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AEROSPACE DIVISION

The objectives of the Aerospace Division are to encourage the free exchange of ideas and information between libraries and librarians who are directly concerned with aerospace technology and related sciences, and to maintain a dialog with NASA and other governmental agencies upon whom we rely as sources of technical data and bibliographic sources.

FROM THE CHAIR

MALA SISTLA



Hi! It's once again that time of the year when the division chair, me, this time, says goodbye to one and all and thanks everyone for giving me the opportunity to

serve them. I had a wonderful time and wish the same for the incoming chair, Dottie Moon.

June will be here before you know it, so please mark your calendars for the Aerospace Division programs and board meetings in Atlanta. The first board meeting is to be held at the Marriott on June 12 at 3:00 p.m. At this meeting we will present the members and the board with the year-end activity report. If you have any interest and desire to participate in the division, I suggest that you attend this meeting.

The next board meeting will be June 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the Marriott again. The new chair—Dottie Moon—will present her agenda for the division at this meeting, and she also will cover what she plans for the conference in Montreal. Do not forget the division luncheon on June 14 either. It will be at

the Ritz Hotel, and Dr. P.C. Schultz will be the luncheon speaker.

The rest of the programs (which include presentations on "Strategic Thinking for Librarians" and "The Information Super Highway" and socials on June 13 and June 14 with the Solo Librarians and the Engineering divisions respectively) will give us plenty to do between meetings. Last, but not least, there is also a field trip arranged with the Engineering Division to go to Georgia Tech, GTRI, and the Paper Institute.

The division's other joint programs in Atlanta include "Electronic Journals," "Benchmarking: Number Crunching, or Vision?" and "Rebuilding America's Infrastructure."

GEORGE MANDEL AWARD WINNER

The recipient of this year's George Mandel Award is Donald A. Welch, librarian of the Bell Helicopter Textron Research and Engineering Library. It's a well deserved award. I wish there were more people like Don, who would give what seems to be 150 percent of their time to the association. Besides doing his regular job, where he is responsible for all the activities of the library, he was the division treasurer and the division's editor of its column in

Sci-Tech News. His contributions were invaluable.

DIVISION LOGO

By the way, the Aerospace Division has, for the first time, a logo, as shown below. It will debut later on a brochure describing the division and its activities.

CLOSING REMARKS

In closing, I would like to thank all the members on the team for their support and understanding in 1993-1994. I am going to take the liberty, though, of making a few suggestions that I think will help the next board.

We need some definite policies in the areas of finance, awards, memberships, and nominations. Why? Because they will make the division chair's job a lot more pleasant, primarily by defining the responsibilities of those who chair committees and subcommittees. I also think the division's bylaws need to be revised.

Basic outlines and exact procedures and policies are a must to perform certain administrative functions of the division and its committees. The areas I mentioned above involve activities that require a number of processes and procedures to be in place for the next person to continue the work of his or her predecessors. These typically are task-oriented jobs that have a specific deadline to meet and/or have an end product like directories, awards, reports, authorizations, nominees, ballots, etc. to produce. Such functions need not be reinvented with every new board that takes office.

I hope you, as members, will concur with my findings. . .and the need for such procedural documents. I also would like to thank the vendors, particularly DIALOG, AIAA, Faxon, IHS, and others—who have contributed to our division this year. A special thanks also goes to Mead Data Central for its generous contribution.



Lastly, I want to extend many thanks and kudos to Ellis Mount, editor of *Sci-Tech News*. Without his understanding and kind help on many occasions, the news and information of the division would have been minimal at best and chaos at the worst.

See y'all in Atlanta.

NOMINEES FOR 1994

Rosalind Cheslock and Dorothy Gannon are the nominees for Chair-elect in 1994. Eileen Dorschner, Peri Switzer, and Thomas Tipsword are the nominees for Secretary. The Treasurer will be Don Welch, who was elected in 1993 to serve through 1995.

Rosalind is the manager of Library and Information Services at the Martin Marietta Laboratories in Baltimore. She has been the manager there since 1979. She received her MLS from the University of Maryland in 1974. An active professional, she has served the SLA as a member of the finance committee and the nominating committee. She also has served as Chair-elect and Chair of the Metals/Materials Division. She has served additionally on the AIAA Technical Information Technical Committee, the ASM Publications Council, the DTIC STI Strategy Group, the DTIC Users Council, the Conference Board of the Maryland Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services, the Federal Pre-White House Conference on Library and Information Services, and the CAPCON Board of Trustees.

