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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! Welcome to another edition of "The Aerospace Division Progress Report." First, let me list a few of the major projects that are under

way, and who is leading them. By the end of the year I believe we will see some welcome results, if everything goes as well as possible.

CURRENT PROJECTS

AIAA liaison: Susan Clifford et al - This is a project, on which Susan is working hard, to coordinate the activities of the AIAA with the rest of the industry.

George Mandel Award: Sandy Moltz et al - Here, members are preparing criteria for granting the award in 1994.

Internet survey: Dottie Moon - Dottie still wants the surveys that are out, so please get them to her so she can put them on a listserv for networking.

Networking: Margie Pearson - Nothing to report ... for now.

International Chair: Mary Pitt - Mary is working on connecting, via Internet, with overseas libraries to establish one or more working relationships.

Aerospace Division survey: Me - I have taken this assignment and I will be sending a new survey to members so that the division can update its records. Look for it later in the column.

Nominating Chair: Audrey Bryant - She is accepting nominations now, so send her your suggestions or requests (at the address listed later in the column).

Membership Chair: Lola Kimbro - Any corrections or changes in listings for the membership directory must be sent to her as soon as possible.

Fund raising: Me - I have been working on this assignment and have asked Dave Rife to assist me in developing a product we can introduce at the 1994 annual conference.

Treasurer: Don Welch - He's been busy, believe you me; read his report later in the column and it will give you an appreciation of what the division sometimes must overcome.

Archives: Scott Brackett - His article on the evolution of the Aerospace Division will appear in the next issue of *STN*. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

We also have a new Government

Relations Chair - Mr. Tim Frankel. Please welcome him and share any ideas or questions you may have regarding government and DoD policies towards contractors, etc. He is now the expert, and his number and address are listed later in this column.

VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that the SLA survey on member needs indicated that 41.9 percent of the association's members "did not have the time for volunteer work," that "20.7 percent were never asked (to do volunteer work), and that 14.2 percent didn't believe they knew enough about what was involved (to do volunteer work)." This is what the September 1993 SLA leadership update newsletter reported. This strongly suggests that the organization has lost its followers and must work on creating some new programs or incentives that would attract dedicated volunteers. If you folks have any ideas or suggestions as to how we may serve one another, "volunteer" it and send it to me ... or to *Sci-Tech News* and other publications of the SLA.

On a positive note, recently two SLA members confirmed an interest in serving the division. They consequently became the chairs of the Nominating Committee and Government Relations. The volunteers? Audrey Bryant and Tim Frankel, respectively.

NOMINATIONS

Contact Audrey about making a nomination (or running for office):
Audrey Bryant
Lockheed Missiles
Technical Information Center
Organization 90-11, Bldg 0201
3251 Hanover Street
Palo Alto, CA 94304-1187
(415) 424-2815 or
(415) 424-3124 for a FAX

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

You can reach Tim Frankel as follows:

Tim Frankel
492 Mammoth Road
Manchester, NH 03104
(603) 647-8759

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Now, a reminder! We have an exciting program coming to you in Atlanta. Be sure to take complete advantage of your membership and the vast knowledge and experience to which it can introduce you at a conference.

A FUNDING THING HAPPENED ... (A Report by the Treasurer, Don Welch)

The division, thanks chiefly to Mala Sistla, already has received funds and/or donations from Mead Data Central and the AIAA. The division also has received a bill from SLA for incurred

conference expenses. The result of these transactions (when they are posted) is that the division is not as rich as it was.

The division really needs a fund-raiser. Even though Sandy Spurlock, the division treasurer for the last two years, reported during annual conference that the division still had a little more than \$16,000.00, a fund-raiser needs to get started now so that we have the startup and promotional funds to fund it until it pays for itself.

An idea I had recently was to represent an overseas publisher in marketing and handling the sales of a book or series of books ... in the U.S., of course. I'm uncertain of the mechanics of doing this, and I don't have a book or books in mind, but that's the idea I had. I got the idea from a mailing Eiron Press of Washington, D.C., sent me. It included a catalog from Cepadues, the publisher of French National Space Agency books and monographs. Eiron, obviously, was selling Cepadues books in the U.S.

To go a little farther with this idea (of selling books) maybe we could resurrect a book that's gone OP and have it republished. I'll bet there are books you had that are missing, or have been trying to find for years, that a lot of us could use ... if they were still in print. What do you think? Anybody got ideas on what would sell? What they'd buy?

By the way, Sandy (Spurlock), who was mentioned above, has changed jobs and is no longer in an aerospace industry library. So, she's not only having to surrender the title and duties of the division treasurer this year, but she may have to drop, or at least curtail, her dealings with division members. Even though I still haven't gotten the division's accounts and papers from her (and it's October 8 as I write this), it's going to be kind of sad to see her breaking that connection. I celebrate her moving to a new job, though; she'll be the director of the Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute library in Albuquerque, NM.



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Aerospace Division Membership Survey

This survey is an attempt to update the information we have from the 1989 survey conducted by Lynn Ecklund, the division chair at the time. The survey here assumes that members have at least a year or more experience and are in the information field.

