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AEROSPACE SECTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION

FROM THE CHAIR

The Seattle weather was BEAUTIFUL; the rain really made itself scarce most of the time we were there. I think the rain stories are just that - stories to keep us from moving to Washington.

To start, we had 55 people at the Aerospace annual business meeting and breakfast, and that was great. Thanks to the sponsors - DRI/McGraw-Hill - who supported both Engineering Division programs AND the Aerospace Section breakfast. Thank you also to the attendees. (Come again in 1998 to Indianapolis - I'm working on a dynamite program!)

At conference, I attended several excellent presentations. The one on outsourcing was lots of fun and most informative. And while I didn't get to the one on knowledge management like I planned (because I spent too much time at lunch with a colleague) I think the one on the information resource audit - my second choice - was as informative as my first choice, maybe even more so. These programs, as well as many more, are available from National Audio Video, Inc., 4456

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One of my favorite social events was the trip to the Pacific Science Center - the talking robot was fantastic. Next time I go, I want to have a child with me just to see the reactions they have. My final day in Seattle was spent gathering Washington delicacies - salmon and wine - and then taking a wonderful trip to the Japanese Garden. We were treated there to a tea ceremony that helped calm the hectic feelings of conference.

If you have not heard, the George Mandel Memorial Award recipient was Dottie Moon. However, through an oversight of mine, Dottie won't receive a placque commemorating the occasion until we meet in Indianapolis. I will make sure she receives something special by then to show her managers. Support for the award was received both from Faxon and from David R. Mandel, MD, George's son. I hope one day Dr. Mandel will get the chance to come to annual conference and present the award. We are grateful, though, both for their support of the award,

which honors an individual for contributions either to the Aerospace Section, the SLA or the library profession.

We are a section now, and that may seem a bit uncomfortable since we were a division for 30 years. But, as Mitzi Rinehart said in the February 1996 issue of *Sci Tech News*, "Change is not something we do easily, but it is something into which we, for better or worse, are pulled. Continual changing reflects life." A large debt of gratitude goes to all of you who have served in the past. Some of you also kept the division together during the merger. My goal for the year is to continue to keep our group viable, to keep communication among aerospace members going and anything else I can do to prod, cajole, and twist the arms of members and get them involved in either the section or the Engineering Division. Where we go from here is up to us.

Ways for us to help ourselves are, first, to renew SLA membership and then join the Engineering Division and Aerospace Section. Second, if you have not signed up for the section listserv, try it. Send an email message to LISTSERV@STL.NASA.GOV with the message "subscribe SLA-aero", followed by your name. You can try the Engineering Division listserv, too, by sending the message "subscribe SLA-eng" to MAJORDOMO@IEE.ORG, and I don't think you need to include your name either. If this doesn't work, send the message again and include your name.

A third thing we can do is to talk to engineering/aerospace members via the listserv. We need to know what's happening and what's on your mind. You don't have to have a problem, or need help, to start a dialogue ... but, that is a good reason, too. You can volunteer for something, even if it's just for something little. To me, a task is easier with lots of hands to help ... and it's more fun.

Fifth. say thank you to any of the vendors who have given us support. Without them we would not have been able to give you the kind of programs you need to expand your personal and professional lives. One vendor in particular is responsible for the new Aerospace Section Directory, which went to the printer July 7. Thanks for that goes to Carroll Publishing. Susan David, the director of marketing there, was the liaison working with Peggy Carr, the membership chair, to make sure Carroll had everything it needed to print the directory.

Finally, let SLA headquarters know of any changes that need to be made to phone and/or fax numbers for you, email and postal addresses, and work. We not only use the information to contact you and send you *Sci-Tech News* but it's used in publishing the directory.

Now, about Indianapolis! Lots of plans for Indianapolis but nothing firm yet. It looks as if there will be a joint Engineering Division, Aerospace Section program. As soon as I have something more definite, I'll send everyone an update on the listserv.

If anyone does not have access to the section listserv and would like to see messages there, just send me a note

and I'll be happy to put them in the mail to you ... snail mail, that is.

I almost have a firm commitment from a CEO of an aerospace company to talk at our breakfast. He has been a general manager at both commercial and military aerospace companies. I asked him if he would talk on where he thinks the industry is going. Also I met several vendors, thanks to Sandy Moltz, who expressed a willingness to support the section and maybe give a vendor update at the annual meeting/breakfast. Keep turned to this station, and I'll keep you posted.

While past or outgoing chairs of the division/section haven't had projects or deadlines to preoccupy them, or reports to file, Kathy Harkness has taken on the responsibility of working on a revision of the Engineering Division bylaws AND also pursuing publication of an update to the Criss Cross Directory. If you have input for Kathy on either of these, I'm sure she would be glad to hear from you

In closing, I'd like to mention that the next *Sci-Tech News* doesn't appear until November. If you have anything you want me to do, say, consider, or ponder, call me at 505.828.5378, or email me at [mmcmurtr @ p05.dasd.honeywell.com](mailto:mmcmurtr@p05.dasd.honeywell.com). I'm anxious to hear from you.

