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Gale Harris, Chair

The Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division encourages communication and cooperation among information professionals concerned with aerospace, aeronautical and related technologies. In addition, it fosters dialog with entities such as NASA, the AIAA and other important sources of technical data and bibliographical services.

WOW! Happy New Year! What a year 2009 will be for SLA! As I write this, I am preparing for the SLA Leadership Summit in Savannah, GA. Visions of history, haunting and Paula Deen awaits me while finalizing conference program details. I just hope there are no nightmares of large beasts made of butter (Paula Deen's favorite food).

I want to express my thanks to Kathryn Breininger, our past Chair, for her help and support. She and I became fast friends as we worked through our respective positions. We both took the approach of learning and doing things together which helped ease some of the transition from Chair-Elect to Chair. Also, huge thanks go to the SLA Engineering Division Board for their help and support in organizing and coordinating the various programs.

Our new Chair-Elect for 2010 is Hemalatha (Hema) Ramachandran. She is the Engineering Librarian at Long Beach California State University-Long Beach. She has been with the University since May 2007. She received the SLA Diversity Leadership Award in 1996. Besides SLA, she is involved with the American Society of Engineering Education's Engineering Libraries division. She has presented several papers at the ASEE conferences on information literacy. She is also a published writer with a book chapter under her belt on the topic of computer engineering. Please be sure to meet Hema in D.C.

The Aerospace section will hold its Business Meeting and Breakfast on Monday, June 15th. We will be presenting the Mandel Award at the breakfast meeting as well as other recognitions and information. On that same day, the Engineering Division and the Aerospace Section will be hosting a session on "MISSION TO MARS". This promises to be an enlightening look at the future. Dee Magnoni, Engineering Chair, along with others has been busy working on this year's programming and the offerings are great. I know you will find many more sessions to attend than you will have time for.

More detailed information on various conference activities and events will be discussed in the next newsletter. I'm already excited about the keynote speakers slated for the conference. SLA is going all out this year. In the mean time, be sure to look over the conference site and plan to be a part of our centennial celebration in our nation's capitol.

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