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1975 to 1977, he supervised research programs in turbomachinery noise and acoustic lining technology. In 1978, he became Chief of Noise Technology Integration and Computing. His current responsibilities include all aspects of community and cabin noise technology of Boeing's future aircraft, such as the 7J7 and supersonic cruise transports.

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Dr. Nagabhushan is interested in all types of aircraft systems and associated flight mechanics and control technologies. He has authored over 40 technical papers and articles in archival journals. He has received many Engineering Awards for Technical Achievement at Goodyear and holds several patents in the U.S. and Europe. He is an Associate Fellow of AIAA and a member of the American Helicopter Society.

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Thomas M. Weeks completed his degree work at Syracuse University, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering in 1965. He entered active commissioned service that year, assigned to the Air Force Flight Dynamics Lab at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. His initial work was in the area of electrogasdynamics at the nearly completed 50 MW facility. In 1968, he separated from the Air Force but remained at the same location working as a civilian.

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