Dr. Kevin Michaels: Managing Director • AeroDynamic Advisory

Dr. Kevin Michaels is Managing Director of AeroDynamic Advisory, a specialty consulting firm focused on the global aerospace and aviation industries. His 32 years of aviation experience includes hundreds of consulting engagements for leading aviation and aerospace companies across the globe. Dr. Michaels is a globally recognized expert in the aerospace manufacturing and MRO sectors and also has significant expertise in business-to-business marketing, customer satisfaction, M&A advisory, technology assessment, cluster development and strategic planning. His experience spans all major market segments including air transport, business & general aviation and military. Previously, he was a VP with ICF’s Aerospace & MRO consulting practice, was a co-founder and partner with AeroStrategy until its acquisition by ICF. Prior to that, he was Director, Strategic Development with Rockwell Collins Government Systems, and Principal with The Canaan Group, an aerospace consultancy. Dr. Michaels began his career as a project engineer with aeroengine supplier Williams International. His Bachelor’s degree in Aerospace Engineering, an MBA degree, was obtained from the University of Michigan, and MSc and PhD degrees in International Relations from the London School of Economics.

Erik Zahn: Supply Chain Strategy Integration Leader • Boeing Commercial Airplanes

Mr. Erik Zahn is responsible for managing the supply chain strategy development process for Boeing Commercial Airplanes and integrating with other business units. Mr. Zahn has been with Boeing for 21 years, previously holding a variety of positions including Structures and Electrical Manufacturing Engineering, Product Development Operations, Sales and Marketing, and Strategy. Prior to Boeing, he served in the US Navy Submarine Service in the Nuclear Propulsion field. Mr. Zahn holds a Bachelor’s degree in Nuclear Engineering Technology.

Abby Lilly: Vice President, Supply Chain • Eaton Aerospace

Ms. Abby Lilly has overall purchasing responsibility for 21 plants around the world. With over 20 years of experience in the aerospace industry, she has held positions of increasing responsibility in supply chain management, customer management and program management throughout her career. Prior to Eaton Aerospace, she was the Vice President of Supply Chain for GKN Aerospace North America. In this position, she had purchasing responsibility for 14 plants in North America and also was a member of the management team that performed the due diligence on the Volvo Aerospace acquisition. Prior to GKN, she held a number of leadership positions with Rolls-Royce North America. Ms. Lilly holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance/Business Administration from Butler University, a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Engineering from Purdue University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee.

Trevor Stansbury: Chief Executive Officer • Supply Dynamics

Mr. Trevor Stansbury is the founder and CEO of Supply Dynamics and is a subject matter expert on the adoption of “digital thread” and predictive analytic solutions in the extended supply chain. For the last 16 years, he has pioneered digital transformations at some of the largest manufacturing companies in the world including such companies as General Electric, Westinghouse, United Technologies and many others. Mr. Stansbury and his team help OEMs collaborate with Tier 1-Tier N suppliers on the timely purchase and supply of metals, plastics, electronic components and other raw materials in highly distributed manufacturing environments to lower cost, standardize materials and improve operational performance. Prior operating executive roles include: Director of International Programs & Risk/Revenue Sharing Programs at Honeywell and President of a trading company established by McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing Helicopter). Mr. Stansbury holds Executive Certificates in Artificial Intelligence and Strategy & Innovation from MIT Sloan School of Management and an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.
Doug Hilderhoff: Principal Analyst, Head of NA Aluminum • CRU Group

Mr. Hilderhoff joined CRU as the Head of North American Aluminum Analysis in 2017 with responsibilities encompassing the entire aluminum value chain. Having spent the prior eleven years of his career at Alcoa, he draws upon this extensive industry experience to provide key market insights via CRU's aluminum publications and intimate client interaction, and is a regular speaker at industry events. Mr. Hilderhoff holds a degree in Management Information Systems from Penn State University and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh.

Peter Zimm: Principal • Charles Edwards Management Consulting

Mr. Peter Zimm leads strategy, market positioning, and operations improvement consulting projects for aerospace companies. A Principal for aerospace-focused management consulting firm Charles Edwards, he has delivered scores of projects for OEMs, Tier 1s, sub-tier suppliers, and raw materials companies across the world. Mr. Zimm is an internationally-recognized market expert in aerospace raw materials, aircraft components, manufacturing process technologies, and aircraft emissions. Prior to joining Charles Edwards, he was a Principal at ICF Aviation's Aerospace & MRO practice. He began his career at Timken Aerospace where he held various business development, marketing, and sales management positions and co-architected the company's aftermarket entry strategy. Mr. Zimm has a Masters in Business Administration from Boston University and a Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College.

