

AIAA SATC Vice Chair Election (2022-2024) Election Statement

Michel Lacerda

My name is Michel Lacerda, I am an Electrical Engineer with 16 years of experience in Systems Design and Safety for Aerospace Systems. A graduate from Georgia Tech, I am currently working at the same institution with Safety Systems for Space Architectures. Currently contributing as a AIAA ASCEND Topic Admin for Space Architectures 2020-2022, I want to be the SATC Vice Chair from May 2022 – Apr 2024 and then Chair from May 2024 – Apr 2026. My main goal during this period will be to support Sandra Hauplik-Meusburger with the TC tasks, goals, events, and expansion, as we put ourselves forward as a fundamental AIAA Technical Group for the next several years. As a Chair, based on the learning curve by assisting Sandra, I will push our Committee to keep excelling internationally, maintaining the technical rigor, a cohesive membership and promoting an environment that empowers people. That includes contributing to the main events, expanding membership, promoting technical content, workshops, organizing networking opportunities, and engaging technical speakers sought by the community. Given the Space Exploration momentum (governmental and commercial) that we participate in, it is mandatory that our Technical Committee establishes itself as a main technological driver and catalyst for planned and future space endeavors.