1. List any special skills that you would like to share with the division.

2. Would you consider running for office? Yes _____ No _____
If so, which one(s): a) chair-elect _____ b) secretary _____ c) treasurer _____

3. Would you be interested in serving on one of the division committees?
Yes _____ No _____ If so, which one(s):
_____ Archives _____ Government Relations
_____ Membership _____ Nominations
_____ Public Relations _____ *Sci-Tech News* reporter

4. How much time can you spend on division activities during the division year?
a) 0 - 1 hour _____
b) 1 - 5 hours _____
c) 5 - 10 hours _____
d) more hours _____

5. Please list previous SLA positions you have held, if any.

6. What topics would you like the division to pursue? Please list them in the order of importance for you.

7. Would you be able to attend the division business meetings? Yes _____ No _____

8. Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to respond. Your input is important to us for planning future programs.

Mail the survey to: Lockheed Aeronautical Systems
Dept. 96-06, Zone 0253, B-2
86 S. Cobb Drive
Marietta, GA 30063-0253
ATTN: Mala Sistla

AIAA LINK

A committee of 15 persons, many now from the Aerospace Division, will be discussing, and building, contacts and plans for AIAA and SLA/Aerospace Division cooperation and growth through sharing information.

The chair of the committee is Dr. Tom Pinelli, a division member. He is also with the AIAA, and he said recently that the committee is one of several the AIAA has started to try and "establish the foundations and relationships" that the AIAA (and partners) will need to continue to move forward in the years ahead. He said the committee would be interested particularly in discussing and communicating developments of an educational focus.

He said the committee, the Technical Information Committee of the AIAA, will be looking initially at building professional relationships and communicating effectively. Secondarily, it will be trying to help improve the access and use of information ... through education.

The 15 are Pinelli, Gladys Cotter of NASA, Frances Grant of Lockheed, Harold Kohn of the Shock and Vibration Information Analysis Center, Francis Grant of Lockheed, George Roncaglia of NASA, and Mike Yuen of DIALOG. Rosalind Cheslock, Susan Clifford, Hope Coffman, Frances Davis, Eileen Dorschner, Barbara Lawrence, and Jean Mayhew are on the committee, too, but they also are division members.

GIMME A GMMA

A committee of three has been working to revamp and broaden the

guidelines governing the identification and selection of George Mandel Memorial Award winners. The three working on this are Mitzi Rinehart, Sandy Moltz, and Phyllis Fischer. The award, as you'll remember, is for Aerospace Division members.

Sandy recently wrote that the authors have finished reviewing the guidelines used since 1990, and they have prepared a proposal that will be considered now by the board. Some of what used to be true about the award apparently still holds. Faxon wants to be a sponsor for the award, and, No.2, the award still will be for \$500.00. The award also will be for someone planning to attend the annual conference.

To apply for the award, contact the GMMA Awards Committee. You can do that by calling Sandy at (617) 594-5363; Mitzi at (602) 893-7162; or Phyllis at (314) 232-6136.

VISIONARIES

The SLA Visioning Committee is scheduling a pair of sessions in Atlanta for anyone (who's a member of SLA) to share their visions of what the association can be.

Aerospace Division member Hope Coffman is going to help moderate one of the group sessions.

The sessions, currently billed as conference-wide sharing sessions, "are an opportunity for the membership (of the SLA) to meet informally with committee members" about the directions of the association, Hope said. She also said the format of the sessions was meant to be fully participatory. The sessions will be held twice, once on June 13 and again on June 14. Each session will feature

two groups of moderators moderating two groups meeting simultaneously.

The moderators of Group 1 on June 13 are Bill Fisher and Lynn Tinsley. The moderators for Group 2 are Bill Woodruff and Ellen Mimnaugh. On June 14, the moderators of Group 1 are Stephen Abram and Marilyn Stark. Nick Mercury and Hope are the moderators for Group 2. This second session on June 14 also will feature Catherine Richards leading a third group discussing "The value of the SLA beyond our borders."

AERO SMITHS (and JONES and)

The name (and accomplishments) of former division chair Catherine "Kitty" Scott will be included in the 48th edition of Marquis *Who's Who in America*. The most recent past president of the SLA, Kitty is also a member of the Library Management; Museums, Arts, and Humanities; News; and, of course, Aerospace division. She also is a member of the Consulting Section.

Karen Holloway has been selected to chair the SLA's Conference Committee for the 1994 Montreal conference. Karen, who's with the NASA STI Program in Maryland, will be considering the logistics now of accommodating more than 5,000 members and exhibitors at the conference. She'll be looking for a few good men and women to help her with this, I bet.

Sandy Spurlock was nominated recently to run for the SLA office of Chapter Cabinet Chair-elect. That is a board of directors post, and it will be for the years of 1994-95. She will be running against Susan DiMattia.

OOPS! CORRECTIONS NEEDED

The address published last quarter to register for a listserv was incorrect.

To become a part of the division discussion group, send a message to:

listserv@sti.nasa.gov

(and leave the subject line blank). In the text section, type

subscribe sla-aero YOUR NAME


Thereafter, you should receive a confirmation on e-mail that you are a registered subscriber. Mail that you send then should be sent to a different address than the one above. Type:

sla-aero@sti.nasa.gov

All messages sent to SLA-AERO are distributed automatically to everyone who is registered. There will not be a moderator. If you have questions or problems with listservs or subscribing, contact:

Karen Holloway, NASA STI Program,
703/271-5608 or kholloway@sti.nasa.gov
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