DOWN TO BUSINESS

Minutes of the Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division

Annual business meeting, June 9, 1997, Seattle

Janna Jantz, Secretary

Kathy Harkness, outgoing chair, welcomed everyone to the annual

business meeting and breakfast, and then introduced current and incoming officers. She also recognized organizations that have supported the Aerospace Section during the year. They include IAA and the McGraw-Hill Aviation Group for sponsoring the breakfast, Carroll Publishing for underwriting the cost of the membership directory, and Faxon for partial support of the George Mandel Award.

Recognized next was Dottie Moon, who was introduced as the 1997 recipient of the George Mandel Memorial Award. She was selected for the award for the many contributions she has made to the division and section, including serving as a chair.

Don Welch, treasurer, then reported that two Aerospace Section accounts have been closed, with the proceeds being given to the Engineering Division, as required by SLA bylaws. The George Mandel Memorial Award account will be closed in the near future; the funds of that account will also be given to the Engineering Division. The section, though, will control the funds from the account even though the Engineering Division will manage disbursement.

Old business included a recap of activities required to switch from a division to a section. Kathy thanked everyone for their support during the year and encouraged everyone to support the Aerospace Section and the Engineering Division in the future.

Under new business, Kathy outlined some of her goals for the future. Those goals included updating the Criss Cross Directory and changing

the bylaws to allow money to be given to division chairs and chair elects to help cover travel expenses to annual conferences.

The nominating committee, consisting of Dottie Moon and Margie Pearson, reported that one of the advantages to being a section rather than a division is that only one officer is required --the- section chair. Don Welch was nominated and elected to the position of Aerospace Section chair for 1998-99.

Kathy then turned the meeting over to Mary Ellen McMurtrie, incoming chair. Mary Ellen shared some of her ideas for the section for 1997-98 and presented an update on some of the conference program ideas for next year in Indianapolis. She also presented Kathy with a beautiful gift.

Information suppliers each had a few minutes to discuss new products and services within their organizations. Karen Holloway represented AIAA and announced that free stress balls were available at the door, Ed Pinto gave a lively summary of the aerospace industry and introduced his associate Peggy Triband, and Lela Harris and Susan David both updated us on new developments at Carroll Publishing.

After quickly going around the room and introducing ourselves the meeting closed with the announcement that a few remaining free Aerospace Division t-shirts were available at the door. The shirts were the last of 135 made for the 1994 annual conference in Atlanta.

ACCOUNTING WE WILL GO

By Don Welch, Treasurer

A pair of accounts at a bank in California have been closed, leaving one to close at a bank in Colorado. More than \$5,000 remains in that account, and most of that is earmarked for disbursement as George Mandel Memorial Award funds. Of \$5,186.84 in the account, \$3,475.44 is for the GMMA. Also in the account is \$1,711.40 sent in April by the SLA. That, however, is an allotment for members that should have been sent to the Engineering Division. At the request of the SLA, though, the funds were deposited in the account, with the stipulation being made that the section transfer them to the Engineering Division as soon as possible. All of the funds will be transferred now since a transfer of \$500 to the GMMA recipient - Dottie Moon - has been completed.

TRIPPING THE LIT FANTASTIC

Tom DePetro at Wichita State University has prepared, with Wichita State compatriot Ted Naylor, a literature guide to aerospace engineering topics. Titled "Selective Guide to Literature on Aerospace Engineering," the guide is one of a series compiled and edited for the Engineering Libraries Division of the American Society for Engineering Education. It is one of the three newest guides published for the division. The others are on applied optics and statistical information for engineers.

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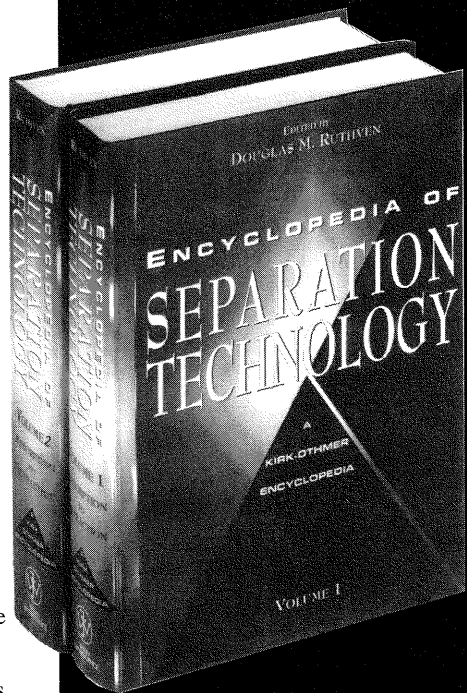
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