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Kathryn Breininger, 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.

Hello. This is my first article as the Aerospace Section Chair and I am looking forward to communicating with you on items of interest, our coming SLA Annual Conference in Seattle, award nomination opportunities, and any additional topics you would like covered. If you have ideas, thoughts, or items of interest that you would like to have conveyed through this Chair Message, please drop me a note and let me know. Or better yet, submit your own article to *SciTech News*. Articles can be on any appropriate subject, although those of special interest to the Aerospace Section would be especially appreciated. Our Editor, Susan Fingerman (susan.fingerman@jhuapl.edu) welcomes your submissions.

For those who don't know me, or missed the introductions from Amy, here is a very brief bio. I have been a corporate librarian at The Boeing Company for the past 18 years. I recently changed positions (as of December 21st) and now manage the Release and Distribution functions of our Library. This includes the circulation and distribution of all library materials, release of internally produced documents, and release and distribution of internal standards and policies. This will be a year of growth for me as I explore my new role at work and my role as Chair of the Aerospace Section.

I would like to thank Amy Smith, our past Chair and now head of the Aerospace Section Nomination Committee, for all the help, support, advice, and patience with my constant questions as I learned the ropes during my term as Chair-Elect. I don't know how I would have managed without her prompt responses to my endless questions, her encouragement, and her willingness to help. Thank you Amy! I would also like to thank the many members of the SLA Engineering Division Advisory Board for all of their support and help during this past year.

I would like to welcome Gale Harris, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, as our Aerospace

Section Chair-Elect for 2008. Gale has already been busy with the call for nominations for the George Mandel Memorial Award and will be working on the programming for SLA 2009 in Washington D.C. This will be a spectacular conference as we celebrate SLA's Centennial Anniversary.

Now is the time to be making plans and reservations for SLA 2008 in Seattle, WA, June 15-18 at the Washington State Convention Center. Check out the SLA 2008 page for additional information: <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2008/index.cfm>. The conference theme this year is "Breaking Rules – Building Bridges".

The Aerospace Section will be holding its Business Meeting and Breakfast on Tuesday, June 17th. We will be presenting the Mandel Award at the breakfast meeting as well as other recognitions and information. On Wednesday morning, June 18th the Engineering Division and Aerospace Section will be hosting a session on "Aeronautics Then, Now and in the Future". This promises to be an informative and entertaining session. Daureen Neddill, Engineering Chair, and I have been busy working with other Chairs on the programming and I am sure you will find more sessions to attend than you will have time for. The SLA Pacific Northwest Chapter has been busy planning the West Coast Reception and preparing information for your stay.

I will provide more detailed information next time on some of the Conference activities and programming. Meanwhile, take a look at the official conference site as you plan for your attendance. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
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