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FROM THE CHAIR



Hi! this is my first opportunity to say hello to all the members of the Aerospace Division. It's a fact of life that only a few of us can get to the Annual Conference. I want you all to know that attendance

at the meeting is wonderful, but certainly not a requirement for participation in division activities. We need all of you to provide input, ideas, concerns, and problems. The Division is here all year, not just at the Conference.

We co-sponsored a great reception on Monday evening at the Conference with the Engineering Division. We also honored Pat Marshall on becoming an SLA Fellow with a cake and photo session. Several of us attended the Awards banquet on Wednesday evening as well to show our support for Pat. Our open houses on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were also very successful and well attended. Receptions and open houses continue to be very important parts of the Annual Conference--places to meet new people and visit with old friends in a less formal atmosphere.

I spent many hours at the Conference at the Planner's Meetings for San Antonio in 1991. I'm looking forward to a great meeting. Many interesting sessions are

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being planned by all of the Divisions. Combine that with Texan hospitality, and it should be an event to remember.

The Division has started a memorial fund in honor of George Mandel, the George Mandel Memorial Award (GMMA). The fund will be used to give financial support to an Aerospace Division member to attend the Annual SLA Conference. I knew George for only a short time, but my memories will always be filled with his energetic support of the Division and its activities. A copy of the GMMA application was sent to all of you inside the new membership directory. I am looking forward to a flood of requests from all of you.

My "cabinet" for this year is as follows:

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Last, but certainly not least, my many thanks are given to Lynn Ecklund for being a wonderful Chair of the Division this past year. The Pittsburgh Meeting was a large success due to Lynn's talents and planning skills. Lynn and I spent many hours on the phone this past year, and I have learned a great deal from her. She may be the past chair but I know she will remain active in the Division for many years to come.

1990 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sandy Spurlock

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. on June 11, 1990, by Lynn Ecklund. The minutes of the 1989 Business meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Ellie Reiter reported that as of the end of May 1990 the Division has a positive balance among all accounts of \$12,985.03. Thanks were expressed to Mead Data Central, Information Handling Service, and AIAA for their contributions toward conference expenses. A copy of the Treasurer's Report was submitted.

Membership Committee Chair Mitzi Rinehart reports a membership of 263 members. She described her efforts in producing the 1990 Membership Directory which was made possible by the support she received from her employer, Allied-Signal Corp. A copy of the Directory was mailed to all current members, and one is sent to each new member who joins the Division. One copy has been sold for \$20.

Government Relations Chair Sandy Moltz reported on her efforts to alert Division Members when NASA, without prior notification, stopped publication of STAR. She also reported the action of the SLA Board in sending a letter to NASA protesting the process used. She noted that Tom Pinelli will be assuming responsibility during the coming year for the Government Relations Committee.

A report for the Special Projects Committee was given by Lee Jarabek, who assumed responsibility for this Committee following the untimely death of George Mendel. She reported the sale of 215 sets of the Criss-Cross Directory resulting in an income for the Division of \$11,815 (balanced by costs of \$7,755). Forty-four sets remain to be sold. Volunteers are needed to serve as Chair of this Committee and to help with its activities.

In the absence of Nominating Chair Betty Tyson, Lynn Ecklund announced the election of Sandy Moltz as Chair Elect and Sandy Spurlock as Secretary of the Division.

Old Business:

No further old business was reported.

New Business:

Lynn Ecklund began a tradition by distributing to each of her board members a "Flying Nut" pin, and thanked them for their help and efforts during the past year.

Congratulations were extended to Patricia Marshall for her election as an SLA Fellow.

A discussion was held on how best to extend the eligibility of the George Mendel Memorial Award, so that more Division members might benefit from it. This award was established during the past year in honor of George Mendel, who was killed in an automobile accident. The intent of the award is to encourage Division members in good standing to attend the Annual Conference and to make contributions in the form of papers presented, sessions facilitated, etc. Ways of publicizing the award were also discussed. Contributions to the award are still being accepted.

As incoming Chair, Phyllis Fischer asked for suggestions for a new fund-raiser, and suggested that a good candidate might be a product that all members would like to see published. She also noted that more membership information is needed for publication in Sci-Tech News.

Linda Evans from the Flight Safety Foundation asked for help from Division members in filling out a survey she has developed which gathers facts and statistics on aviation safety for a directory.

As a new feature for the Business Meeting, a paper was presented by Ralph Lewis of Lockheed. Titled "Missing Links in Valuing Information, Information Services and Information Professionals," this paper summarized research into the reasons why information and information workers are not adequately valued in the corporate environment. It generated lively discussions, and resulted in several suggestions of how Division members can share results of their own research along these lines, and communicate relevant findings to their companies and to the media. Division members were encouraged

to present similar papers at future Business Meetings, and it was noted that such a contribution would be eligible for support from the George Mandel Memorial Award.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Phyllis Fischer.

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR ELECT

Sandy Moltz

It's almost impossible to describe how valuable an experience attending the Annual Conference was. I found Pittsburgh exhausting and exhilarating--attending evening workshops, meeting peers, going to training sessions for Chairs and Chair Elects, talking to vendors, and the high point--meeting and talking with other members of the Aerospace Division. It was a pleasure to get to know and work with Phyllis Fischer, our Chair. She's very sociable, organized, hard-working--a friendly take-charge type. She will be a very hard act to follow.

And that's where you people come in. PLEASE write with suggestions for programs you'd like to see at future conferences. These can be programs you'd like to present or ones you'd be interested in attending. Also, if there's anything else you'd like to suggest, volunteer for, etc.--please communicate. This Division is YOUR Division.

NASA TO RESUME PUBLICATION OF STAR

Steve Gass

As you may have already heard, NASA announced in late June that it will resume publication of STAR. The brief announcement stated:

NASA is pleased to announce the resumption of the printing of the Scientific and Technical Aerospace Report (STAR). We would like to thank the Scientific and

Technical Information community for its support and cooperation during this difficult period. As you know, we have been maintaining the computer database up to date in order to shorten the start-up cycle. We will be printing all the back issues and the cumulative index for 1989.

I'm sure that many of you wrote to NASA over the suspension of the publication of STAR. As an important part of the information community that depends on the dissemination of information from NASA, we need to make our voices heard. During the last few months we have seen a number of news items questioning NASA's budget. Given the budget crisis facing the US Government, NASA will be making difficult choices in the future which are bound to affect their policies on information dissemination. Though we can celebrate the small victory of STAR resuming publication, we should not stop continuing to provide NASA with meaningful input on how best to make their information resources accessible to our communities. If you want NASA to hear your views write to:

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