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News from the Aerospace Section

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Adrienne Jones Washburn, 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.

The wind is blowing, the leaves are falling, and time is changing. Literally! On Sunday, November 6th, 2011, Daylight Saving Time ends and we "fall back" to standard time. Changes are constant these days, or so it seems... This year I became a Mom! What an exciting time! However, the birth of my son meant I was unable to attend the annual conference. Thankfully, Hema Ramachandran, Aerospace Section Past-Chair, stepped up to fill in during my absence. Thanks to Hema, the Aerospace Section Annual Meeting and Breakfast, as well as our sponsored session were both successful events!



Hema Ramachandran presents the George Mandel Memorial Award to the 2011 Award Recipient, Gale Harris, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics.

A big round of thanks is also in order for the Aerospace Section Annual Meeting and Breakfast sponsors: AIAA, IHS, and SPIE Digital Library. Thank you to our fabulous sponsors for attending and contributing to the success of our Annual Meeting; we could not do it without you!

Highlighting the Aerospace Section Annual Meeting and Breakfast is the presentation of the George Mandel Memorial Award. This award is made possible by the generous contributions made by Dr. David Mandel and AIAA. Gale Harris of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics was honored as the 2011 George Mandel Memorial Award

recipient. Harris has been a librarian for over 34 years, promoting librarianship, contributing to the profession and the Aerospace industry. Congratulations to Gale on this prestigious award!

The Aerospace Section also sponsored the session, "Tweets from Space, NASA and Social Media Tools." The session speaker, Jaime Scibelli, from the NASA Glenn Research Center shared tools that NASA scientists, astronauts, and employees use for communication. While a number of the tools shared were internal to NASA, Scibelli offered a variety of publically available sites and collaborative tool options. Many thanks to AIAA for sponsoring this well attended session, and deep gratitude to Jaime Scibelli for attending the conference and speaking on this intriguing topic!

Technology has made an impact on so many facets of our lives; time will only tell what communication and computing tools will look like 10, 20, even 50 years from now. I look forward to witnessing the evolution of our profession and being an agent for change.

This desire led me to my first leadership role within SLA, and I cannot express how rewarding this year has been! The responsibility and expectations of a leadership position can be a little overwhelming, but with the support of past Aerospace Section leaders, the Aerospace Section Chair position gave me the opportunity to travel and have new experiences, as well as network and meet a number of leaders and experts within SLA. My tenure as the Aerospace Section Chair has been exceedingly beneficial, but it has gone by much too quickly!

A leadership role allows you to develop leadership skills, build your career, network, and contribute to SLA and our profession as a whole. If you've ever considered moving into leadership, this is your chance! The Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division is searching for a

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Chair-elect for 2013. If you are interested in becoming a leader, please contact the search committee lead, Hema Ramachandran via email: hramacha@csulb.edu. If you're interested in the Aerospace Chair-Elect 2013 position but have concerns you'd like to discuss, please contact me for more information at: adrienne.j.washburn@lmco.com.

The 2012 Aerospace Section Chair, Barbara Williams, will lead us forward beginning January 1st. Williams, along with Pam Enrici, the incoming Engineering Division Chair, and Cynthia Eastman, incoming Conference Planner, are hard at work planning the 2012 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO that will be held in Chicago, Illinois, July 15 – 18, 2012. If you haven't marked your calendar yet, do so now!

If you decide to seek a leadership role or you're considering it, be sure to join me, Barbara Williams, Pam Enrici, and Cynthia Eastman in Atlanta, Georgia, January 19-22 for the SLA Leadership Summit. The Leadership Summit

offers numerous networking and learning opportunities on a much smaller scale. Don't pass up your chance to make an impact!

I would like to thank the Aerospace Section members & the Engineering members for supporting me and SLA this year. I especially want to thank Hema Ramachandran, Aerospace Section Past-Chair; Cynthia Eastman, Conference Planner; Gale Harris, Session Moderator; Kathryn Breining, Engineering Division Chair; and Sara Davis, Vendor Relations Chair for facilitating the planning, scheduling, and coordination of events at this year's conference. Thank you for holding my hand and being patient with me as I learned the ropes of leadership!

We had a tremendous conference this year. I wish I could have been there, but instead of lamenting, I'm looking forward to 2012 and the exciting challenges ahead! ❖

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