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Five of Boeing's senior executives today received Fellowships of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the organisation's highest grade of membership.

Jim Albaugh, John Hayhurst, George Muellner, and Mike Sears and Mo Yahyavi have all been recognised as having made an outstanding contribution to the aerospace industry. The awards were announced at the Farnborough Air Show.

Each of the Boeing recipients holds senior positions within the company. Jim Albaugh is president and CEO of the newly created Boeing Integrated Defense Systems; John Hayhurst is president of Air Traffic Management; George Muellner is vice president -- general manager of Air Force Systems for Integrated Defense Systems; Mike Sears is Chief Financial Officer and Office of the Chairman and Mo Yahyavi is vice president-general manager of propulsion systems for Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

The Society's President, Lee Balthazor, said: "I am delighted to be presenting these Fellowships to Jim Albaugh, John Hayhurst, George Muellner, Mike Sears and Mo Yahyavi for their phenomenal contributions across a wide range of aerospace disciplines. These awards reflect the Society's commitment to promoting the highest standards of professionalism throughout the industry."

Mike Sears said: "On behalf of all of us who have the honour of receiving these acclaimed Fellowships, I would like to thank the Royal Aeronautical Society. These awards are a reflection of the increasingly global dimensions of The Boeing Company. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to develop and build on our global relationships."

The Royal Aeronautical Society is the world's foremost aerospace society, with over 18,000 members in over 100 countries. It was established to promote the highest professional standards in all aerospace disciplines and to play a leading role in influencing industry opinion. Its membership is open to aerospace professionals from all fields including military, civil, general aviation of manufacturing.

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