D-Orbit
- Victor Nifo, Director, MDA Space
- Vadym Vasyliiev Director, Kurs Orbital, Srl.
- Brian Weeden, CONFERS Director, The Aerospace Corporation
- Brian K. Lagana, CONFERS Executive Director

"Future space infrastructure and logistics will be based on modular architectures and in-space servicing, assembly and manufacturing (ISAM) to increase mission flexibility and overall space sustainability. Enabling factors will be co-operative design, building block approaches and interfaces with standards for both technology and operations to pave the way for a circular space economy.

This will lead to entirely new mission architectures, system designs, operational concepts and business models, and the involvement of new players across the entire spectrum of space industrialization."

Joerg Kreisel, CONFERS President; Chairman+Co-Founder, iBOSS; CEO, JKIC (April 2025)

CONFERS Committees, Task Forces and Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

CONFERS activities are planned and executed by volunteer members serving on Committees, Task Forces and Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Participation by CONFERS members is strongly encouraged, and is a significant benefit to membership. There is no limit to the number of individuals that a CONFERS member company may have serving on Committees or Task Forces.

CONFERS Communications Committee (CCC) is responsible for driving communications and outreach to members, potential customers, and the general public.

Co-chair: Dave Hebert, Astroscale U.S.

CONFERS Policy Committee (CPC) is responsible for informing policy positions and government engagement.

Co-chairs: Tahara Dawkins, Astroscale U.S.; Brian Weeden, The Aerospace Corporation

CONFERS Technical Committee (CTC) is responsible for advancing technical development of CONFERS best practices and recommendations for voluntary consensus standards, as well as maintenance and continued development of the CONFERS Lexicon and Terminology.

Co-chairs: Stephen Leete, Northrup Grumman; Victor Nifo, MDA Space

The Technical Committee's Task Forces have contributed to multiple standards related to satellite servicing:

- *ISO 24330 Rendezvous and Proximity Operations (RPO) and On Orbit Servicing (OOS) – Programmatic Principles and Practices (Status: Published July 2022)*
- *ANSI/AIAA S-157-2025 RPO-OOS In-Space Storable Fluid Transfer Interfaces (Status: Published February 2025)*
- *AIAA S-155 (202X) RPO-OOS Spacecraft Fiducial Markers* (in AIAA's standards development process)
- *AIAA S-158 RPO-OOS Prepared Free-Flyer Capture and Release* (in AIAA's standards development process)
- *AIAA S-159 Recommendations for Best Practices, Functional Requirements, and Norms for In-space Servicing, Assembly, and Manufacturing (ISAM) Power and Data Interfaces* (in AIAA's standards development process)

Technical Committee Task Forces

Active Debris Remediation (ADR) Task Force is developing recommendations for technical standards for active debris remediation/removal associated with commercial In-space Servicing, Assembly and Manufacturing (ISAM) for operations in low-Earth orbit (LEO) to cislunar and beyond.

Chair: Anne A. Bennett, Northrop Grumman Corporation

AI and Autonomy for ISAM Task Force is developing recommendations for technical standards related to use of trusted artificial intelligence/machine learning in commercial ISAM for operations in LEO to cislunar and beyond.

Chair: Meera Day Towler, Southwest Research Institute (SwRI)

Cryogenic Fluids Transfer Task Force has developed recommendations for on-orbit cryogenic refueling standards.

The draft recommendations are going through CONFERS internal review process before being sent on to an SDO.

Chair: Dallas Bienhoff, Off-World, Inc.

Interoperability Task Force is developing recommendations for commercial standards for interfaces useful for ISAM.

Co-chairs: Noah Gladden, Arkisys, Inc. and Shannon Zirbel, The Aerospace Corporation

RPO Safety Task Force is developing recommendations for technical standards related to RPO safety in commercial ISAM for operations in LEO to cislunar and beyond.

Co-Chairs: David Barnhart and Rahul Rughani, Arkisys, Inc.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Circular Space Economy SIG is designed as a standing, community-driven forum to explore the opportunities, challenges, and pathways of circularity in space.

Co-Chairs: Jon Beam, Rogue Space Systems Corporation; Kyle Cybul, Clean Orbit Foundation

Why Belong to CONFERS

- **Networking opportunities** with members, government officials, and the international community.
- **Members-only educational and informational webinars** throughout the year providing exclusive access to thought leaders from government, industry, academia, and non-profit organizations.
- **Annual in-person educational and networking events.**
- **Business enhancement** opportunities.
- **Participation in developing recommendations** for voluntary consensus standards and policies impacting the global industry through active engagement in CONFERS Committees, Task Forces, and Special Interest Groups.
- **Organizational leadership opportunities** on the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Committees, Task Forces and Special Interest Groups (SIGs).
- **CONFERS digital newsletter and other multi-media products** promoting members and delivering the latest industry news, information, and original content.
- Membership provides pathways for small and non-traditional companies to **identify opportunities and establish relationships** with government, other CONFERS members, and the international community.

CONFERS Membership

CONFERS offers eight levels of membership:

Sustaining Member: eligible to serve on the CONFERS Board; voting rights to forward draft standards and other CONFERS publications to the Board for final approval and internal decisions made at the annual General Assembly; participation in CONFERS Committees and Task Forces, workshops and other CONFERS members-only events and activities; and, access to members-only content and services.

Annual dues: \$6,050/prorated to \$3,025 from July 1.

Contributing Member: voting rights to forward draft standards and other CONFERS publications to the Board for final approval and internal decisions made at the annual members General Assembly; participation in CONFERS Committees and Task Forces, in-person and virtual workshops, and other CONFERS members-only events and activities; and, access to members-only content and services.

Annual dues: \$2,420/prorated to \$1,210 from July 1.

Observer Member: participation in CONFERS Committees and Task Forces, in-person and virtual workshops, and other CONFERS members-only events and activities, and access to members-only content and services.

Annual dues: \$1,210/prorated to \$605 from July 1.

Government Observer Member: participation in CONFERS Committees and Task Forces, in-person and virtual workshops, and other CONFERS members-only content, events and activities.

Annual dues: there is no fee for Government Observer membership.

CONFERS also offers a two-year reduced membership dues program for start-up companies meeting certain criteria; Associate Membership, and Student Membership. Contact Brian Lagana, CONFERS Executive Director, for additional information.

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Government Observer [Non-Member]

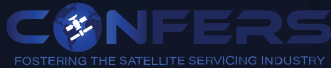
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

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CONFERS Patrons Program is a year-long, multi-tiered partnership that delivers quality business opportunities to showcase *your* company's products and services; raise its profile within the industry and with current and future clients; and, distinguish it as a company committed to advancing the satellite servicing industry, and contributing to a **sustainable**, **safe**, and **diverse** space economy.

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Supporting the global trade association that supports the satellite servicing industry...every day of the year!



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