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Aerospace Section

Amy C. Smith, 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.

Welcome to my last article as the Aerospace Section Chair. I feel honored to have been Chair. The experience has been one of learning and awe. I have learned that it takes a great many talented and generous people to put on our Annual Conference and I am in awe of every single one of them for their enthusiasm, dedication, generosity and willingness to give of themselves for their love of this profession.

Participating in the leadership of SLA is not done in isolation; rather it is an experience of collaboration, team work and support. I for one had not previously volunteered in this type of capacity and would not have been as successful as I have been without the tremendous support and encouragement of the 2007 SLA Engineering Division Advisory Board Members: Chair & Discussion List Chair, Robert Tolliver; Past-Chair & Nominating Chair Kathy Nordhaus; Treasurer, Suzanne Cristina; Secretary, Susan K. Smith; Director & Award Chair, Joan Dubis; Membership Chair, Cheryl Hansen; Archivist & Mentoring Chair, Bonnie Osif; Bulletin Editor, Susan Fingerman; Government Relations Chair, Gale Harris; Professional Development Chair, Sara Davis; Standards Chair, Lee Pharis; Vendor Relations Chair, Jackie Florimonte; Web Editor, Vani Inampudi; Past-Chair of the Aerospace Section, Marcia Rodney; and Eileen Dorschner for volunteering to lead the Mandel Selection Committee. I thank you all for your generous support.

When you read this article it will be November, but believe it or not that is only 6 short months away from the Annual Conference. I get ahead

of myself. First up is the 2008 SLA Leadership Summit. The Summit will be in Louisville this year and I have great confidence that the SLA Kentucky Chapter will show us a good time. I've taken a sneak peek at the Conference events as well as what the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau list as events occurring while you are at the leadership conference. Medieval & Renaissance Treasures from the Victoria and Albert will be at the Speed Art Museum, and Murder at the Howard Johnson's at the Derby Dinner Playhouse are just a couple of suggestions for those free evenings.

The 2008 Conference will be held in Seattle, my hometown, and I am very excited about the programming that Kathryn Breinniger, Aerospace Section Chair and Daureen Nesdill, Engineering Chair, have been working on. I will only tease you with hints – innovations in flight, fortieth anniversary, DTIC, cyberinfrastructure, maglev...does that spark your curiosity?

I have my fingers crossed that I will actually be able to attend the 2008 Conference as it is a wonderful city to visit. Great shopping and tourist attractions include Nordstroms, the Pike Place Market, the Seattle Aquarium, Seattle Art Museum, the Museum of Flight, Experience Music Project, the Underground Tour and Blake Island, just to name a few. In case I don't see you in Seattle, have a wonderful time! ❖

Regards,
Amy
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Call for Nominations – George Mandel Memorial Award

The Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division invites nominations from its membership for candidates for the 2008 George Mandel Award. The award, sponsored by AIAA and Dr. David Mandel, is given each year to the Aerospace Section member who meets one or more of the following qualifications:

1. A nominee must have been a current member in good standing of the Aerospace Section for at least a year.
2. Current members of the nominating committee are ineligible to be nominated.
3. Past recipients of the award are generally ineligible for nomination, except for momentous contributions.
4. Nomination or application of an Aerospace Section member (either a peer or oneself) should be based on at least one of the following criteria:
 - a. Present a paper at the Special Libraries Association (SLA) annual conference; serve on the annual conference program planning committee; be a speaker or panel member (but not a moderator) of a program at the conference; or lead a continuing education segment at the conference.
 - b. Become or be elected as chair of the Section, an officer of the Engineering Division, or a member of any of the boards or committees of the SLA, or have participated actively in or contributed significantly to Aerospace Section activities.
 - c. Make significant contributions to the profession through place of employment or publications.
 - d. Receive an award for outstanding service from his/her employer in the aerospace industry.

To nominate a peer, or yourself, for this award please send a brief justification to the Aerospace Section Chair-Elect 2008, Gale Harris by **December 31, 2007**. Questions can be sent to Gale. E-mail address (preferred) gale.harris@lmco.com or by U.S. mail to:

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For more information about the Award, please see:
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