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FROM THE CHAIR

SUSAN LAMANNA

Greetings to all Aerospace Section members!

As I sit at my computer, I am wondering how all of you are enjoying your summer. By the time you read this, summer will be just about over for some of you. I hope each of you experienced something different this summer.

Membership in the Aerospace Section is important in that we are a unique group of professionals dealing with an industry that is constantly changing, projecting us upward and forward to explore the unknown.

At the Aerospace Luncheon at June's SLA conference, we had as our guest speaker Norm Augustine, former CEO of Lockheed Martin. He entertained us with his thoughts on the aerospace industry, related stories of how librarians had influenced his working life, and stayed to sign books afterward (see pictures following page). Due to time constraints, the business part of the luncheon was canceled. Therefore, I would like to advise you of the new chair-elect for 2001—Thomas G. De Petro, engineering librarian at Texas A&M University (e-mail address: tdp@tamu.edu).

Our membership chair, Eileen Dorschner, has resigned. Many thanks, Eileen, for your help over the past few years. We need a volunteer to be Membership chair for this year—any takers? Please e-mail me at lamanns@tc.gc.ca by September 15, 2000. If no one volunteers, Kathy Nordhaus (Engineering Divisions Membership chair) has graciously offered her time to be our Membership chair as well.

I hope to have a list of members for the next *Sci-Tech News*. If your name has been left out, please advise the new Membership chair or me immediately.

George Mandel Award

Two volunteers are needed to work with the chair-elect on this Nominating Committee. Please contact Tom (tdp@tamu.edu). Thank you.

At the luncheon, a paper was passed out outlining proposed changes to the George Mandel Award (an explanation of the award is on the Engineering Division's Web site). They are as follows:

1. Increase the amount of the award from \$500 to \$750–\$1,000.
2. Allow the recipient to use the award for any SLA-sponsored conference or educational program (currently the award must be used for either the annual or midwinter conference).
3. Move the timetable for awarding GMMA, so recipients have more time to schedule the event they plan to attend. The deadline for nominations would be December 1 (not January 1). Recipients would be notified by January 1 of the year in which the award is given.

We did not have time to vote on these changes at the luncheon, so I ask you to please take the time now to respond by the following method:

E-mail: lamanns@tc.gc.ca by September 30, 2000, your vote as follows:

1. Agree/disagree to change amount to (a) \$750 (b) \$1,000
2. Agree/disagree to allow recipient to use award for any SLA-sponsored conference
3. Agree/disagree to change deadline date

I will make adjustments according to the responses I receive and advise you on the results.

If anyone would like to assist with finding a chair-elect for 2002, please advise me, as I need two volunteers.

That is about it for this issue. Please feel free to call or e-mail me at the following:

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