Molly Carter: Manager, Marketing • PCC Metals Group

Ms. Molly Carter, Manager for Marketing at PCC Metals Group, is responsible for market intelligence and forecasting for both nickel and titanium markets. Ms. Carter first joined TIMET in 2012, and in 2016, with the forming of the PCC Metals Group (which joins TIMET with SMC) expanded her role to include nickel markets. Two years later, the PCC Energy Group which focuses on Oil & Gas markets, was added to her responsibilities. Ms. Carter holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from North Carolina State University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Drexel University.

Markus A. Moll: Managing Director & Senior Market Analyst • SMR

Mr. Markus A. Moll is Managing Director and Senior Market Analyst at SMR - Steel & Metals Market Research and provides market intelligence in the form of single and multi-client studies to the specialty steel industry in Europe, the USA and Asia. SMR currently employs thirteen people and is located in Reutte county of Tyrol – in the “Heart of the Austrian Alps” – a perfect location to monitor the Global Specialty Steel Market. Prior to SMR, he spent five years as a market analyst with a German market research firm, focusing on stainless steel long products and nickel alloys. Mr. Moll holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Economics from University of Innsbruck in Germany.
Cliff Collier: Principal • Charles Edwards Management Consulting

Mr. Cliff Collier is a seasoned executive leading Charles Edwards’ Operations & Supply Chain (OSC) activities, helping aerospace companies assess and realize cost and efficiency improvements and also leads operations due diligence projects. Mr. Collier has 30 years of experience in Supply Chain, IT and Human Resources management from Vought Aircraft Industries and Triumph Aerostructures where he was responsible for $2B of annual spend. During this tenure, Cliff led a complete restructuring of company benefit plans (including union workforce), rescued a failed SAP implementation, and created a cross-company corporate procurement organization in a highly decentralized aerospace company. He is particularly skilled in turnaround and start-up operations, communicating change and getting buy in from the relevant stakeholders, and has successfully managed both large and small organizations. Mr. Collier holds a Masters degree in Economics and a BA in Economics both from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Gary Weissel: Managing Officer • Tronos Aviation Consulting

Mr. Gary Weissel’s aviation industry career spans 29 years. Prior to starting Tronos Aviation Consulting, he spent 14 years at ICF International with his last position there as co-Managing Officer of the firm’s Aviation and Aerospace Practice. Mr. Weissel has also held positions in program management, engineering and interiors at B/E Aerospace and Delta Air Lines. Being a regular speaker at industry conferences, he also guest lectures at the Georgia Institute of Technology School of Aerospace Engineering. Mr. Weissel holds a Bachelor’s degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and is an FAA licensed pilot.

Greg Himstead: VP, Sales & Marketing Operations • Titanium Industries

Mr. Greg Himstead leads the sales and warehouse operations teams around the world with 28 years of experience in the high-performance metals industry and has worked for upstream mill producers, as well as downstream distribution service providers with titles ranging from General Manager, Director, Vice President, to Chief Sales Officer. Mr. Himstead has effectively lead Key Account Management teams in support of leading aerospace OEM’s such as Bombardier, Boeing, Gulfstream, and Honeywell; he integrates global, regional, and local strategies in negotiating long-term agreements then skillfully ramps and maintains best value supply chain solutions for customers which combine real time KPI’s with active program management methodologies. Mr. Himstead is a lifelong learner with an MBA in Finance and Bachelor's degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Physics.

