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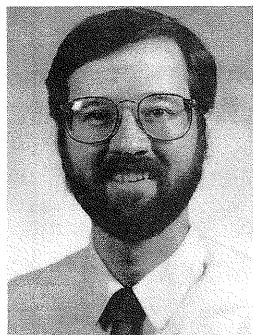
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AEROSPACE SECTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION

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 bibliographic services.

FROM THE CHAIR

DONALD WELCH



We're "on the list." We're "a part of the show." We're "in the groove." We of the Aerospace Section are officially "on the hook", so to speak, for a couple of programs and a breakfast at the conference in Minneapolis. And, what's interesting about all of that to me is that all of the

events are on Monday. (And right now, I personally relate to the image of being on the hook.) We are going to have, however, a Monumental Minneapolis Monday. Y'all come for the festivities!

The breakfast is what we will celebrate first on Monday, and it is at 7:30. This is also Monday June 7, so registration for the conference starts at 7:00 a.m. There should be time to register and get to the breakfast and business meeting if you are one of those arriving late on Sunday. Register and come as you are; we'll keep the pot perking for you.

The eating and meeting does need to be finished by 8:45, though, because at 9:00 the SLA will host, as it always does, the Session Generale, and that lasts until 10:15. That's always been interesting, too. Afterwards, the section is sponsoring a program called "Moving Toward the Electronic Library." which will boast Tim Edwards as the speaker. Tim is the Chief Librarian of Electronic Acquisitions and Organization at the National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, VA. He is going to discuss, at

10:30, the idea of "going" electronic and just how far you go, and why. Forecast International is funding the program and speaker for us; so, thanks, Forecast International!

"We" get a break for a couple of hours after Tim speaks because the section doesn't sponsor a program again until 3:00 p.m. I'd encourage you to hit the exhibits here. I know I will (if I'm not worrying about the program at 3:00 too much). I love the exhibits. Even though they usually make me self-conscious about funding for the library, there's always a lot that gives me ideas, and dreams, for the future.

At 3:00, we get to hear Corrine Campbell of the Boeing Company, Kathy Romano of Lucent Technologies, and Ferol Foes of Albemarle discuss the implications, preparations, processes and lessons they've learned from the merging of libraries ... and not just any libraries. These are libraries whose companies have merged or acquired, or been acquired, by others in the industry. This then is why the program is called "Merger Mania," and it's being co-sponsored by Aerospace, Communications, Petroleum and Energy Resources, and Food, Agriculture, and Nutrition. Anyone who thinks that a merger might be around the corner for them should come and listen.

That then is a synopsis of what "we" have in store for ourselves ... at least in terms of what's "in the bank." If something else develops, I'll let you know about it as soon as I can.

Something we will do during the breakfast business meeting is to award the recipient of the George Mandel Memorial Award with a check for

\$500.00. Anyone interested in nominating someone, or themselves, for that should review the guidelines below for the criteria on the award. The guidelines also are published on the Engineering Division web page - at <http://www.sla.org/division/deng> - if you want to go get a copy on disk. We can thank Peter Zeimet of the Engineering Division for putting that on the page for us. I checked with him on a Thursday, I think, about the file I sent him of the guidelines, and on Friday the guidelines were on the page. What service!!! Now, I just need to think of something more for him to add to the page. The guidelines, though, are.

GEORGE MANDEL MEMORIAL AWARD

Established in 1989, this award has been established by the Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division in memory of George Mandel, who was killed on July 16, 1989. George Mandel was a member of the aerospace industry library community for 30 years. At the time of his death in 1989, he was the chief of the Technical Information Services Division at the NASA Lewis Research Center. He also served as chairman of the Aerospace Division in 1977-78 and, as a project chair, was also the driving force behind the compilation and publishing of the NASA N Numbers to DoD AD Numbers index.. Faxon is the corporate sponsor of this award, which has been established to preserve the goals of the section and keep alive George's belief that participating in professional organizations is important for an individual's growth and development.

Purpose

The George Mandel Memorial Award has been established by the Aerospace Section and is sponsored by the Faxon Company to provide financial support to qualified Aerospace Section members who will attend and/or participate in an SLA annual conference or winter meeting.

Qualifications

Nomination or application of an Aerospace Section member (either a peer or of oneself) should be based on the criteria which follow.

To qualify for the award, the applicant must do one of the following:

1.) Present a paper at annual conference, serve on the annual conference program planning committee, be a speaker or panel member (but not a moderator) of a program at conference, or lead a continuing education segment at conference.

2.) 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.

3.) Made significant contributions to the profession through place of employment or publications.

4.) Received award for outstanding service from their employer in the aerospace industry

Application or nomination should be made by contacting the chair of the awards committee by January 1 of the year the award is given.

Award Selection Committee

The award selection committee is composed of five members and will be formed at the annual business meeting. The five members will include the chair-elect, past chair and three volunteers. The committee members will select their committee chair. All committee members will serve a one-year term.

