

Progress Continues

New staff and emerging robot business and community leaders continue to pull us together and make plans for an exciting new year in the Pittsburgh robotics community.

For any Pittsburgh-based robotics company or organization, keep watch for a membership registration request coming soon. You are a member of the Pittsburgh Robotics Network (PRN) free of charge - NO COST to your organization. You must, however, register with the PRN to receive member benefits.

We are also busy planning new events and activities for all PRN stakeholders. Be sure to join us for our new Business Spotlight webinar series starting next week (see below) and look out for our Talent Features Series that aims to highlight what it means to work for a Pittsburgh robotics company (starting first with PRN Sponsor Argo AI). We also look forward to coming back together in the Fall with in-person events.

Hope to (really) see you soon. It's long overdue.

Sincerely,

Joel Reed
Executive Director

Robotics Business Spotlight

Featuring Jim Rock, CEO of Seegrid

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FEATURING
JIM ROCK
 Chief Executive Officer
Seegrid Corporation

INTERVIEWED BY
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BEA Inc

Event Host  Pittsburgh Robotics Network

Tues, May 25
12pm EDT

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Join us Tuesday, May 25th at 12 PM ET for an exciting discussion featuring Jim Rock, CEO of [Seegrid](#), as he is interviewed by Tim Chiappetta, VP of Business Development at [BEA Sensors](#). As the CEO of Seegrid, Jim Rock has led the organization through tremendous growth despite uncertainty caused by the pandemic. In the past year, Seegrid transitioned to a remote-first work environment, increased its staff by more than 40%, doubled its revenue year-over-year for the second consecutive year, closed a \$52M growth equity financing round, and acquired a robotics technology company.

In this discussion, we will explore commercialization strategies, customer success approaches, lessons learned, and more! Thank you to our event sponsor BEA Sensors.

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Call For Abstracts – NextGen Supply Chain Conference 2021



The NextGen Supply Chain Conference 2021 is now accepting speaking abstracts! The event will take place virtually November 2-4 and is seeking experts to lead discussions on robotics, AI, smart manufacturing, and more. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 16, 2021. [Submit an abstract here.](#)

Joel Reed for the Pittsburgh Region: Everyday Robots



"If you are worried about the robot apocalypse, visit Pittsburgh. Few cities in the world match the scale of intelligent machines blending seamlessly into our daily lives." Joel Reed, PRN Executive Director, guest wrote a blog post for the Pittsburgh Region discussing how the city's robotics ecosystem makes the region a better place to live and how these robotics are used across the world. [Read more here.](#)

Vote for Bloomfield Robotics to Win the 2021 Forbes THRIVE Demo Day People's Choice Award



Bloomfield Robotics is among the 12 startups competing in the prestigious [Forbes THRIVE Demo Day](#). Bloomfield Robotics was selected from a global pool of almost 700 applicants and will compete live for startup funding. You can help Bloomfield Robotics win the People's Choice award by voting for them by June 4, 2021. [Vote for Bloomfield Robotics here!](#)

Volkswagen Partners with Argo AI for Autonomous Vehicle Tests



Volkswagen will begin testing its first autonomous commercial vehicles this summer in Munich, Germany in a new partnership with Pittsburgh-based Argo AI. The autonomous vans use lidar, radar, and cameras by Argo AI to support Level 4 autonomous driving. [Learn more here.](#)

Carnegie Robotics' Autonomous Disinfection Solution in Use at PPG Paints Arena



You've seen them deployed at the Pittsburgh International Airport, now Carnegie Robotics' autonomous UV floor scrubbers, essentially self-driving robots that clean floors in an ultra-efficient manner, will be used at PPG Arena in preparation for Pittsburgh Penguins games. "We're in the business of continuing to open the world's eyes to Pittsburgh and to our cutting-edge technology, robotics, and AI. What better way to do that than via a partnership with the best?" - Mike Embrescia, Chief Development Officer for Carnegie Robotics. [Learn more here.](#)

Dr. Jared Glover Selected as First ARM Institute Fellow



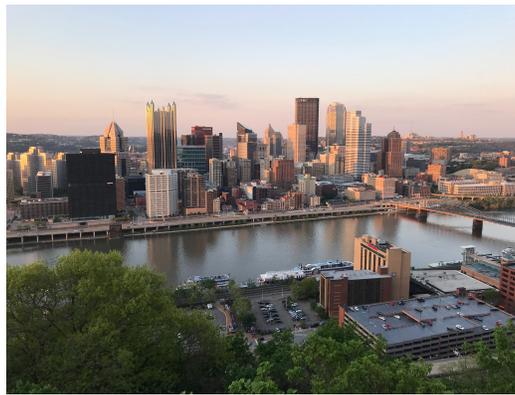
PRN Board Member and CEO of CapSen Robotics, Dr. Jared Glover has been selected as the ARM (Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing) Institute's first Fellow. During his fellowship with the institute, Dr. Glover will complete his technical project "Autonomous Robot Workspace Modeling with an Arm-Mounted 3D Camera", focused on lowering the barriers to small and medium-sized manufacturers adopting robotics. [Learn more here.](#)

Astrobotic to Open State's First Space Museum



Astrobotic is opening Pennsylvania's first museum focused entirely on space: The Moonshot Museum. The museum will feature a viewing window that looks into the assembly area where genuine spacecrafts are being built and prepared for moon missions. Astrobotic is a world-leading robotics organization in Pittsburgh working on space exploration. Last year, the organization was awarded a \$199.5M contract to deliver NASA a moon rover. [Learn more here.](#)

Pittsburgh Ranks Among Top Places to Live



Pittsburgh has been [ranked as the best place to live after college!](#) The new study cited the city's low cost-of-living, low unemployment, and concentration of recent graduates among the criteria. The city was also recently ranked the [eighth best city where women are the most successful!](#) The city ranked 36th in the same study last year. The study compared the 200 most populous U.S. cities across metrics related to education, earnings, entrepreneurship, and housing affordability.

PRN Webinar Recording: Product Engineering & Design Strategies for Field Robotics



Did you miss our April webinar? This webinar centered on unique challenges encountered with product engineering and design for field robotics and featured Jorgen Pedersen (President & CEO, RE2 Robotics), Vaibhav Vohra (SVP of Product, Gecko Robotics), and Jeremy Searock (Co-Founder & President, Advanced Construction Robotics) with Spencer Krause (Director of Product Development, SKA | Custom Robots and Machines) moderating the discussion. [Watch the webinar recording here.](#)

As Seen on Social Media

Thank you to Frantisek (Frank) Jakubec for a great LinkedIn post outlining a few key stats about the robotics ecosystem in Pittsburgh, including:

- Pittsburgh is the birthplace of self-driving vehicles
- The city has seen over 300% growth in employment in the robotics sector since 2011

- With over 50 organizations, Pittsburgh is known worldwide for its robust robotics ecosystem
- Home to the Carnegie Mellon University Robotics Institute, the first University to offer a Ph.D. in robotics

[See the full post here.](#)

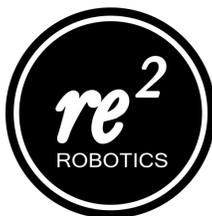
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