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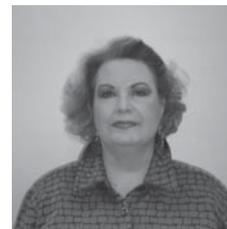
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## Aerospace Section

## 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.

Birthdays come and go and SLA celebrated 100 years in a big way. Washington was the perfect setting for celebrations. Those of you in attendance were treated to some amazing people, events, tours, and sessions. I, personally, was thrilled to see and hear General Colin Powell as our Keynote Speaker this year. I've had a huge crush on him for a long time. He never lets me down.

The Aerospace section programming went off without a hitch and both events were well attended. The Aerospace Breakfast and business meeting had 33 members/guests and provided an early morning opportunity for greeting and visiting old and new acquaintances. The hearty breakfast got everyone off to a good start for the day. Very special thanks to AIAA for their continuing support of our organization and their contributions to our meeting and awards. In attendance from AIAA were Mr. Rodger Williams and Mr. Adrian Fair; thank you, gentlemen!

Minutes were approved from 2008 and announcements made including next year's summit conference to be held in St. Louis, MO in January and the international conference will be held in New Orleans, LA in June. We have a current membership of 94 and a current budget of \$2897.05. I encourage all of you to solicit friends and colleagues in joining the Aerospace section. One does not need to be a member of the Engineering division to be a member of the Aerospace Section.

The highlight of the Aerospace breakfast is always the presentation of the George Mandel award. This year, it was my pleasure to present the award to a much deserving individual, Joan Dubis of The Boeing Company. Again, a big thanks to AIAA for their support in providing funding for this award along with Dr. David Mandel. Joan also received another award as a member of the Boeing Library team, the J. J. Keller Innovations in Technology Award. The Aerospace section is very proud of Joan and the Boeing team for their accomplishments and thrilled to have them as members. A special thanks to Kathryn Breininger, Kathy Nordhaus,

and Hema Ramachandran for their help on the Mandel selection committee.

The afternoon speaker session was a tremendous hit. There was standing room only for MISSION TO MARS: NASA ENGINEERS AND INFO PROS SET SIGHTS ON THE RED PLANET. Dr. Roger Launius, Chief NASA historian and Senior Curator of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum along with Ms. Jaime Scibelli and Mr. Alan Montroso, of Wyle Information Systems, NASA Glenn Research Center were informative and entertaining. Who knew dirt could be so interesting? Meeting attendees also received complimentary copies of RESEARCH IN NASA HISTORY, a new publication by NASA.

All in all the week was a whirlwind. If you weren't able to attend, it was truly an exciting conference with something going on every minute--too much to choose from. If you were at the conference, you understand all the many things to do and see in Washington and the dilemma in trying to do it all.

I foresee next year as only being better. New Orleans is my second favorite city and the history, food, and atmosphere is fabulous. See you at Café du Monde and "laissez le bon temps rouler." ❖

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Chair Gale Harris presenting the George Mandel award to Joan Dubis