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Aerospace Section

Eileen Dorschner, 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.

This is the final article of my year as Section Chair. This has been a great experience for me, but one that would not have been so positive without the help of so many others. First, my thanks to Mary Crompton, our Chair-Elect. Whenever things got hectic, the phone would ring and it would be Mary, with helpful suggestions and soothing tones. I couldn't have done this job without her. Next, thanks to Sara Thompson. As Chair of our parent, the Engineering Division, she had the unenviable job of doing all the work of entering the information about our programs, sponsors, and speakers in New York into the SLA database. She was always on top of things, meeting deadlines and doing it right the first time. Thanks to Jeanne Trimble for all her help with gathering sponsors for our programs. Her tenacity and great organizational skills have allowed us to offer an exciting speaker this year. Thanks also to Mary Crompton and Janna Jantz for serving on the Nomination Committee for the George Mandel Award and to Susan Winstanley for working on the Nominating Committee for Chair-Elect. Thanks to Scott Brackett, who helped me get up to speed on the treasures in our archives. And finally, thanks to all of you, too numerous to mention, who were always there when my e-mails went out looking for information or assistance. This is a small but great organization because we help and support each other.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the Annual Meeting in New York this June. All of our Section's activities will take place on Tuesday, so if you can only attend one day, that's the day to pick. On Tuesday morning at 7:30 we will have our breakfast business meeting. Be sure to get your ticket for event #520 when you register and join us for the presentation of the George Mandel Memorial Award and a chance to socialize with your colleagues. The breakfast is sponsored by a generous donation from Thompson ISI and the award is jointly sponsored by the AIAA and Dr. David Mandel, George Mandel's son. This is AIAA's first year sponsoring the Mandel Award and we are grateful for their generosity.

The winner of this year's George Mandel Award is Corinne Campbell. Corinne will join us in New York to receive her check for \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque. Corinne recently retired as manager of Boeing Library Services. During her time at Boeing, she held many positions, including manager of engineering data management, and led the effort to diversify the libraries' customer base to include not just the company's engineers, but all of its employees. She also developed the information survey as a research product and created and implemented both marketing and strategic plans. Corinne has been an active member of SLA, serving on many committees,

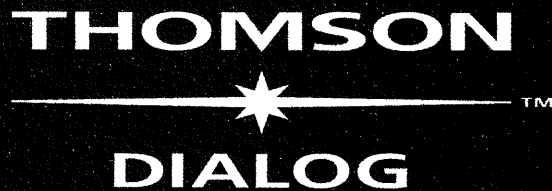
including chair of the Library Management Division and past president and past program chair of the Pacific Northwest Chapter. She chaired the highly successful Seattle conferences in 1997 and 2001 and received a Career Achievement award from the Pacific Northwest Chapter. She has been a member of the Engineering Division and the Aerospace Section for many years. I hope you will join me in congratulating Corinne.

At our business meeting we will select our Chair-Elect for 2003-04, who will become Chair for 2004-05. The Nominating Committee has recommended David Hook for the position. David is business research supervisor at MD Robotics LTD in Toronto. Although fairly new to our Section, David has been very active in the Engineering Division, including recently serving as Division Awards Chair. In addition, he has been Director of the Toronto Chapter and Co-Chair of their Program Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor before we vote.

Our special program in New York will be a talk by Dr. Daniel Barry, a NASA astronaut. Dr. Barry will speak on the use of information in space. He holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering/Computer Science from Princeton and an M.D. from the University of Miami. His medical specialty is physical medicine and rehabilitation. A NASA astronaut since 1992, he has flown on several shuttle flights and logged more than 449 hours in space, including two walks in space, which totaled more than 14 hours. He has spent time aboard the International Space Station. In addition to addressing such topics as how space walkers communicate and what physiological changes occur during extended time in zero gravity, Dr. Barry will bring videos and slides to illustrate life in space. This is sure to be a great talk and we hope all of you who make it to New York will join us. The program begins at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday and includes a reception for the speaker. For logistical reasons we have to charge for both the talk and the reception. The cost is only \$5, but this is a ticketed event and you must have a ticket to attend the talk. If you missed this program when you registered, please contact SLA and add event #630 to your registration. You should be able to do it on the registration page on the conference Web site. This talk is co-sponsored with the Engineering and Science-Technology Divisions. It is made possible by generous support from Cambridge Scientific, Janes, AIAA, and IEEE. The reception is generously sponsored by Thompson/ISI.

Thank you all once again for your help this year. See you in New York in June.

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