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## **AAAI members elect new President-Elect & Executive Councilors**

**MENLO PARK, CA. – July 13, 2005.** The American Association for Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), the nation's scientific AI society, announces the new President-Elect and Executive Councilors elected by the society's membership. Eric Horvitz of Microsoft Research has been elected AAAI President-Elect and will become President in 2007 for a two-year term. Horvitz joins President Alan MacWorth, University of British Columbia, and Ron Brachman, immediate Past President, on the presidential team. Tom Mitchell of Carnegie Mellon University completes his six years of service to AAAI.

The newly elected Councilors include:

Maria Gini, University of Minnesota  
Kevin Knight, USC/Information Sciences Institute  
Peter Stone, University of Texas at Austin  
Sebastian Thrun, Stanford University

Councilors serve a three year term, and one-third of the council rotates off each year. Other Council members include:

*(through 2006):*

Steve Chien, JPL / California Institute of Technology  
Yolanda Gil, USC / ISI  
Haym Hirsh, University of Rutgers  
Andrew Moore, Carnegie Mellon University

*(through 2007):*

Oren Etzioni, University of Washington  
Lise Getoor, University of Maryland, College Park  
Karen Myers, SRI International  
Illah Nourbakhsh, NASA Ames Research Center / Carnegie Mellon University

Councilors who complete their three years of service this year include:

Carla Gomes, Cornell University  
Michael Littman, Rutgers University  
Maja Mataric, University of Southern California  
Yoav Shoham, Stanford University

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“We are very grateful to Tom Mitchell and to these retiring Councilors who have given – and continue to give -- so generously of their time and talents to the organization,” says Carol Hamilton, AAAI Executive Director.

**About AAAI**

Founded in 1979, the American Association for Artificial Intelligence ([www.aaai.org](http://www.aaai.org)) is a nonprofit scientific membership society devoted to advancing the science and practice of AI. Its mission is to: (1) advance the scientific understanding of the mechanisms underlying intelligent thought and behavior, (2) facilitate their embodiment in machines, (3) serve as an information resource for research planners and the general public concerning trends in AI, and (4) offer training for the current and coming generations of AI researchers and practitioners. The Association has sponsored an annual conference, regarded as the premier gathering in the field, since 1980.

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