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FROM THE CHAIR

JANNA JANTZ

Happy 2000! I hope everyone survived the holidays. Is everyone else having as much trouble writing 2000 as I am?

Plans are moving right along for the conference in Philadelphia. Although I was unable to attend the mid-winter conference in St. Louis, our section was well represented by our chair-elect, Susan Lamanna. We thank her (and her employer) for allowing her to go.

All of the Aerospace Section activities at the Philadelphia conference are tentatively scheduled for Monday. Darla Wagner, Engineering Chair, and I decided to try to consolidate all of our activities in the first two days. This is going to be hectic, but many of our members have difficulty attending the entire conference so we are going to see if this schedule works better. If it doesn't work, next year we can spread our activities out again. All Aerospace functions and some Engineering functions will be on Monday with the remainder of the Engineering functions (including the luncheon) on Tuesday.

On Monday we will have the Aerospace Luncheon featuring Norm Augustine as guest speaker. At that time we will also announce the Chair-Elect for 2001 and the winner of the George Mandel award. Please remember that the luncheon is a ticketed event. You need to sign up for it when you register for the conference. Immediately after the luncheon we will co-sponsor a session on "Information from the Top Down". Our session entitled "Business

Intelligence Toolkit for Technical Librarians: Equip Yourself with the Basics" will follow. Peggy Carr volunteered to organize and coordinate the Business Intelligence Toolkit session. Thank you, Peggy. I hope all of you will be there to support her and the section.

Chair-elect Susan Lamanna and the George Mandel Award Committee have been busy working on our annual award to recognize a member who has contributed to our section. We have a winner and, as I mentioned above, he/she will be announced at the Aerospace Section Luncheon at the annual conference. My thanks to the committee members, Mary Ellen McMurtrie, Karen Hollowy, Julia Tripplehorn, Yolanda Maloney and Don Welch.

Plans call for a discussion of the George Mandel Memorial Award at the Philadelphia Conference. If you haven't already read Don Welch's column in the November issue of *Sci-Tech News*, please read it. He summarizes the issues that need to be discussed so I will not go into them here. The luncheon is going to be very busy and I would appreciate everyone's advance preparation for the discussion. If you are unable to attend you can contact me and I will be sure your views are represented.

Our nominations committee has found a Chair-elect for 2001. I would like to thank Kathy Harkness, Sherry Siler, and Betsy King for their hard work. Kathy even volunteered to chair the committee.

I am always pleased and somewhat

surprised at how easy it is to get volunteers for committees etc. This is a great group of hard working librarians! If any of you would like to become more involved in section activities, let me know. Several of you offered to help out at the Minneapolis conference. Don't worry, I know who you are and I will probably be contacting you soon.

I would like to strongly encourage each of you to try to attend the annual conference in Philadelphia. It is a time for renewed commitment to our profession, it is an excellent networking opportunity, and it offers the chance to see the "latest and greatest" that the vendors have to offer. I hope to see all of you there.

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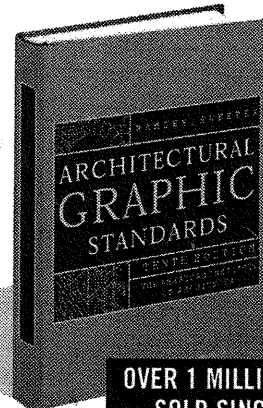
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