Klaus Mueller: Principal • KMue Consult

Mr. Klaus Mueller has about 29 years of experience as a senior executive in multi-billion dollar aerospace firms and actively managing several multi-million projects during his tenure. Currently, he is Senior Consultant of AeroDynamic Advisory in the US and Bionic Production AG, a boutique consultancy for Additive Manufacturing printing and service provider. Mr. Mueller is cooperating as Senior Advisor for Fraunhofer IAPT, the leading Additive Manufacturing institute in Germany. Prior to founding KMue Consult, he was Senior VP of Corporate Development at MTU Aero Engines, where he developed the strategy and headed all M&A activities of the corporate group. In his role, he was also responsible for business development in China and the Market Intelligence Group. Previously, he headed the Market Intelligence Group at Lufthansa Technik, where he also served in the Business Development, Marketing and Strategy functions. Mr. Mueller holds a Master's degree in Business and Mechanical Engineering from TU Darmstadt.
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Bryan D. Perkins: Chief Executive Officer & Co-founder • Novaria Group

Mr. Bryan D. Perkins is Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of Novaria Group, a private company of networked aerospace suppliers, with over 15 years of aerospace manufacturing experience, during which he has held a number of key leadership positions. His aerospace career began with Parker Hannifin, where he was able to gain a perspective across a variety of industry platforms. As his career progressed, he led the strategy and emerging technologies practice within Parker, which led to the initial development of unique technologies, including the development of advanced aircraft fuel cell systems with Airbus. Also, he was responsible for coordinating financial planning and analysis with numerous divisions to develop long-range acquisition pipelines and actively monitor deal flow and the M&A process. In 2011, he and his partner, Earl Larkin, founded Novaria Group to begin a deliberate focus on building a world-class aerospace company, strengthened by a set of complementary capabilities and unique perspectives. Mr. Perkins holds an MBA with an emphasis in Strategy and Corporate Finance, and a Bachelor’s degree from Texas Christian University.

Peter J. Wazlawek: VP, Supply Chain • PCC Aerospace Components & Metals

Mr. Peter Wazlawek joined Precision Castparts in November 2012 and is the Vice President of Global Supply Chain Management. In this capacity, he is responsible for all aspects of Supply Chain performance for the Aerospace Components and Metals segments, managing over $3B in spend at 100+ international sites. Prior to this assignment, he was employed with GKN Aerospace where he was Vice President of Programs and Vice President of Supply Chain Management for the North American operations. Formerly, he was employed as Materials and Inventory Director by Emerson Climate Technologies and as Strategic Sourcing Director for Harbour Group Ltd. Earlier in his career, he held progressively challenging engineering assignments, including business start-ups in Mexico, China, Taiwan, Brazil, India, Spain and Poland. Mr. Wazlawek holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Webster University and a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from Missouri University for Science and Technology. Mr. Wazlawek holds a Professional Engineering License in the State of Missouri and was recognized as the Engineer of the Year in 2000 by The Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Jürgen Funke: Chief Executive Officer - North America • thyssenkrupp Aerospace

Mr. Jürgen Funke began his career in 1994 when he joined Thyssen Industries AG in Germany as Internal Audit Executive. After two years, he was appointed Director of Mergers and Acquisitions for Thyssen Handelsunion AG group. His success in the field earned him an assignment with the group’s North American subsidiary Thyssen Inc., NA, where he initially served as VP of Corporate Finance. In May 1997, following the formation of TMX, Inc., a non-ferrous metals and plastics distribution unit of Thyssen Inc., NA, he was appointed Senior VP and CFO for TMX. Mr. Funke was responsible for all aspects of financial management, accounting and operational controlling of the TMX business units. In 2002, he was appointed President of TMX Aerospace, a division of Thyssen Inc., NA. TMX Aerospace is now part of thyssenkrupp Aerospace North America headquartered in Kent, Washington. Over the past two decades, he has grown the aerospace organization for the thyssenkrupp group to one of the largest service providers of aerospace materials and supply chain solutions to commercial OEMs around the globe.

Don Myers: Director, Aerospace Sales & Marketing • Toray Composite Materials America

Mr. Don Myers has been with Toray Composite Materials America since 2010 and is responsible for leading the management of their commercial aerospace unit. His primary roles include the integration of new aerospace programs, long range business planning and marketing strategies in the aerospace sector, as well as global customer support strategy. Mr. Myers has led the team responsible for developing the architecture to support Toray’s global prepreg demand in the Boeing Commercial Aircraft programs. Prior to joining Toray Composites (America), Inc., he worked in the corporate and general aviation industry as a source consultant and in rotary and fixed wing acquisitions. Mr. Myers is a prior military aviator and has extensive experience in commercial, military, and corporate aircraft operations, sales and finance, supply chain management, and Federal Aviation Regulations. Mr. Myers holds a Bachelor’s degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and has also completed Advanced Certifications for Senior Executives at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.