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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

Anaheim was a delightful and spacious place for the 1987 SLA Conference, and those of you who did not attend were missed. We hope you will plan to join us next year in Denver.

The Aerospace Division sessions were very exciting, educational, and well attended. Since a good number of our members reside on the west coast, it was a good opportunity to meet more of our division members at the business meeting luncheon on Tuesday. We took that opportunity to thank Jean Anderson for her hard work in leading the Division through another successful year. Julie Keim, our able treasurer, reported that we are in good financial health. The ballot results were announced, and for a more detailed account, see the Minutes of the Annual Division Meeting of 1987.

Following the business meeting George Mandel gave a presentation on *Technical Information Services and Staffing*. The services included both the publishing of research material as well as library activities, with special emphasis placed upon the level of contractor support personnel requirements. It is a very timely and thought-provoking piece. Anyone wishing a copy of his talk may reach him at NASA, Technical Information Service Division, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135; telephone (216) 433-5783.

On Monday, Dr. Paul MacCready's program on "Gossamer Condor to Flying Pterodactyl" was so impressive and so much fun that he had difficulty in making his departure after he had concluded his talk. He was surrounded by his audience who were enchanted and excited by his presentation, and wanted to learn more of his inspirations and his flying objects.

On Wednesday afternoon a joint session conducted by Lynn Eklund of AIAA and Judy Heddin of Predicasts demonstrated how these two types of database could be combined, thus offering invaluable enhancements to both business and technical research requirements. We would like to extend our thanks to AIAA and Predicasts for the sponsorship of the Division Suite and Open House in Anaheim.

On Thursday the field trips took us to JPL, Caltech, Queen Mary, and Spruce Goose. It was a super educational and enjoyable outing.

Much of my time at Anaheim was spent in meetings with the chairmen of other divisions to plan for the 1988 Denver conference (Theme: Expanding Horizons; Strategies for Information Managers.). Our local representative is Jay R. McKee, Chief, Martin Marietta Corporation, Aerospace Division Research Library 9555, P.O. Box 179, Denver, CO 80201; telephone (303) 977-5512. Please contact him for information concerning Denver.

Here are some of the preliminary plans for the Denver conference: a program on "technical reports". We expect to invite the responsible persons on technical reports of government agencies to come and have a dialogue with us on the accessibility of technical report literature; a panel session on expert systems, co-sponsored with other divisions on Tuesday from 2 - 5 pm; and a round table discussion on integrated libraries or updates on databases. We are also planning (tentatively) a trip to the Air Force Academy, together with the Military Librarians Group, possibly lunching at the Broadmoor Hotel. During the conference we will have the customary Hospitality Suite and Open Houses to renew old friendships and meet new members and members of other divisions. Please let me hear from you if you have any preference or other program ideas. Feel free at any time to contact any committee chair or myself to volunteer your services, or drop us a few lines of either comments or recommendations. Assistance and input are absolutely essential and vital for the well-being of our division. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Veronica Hsu
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A New Aerospace Spectacular:

Translations of Scientific & Technical Literature: A Guide to Their Location, by Kathy J. Wright, September 1987, 30p. Price \$20.00.

Kathy is at the Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego, CA 92152, telephone (619) 225-6171. When requested by some Admirals as to where to locate translations, she extended a great deal of effort in responding with the

correct answer. This effort was later expanded into this invaluable quick guide. To order, your check should be made payable to SLA-Aerospace Div., and sent to:

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Minutes of the Aerospace Division 1987 Annual Business Meeting

The meeting was held June 9, 1987:

1. Minutes from the 1986 annual business meeting were read and approved.

2. Julia Keim delivered the Treasurer's report.

Balances as of 5/31/86 were:

Operating Account \$3,631.68

Reserve Account 373.09

Project Account 2,180.09

Less Unpaid Bill (94.87)

NET WORTH \$6,089.99

3. George Mandel reported on the status of Projects:

Regarding the Criss-Cross Directory — several copies were sold to foreign countries.

George reported that a second volume will be produced in cooperation with NASA.

A motion was made by Stan Elman: That the Aerospace Division go ahead with the project of producing the second volume of the Criss-Cross Directory, and that 250 copies of the second volume be printed. The motion was seconded. Discussion was held; Herb Sclar of Udata offered to print the 250 copies of the second volume on microfiche, with UPDATA absorbing the cost. The motion carried.

Barbara Lawrence of AIAA offered to place promotional flyers about the second volume in AIAA promotional materials.

4. Kay Salm presented the Elections Report: Newly elected Aerospace Division officers are:

Chair-Elect — Dawn Villere, ITT Gilfillan,
Van Nuys, CA

Secretary — Ellie Reiter, Martin Marietta,
Denver, CO

5. New Business:

Kathy Wright, of the Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego, CA, has offered to author an updated version of "How to Obtain a Translation".

A motion was made by George Mandel: That we (we being the Aerospace Division Executive Board) explore this proposed project with the principals; and if it's a project that the principals agree upon, that we go ahead with the project. The motion was seconded by Kitty Scott. The motion carried.

6. Jean Anderson, outgoing Chair, acknowledged and thanked everyone who had helped during her year as Chair. She gave special

thanks to Sherril Hisaw who was our contact for Anaheim and the conference area; to Lorraine Bick-Gregoire for putting out the new membership directory; to Ralph Lewis, Veronica Hsu, and Barbara Amago; and to all the committee chairs and their committee members.

7. Veronica Hsu, incoming Chair, thanked Jean Anderson for her dedication and devotion to the division; and gave a special thanks to Jean's husband, Bill Anderson, for his help. Veronica reminded everyone that the 1988 conference will be in Denver and she encouraged all to come and bring a colleague; our local representative for Denver is Jay McKee. She also encouraged everyone to recruit colleagues to join the division.

A handsome briefcase was presented to Jean Anderson in recognition of her term as Chair.

8. George Mandel made a View-Graph presentation on the Technical Information Services and staffing at the NASA-LEWIS Research Center. He presented information regarding the use of contractor support personnel and described what the TIS duties and responsibilities are. George also announced that the NASA TT series will start appearing again.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Kay E. Salm
Acting Secretary

In Memoriam

Mrs. Dorothy B. Cowe, Senior Technical Librarian, Itek Optical Systems, Lexington, Massachusetts, a member of our Division and Boston Chapter, passed away on June 25, 1987, after a brief illness. A large number of the Boston Chapter attended a memorial service held for her at 11 am, Monday, June 29, 1987 in the Follen Community Church Unitarian Universalists in Lexington, Massachusetts. She had been extremely active in the Boston Chapter for many years. Her presence and contributions will be missed.

Veronica Hsu
Chair