Dorothy is Director of Library Services at Creare, Inc., in Hanover, New Hampshire. She has been the

director since 1987. Prior to that she served as the assistant manager. This year she celebrates 10 years with Creare. She joined the SLA in 1987 and is a member of the Science and Technology Division as well as the Aerospace Division. In the 1990s she has served professionally as the Coordinator of the Boston Chapter Northern Outreach Program and as the organizer of the study "Graphical Impact: Design Strategies for Library Promotion."

Eileen currently wears a pair of hats at the Libraries of MIT. Not only is she the Librarian of the Aeronautics and Astronautics Library but she also is serving temporarily as Collections Manager of the Science Library. She has been the Librarian of the Aeronautics and Astronautics Library for four years. She has been active in the SLA, too, having authored reports on division activities both for *Sci-Tech News* and *Special Libraries* and serving now on a liaison committee for the division and the AIAA. She also is on the Volunteer List of the Boston Chapter. At MIT, she is active in the Branch Librarians Group and the Coordinating Group of the Engineering and Science Libraries.

Peri is a librarian in the Technical Library of the Wright Laboratory at Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio. She specializes in acquisitions, joining the library in 1989. Previously she worked in acquisitions and cataloging at Wright State University, OCLC, and the University of Colorado at Denver. She has an MLS from Indiana University and also an MBA from the University of Dayton. A member of the SLA since 1990, she says it's important to get involved professionally. She served in

the ALA and a number of associations elsewhere, either locally, regionally, or statewide, and, in 1992, was recognized by the Academic Library Association of Ohio with an award for distinguished service.

Thomas is currently the Systems/Technical Services Manager of the Hunt Memorial Library at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. He is involved, too, in information technology, computing and telecommunications planning and governance at the University. Prior to that he was the Technical Services Librarian at the U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis, Missouri. In addition to being active in ALA, Thomas has served the SLA as chair of the Public Relations Committee of the Metropolitan Chapter of St. Louis and soon as a director of the Florida/Caribbean Chapter. For the ALA he currently chairs the Programs Subcommittee and has been involved in developing a position statement for an executive secretary.

LISTSERV BEGINNING TO TAKE OFF

The listserv established for the Division at NASA continues to experience quite a bit of growth. It now has more than 90 subscribers, Lou Ann Scanlan reported recently. Karen Holloway originally established the listserv for us, but she has gone back to the AIAA after working temporarily with NASA.

The listserv was suggested last year at the Division's annual business meeting and was made real by Karen

and the NASA Scientific and Technical Information Program. It is there to provide subscribers with the opportunity to exchange ideas, post announcements, and discuss topics of interest. To subscribe to the list, send an e-mail message to:

listserv@sti.nasa.gov

In the text section, type:

subscribe sla-aero YOUR NAME

All messages sent to SLA-AERO are distributed automatically to everyone registered for the list. If you have questions or problems with the listserv or subscribing, contact the NASA Access Help Desk at (301)621-0390 or help@sti.nasa.gov.

RECOVERY GOING WELL FOR RON BUCHAN

Division member Ron Buchan was hospitalized late last fall and was not able to return home until a month or so ago. Editor of the book review section in *Sci-Tech News*, Ron has made a name for himself as a lexicographer and indexer at NASA. June Silvester, one of his colleagues, who has worked with Ron since he joined NASA, praises him as a person with many talents, including being a hard-working, skilled reference librarian.

We all will be pleased when Ron has fully recovered.

TROUBLE WITH TRANSLATIONS

Some of you may have received requests or heard of requests being received by members for *Translations of Scientific and Technical Literature*, a publication the division sells to raise funds. If you've been stumped by these,

then take note of the information below and provide it to those who ask.