Procedures:

A. The award review process takes place annually; however, there is no requirement that the award be given every year.

B. All applicants will be notified of award status by February of the same year in which the GMMA is given.

C. All nominations must be accompanied by a brief justification that should include a current vita of the nominee. Nominations may be

submitted by any section member and self-nominations are accepted.

D. Current members of the nominating committee are ineligible for nomination.

E. Past recipients of the award are ineligible for nomination, too, except for momentous contributions.

F. An announcement will be placed in the fall issue of *Sci-Tech News* as well as on the listservs of the section and the division. Final deadline for nominations is January 1 of the year in which the award is given.

Type of Award:

A check for \$500.00 is given the recipient.

Presentation:

The section chair will present the GMMA at the annual business meeting of the Aerospace Section. The recipient will be notified before the annual conference of the presentation.

Nominations for the award can be directed to anyone on the committee, so you can send them to Janna Jantz, Mary Ellen McMurtrie, Kay Paff, Michael Schau, or Eileen Dorschner. Kudos, by the way, to Kay, Michael, and Eileen - they volunteered to serve on the committee.

Membership

I want to make a pitch to you here to renew your membership with the SLA on time. One of the things I've received recently from the Association is a list of people - almost a score of them - who didn't renew memberships with the SLA on time, and they were dropped from the rolls automatically. While most probably have renewed, or will renew, between now and conference, the news they created in not renewing almost put me in the hospital. The section, which I reported in July had 170 (plus a couple of members or three), is down to 152 as of October 2. Just about all of those are folks who were on the list of non-renewals I received in September.

The fallout of that has been that I approached someone who volunteered "to do anything if I needed it" and asked them to lead a

group to look at what a few of us might do to build membership in the section. That person was Eileen Dorschner at MIT. Yeah, Eileen!!! (She's going to be busy this year, isn't she?)

Nominations Committee

Also appointed since I spoke to you last is a Nominations Committee. The women here have been considering candidates for the post of chair-elect in 1999-2000. They are Susan Clifford, Bonnie Rizzuto, and Sherry Siler. Susan is at the Aerospace Corporation,, Bonnie is at Boeing Helicopters, and Sherry is at Lockheed Martin Vought Systems. Anyone gotten a call from them about "running"? Maybe you should call them, or someone you know who'd be good as the chair-elect and then as the chair in 2000-01? Just send them a suggestion.

Member News

How about this? Have you heard the news that Karen Holloway has moved to the University of Arizona? That's right!!! She has said goodbye to the AIAA and is pursuing the challenges of academia now. Seems to me that she said in announcing the move that she hoped to return to academia sooner or later. Sooner, obviously, is when it happened.

The fella who is going to lead the AIAA in place of Karen now is Tony Lenti, whom many of you already know. He's been coming to conferences as long as I have, I think, (probably longer), and I believe we're going to continue to get the kind of products and responsiveness that we've gotten accustomed to getting. I'm glad that Tony knows us and we know Tony.

A couple of years ago, or maybe even three, there was mention here in the column of an effort initiated by AGARD (now RTO or Research and Technology Organization) to pull together the resources of the international aerospace community and make them available to the community itself. Christened the International Aviation Information Network (or IAIN), the project has matured. With the help and support of the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), IAIN is online, and it is offering access to a lot of

information on the worldwide aerospace community that engineers, and librarians, can use.

At <http://www.dtic.mil/iain>, IAIN basically is a menu of links to aerospace industry related sites. Some of the sites are to CERT/ONERA, ESA, the FAA, NASA, and universities around the world. There also are links to newsletters, publishers, and many of the agencies that develop standards for the aerospace industry. There is a lot there to investigate, and certainly more than I could relate to you here. I think it's worth a look just to see the kinds of things that have been made available electronically! I was surprised by a lot of it..

Let me mention one other thing before I close. It's about a directory for members, both for Engineering and for Aerospace. Peter Moon is in the process of examining the options we have, and he is eager to hear from anyone who would like to comment on publishing the directory on paper versus publishing the directory on the Engineering Division web page. Some of the concerns he has are how many members are there who might not have access to the Internet and how can the division prep and mail almost 800 directories efficiently and effectively ... without bankrupting the treasury.

If you'd like to offer him a suggestion or opinion, you can reach Peter at 860-722-5486 or peter_moon@hsb.com.

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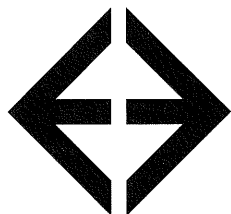
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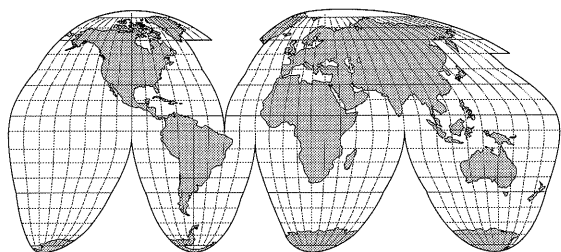
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