Translations is available from:

Julia Keim
186 Bedford Place
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Julia, who works at Rockwell International in California, will ship the volume to whomever orders it. Checks should be written, however, to:

Aerospace Division, SLA and sent to the treasurer, Don Welch, at:
Bell Helicopter Textron
Engineering Library, MS 1302
P.O. BOX 482
Fort worth, TX 76101

The division also sells *Criss-Cross Directory of NASA N Numbers to DOD D Numbers*, Volume 2. Orders for these should be sent to:

Pat Sather
Technical Information Services
MS 60-3
NASA Lewis Research Center
21000 Brook Park Road
Cleveland, OH 44135

...AND HELP WITH FUNDS

The publication and sale of another index has been proposed to the board, which, due to conference planning, has not acted on it. The suggestion is to publish an index tentatively titled *Index to the Place of Publication of AIAA Papers from 1963 to 1993*. It would allow librarians and users to locate journal references for AIAA papers by cross referencing paper numbers to corresponding journals, volumes, and pages where they are published.

The advantage of this, wrote Sandy Moltz in the proposal she sent the board, is that it will save librarians inside and outside the division time they'd use looking for the papers themselves. "When a customer needs an AIAA paper, the librarian could quickly find out if they had the paper in a journal already sitting on the shelf," she wrote. "If we only cross reference paper number to journal location, the book would not be too elaborate and could be sold cheaply. Adding indexes that cross reference authors and titles, too, could be sold for more, but would require more time and help to produce," she also stated.

She added that she already had spoken to Karen Holloway of the AIAA and had learned from her that the AIAA already had a file that cross indexed AIAA journal articles and papers from 1986 to 1992. "To prepare the rest of the index, we would need volunteers to cover the journals for the other years," Sandy wrote.

Comments on this are welcome (and encouraged) and can be addressed to Sandy or either Mala Sistla or Dottie Moon, the chairs before and after conference in Atlanta.

CALL MADE FOR PAPERS

People with an idea for research or comment on the production, transfer, use, and management of scientific and technical information in the aerospace industry are being invited by the AIAA Technical Information Technical Committee to submit that to the committee for review and publication as a paper.

The paper, if approved, would be presented in January 1995 at the 33rd Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit in Reno, Nevada.

Ideas (or papers) should address, broadly, either (1) the information-seeking behavior of engineers and scientists; (2) the application of information technology to the production, transfer, and use of information; (3) information as a function of technology policy and global competitiveness; (4) the planning and development of information products, services, and systems; or (5) the role of libraries in developing and maintaining the professional competencies of engineering students, faculty, and practitioners. Papers also may be theoretical, experimental, clinical, or management based and may focus either on industry, academics, or government.

Eight papers will be approved by the committee. Six will be presented in a session sponsored by the committee and two will be contributed to engineering education sessions.

To enter a paper for consideration, send an abstract (100 to 150 words), with title; the name(s), address(es), and institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s); the first author's telephone and facsimile numbers; and the first author's e-mail address to:

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LOOKING FORWARD TO 1994-1995

By Dottie Moon

Planning has already begun for the 1995 Annual Conference in Montreal. There is still time to notify me of any ideas that you might have for programs that you think would be worthwhile sessions at that meeting.

Ideas that are being considered at present by various conference planners include:

- Internet: lots of sessions on the nitty-gritty, real-life ways to use the information superhighway.
 - Team Building: how to motivate mature teams and appraise individual performance
 - Globalization of the aerospace industry: more mergers and acquisitions, partnerships—what the future will bring
 - Imaging: future technologies; business applications of multimedia
 - International Standards: how to find them or their equivalents & lots more
 - ISO 9000: what's involved in getting certifications—Alternate Energy: fuel cells, solar, wind and ?
 - Re-engineering the Library
 - Virtual libraries
 - Librarians as consultants with their organizations
 - Outsourcing
 - Patents: 3 views—research, legal, competitor intelligence
 - Learning Organizations
 - Vendor Relations/Partnering with supplies
 - NAFTA's effects on transportation
- Again, if you have ideas for programs, or, if you know of speakers that you would like to have SLA

consider—just contact me via one of the pathways listed below.

To pass on ideas for programs, speakers, events for Montreal, OR To find out more about getting involved in the Division, contact:

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DIVISION'S THIRTIETH BIRTHDAY

The Aerospace Division will be marking its 30th year in 1996. This is a wonderful time to get involved with the working of the division. Think about expanding your involvement with the Division—it has been a great way for me to enlarge my network, which as been a help in performing my job. Join us at one or all of the Division functions in Atlanta!

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