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News from the Aerospace Section

Aerospace Section

Mary Strife, Chair



The Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division encourages communication and cooperation among information professionals concerned with aerospace, aeronautical and related technologies. In addition, it fosters dialog with entities such as NASA, the AIAA and other important sources of technical data and bibliographical services.

Hello from the State of West Virginia. My name is Mary Strife and I am the current chair of the Aerospace Section. I am currently the Director of the Evansdale Library at West Virginia University and the Senior Engineering Librarian. I have been at WVU since 1995 and began my term as director in 2002. Over my 30+ years in the profession, I have worked at Cornell, Syracuse University, the University of Rochester and SUNY Utica/Rome.

The incoming chair, Edna Paulson, is from NASA. Her home base is the NASA Center for AeroSpace Information (CASI), a contractor-operated facility in Hanover, MD, near the Baltimore-Washington airport. Her facility is around 15 miles north of Goddard Space Flight Center but is not organizationally connected to it. The NASA office she works for is the Scientific and Technical Information Program Office, based at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA. She attended the Leadership Summit in Dallas and has a good start on planning for the breakfast for the 2014 Vancouver conference. Illness prevented me from attending the summit; however, the programming for this June's conference is set.

Our Aerospace Section breakfast and program is on Tuesday morning, June 11, from 8-8:30 in San Diego. This is a ticketed event for \$20 and will feature the presentation of the George Mandel Award. Since I was unable to get speakers for the breakfast, we will spend the time networking and sharing what path we want the section to take in the coming years. This is the first year that the program and breakfast will be combined due to new rules from SLA Headquarters. I hope that many of you will be able to attend the conference and the breakfast. The Engineering Division has a roster of programs that will be important for you as well. Betty Edwards, our section/division conference planner deserves out thanks for helping us meet deadlines and stay on task for June's conference.

The section benefits from all the talent and experience each member brings to the group. We would like to know what types of activities you would like the section to provide for your benefit. We will have an opportunity to share at the breakfast. However, please share concerns and ideas with me (mary.strife@mail.wvu.edu) or Edna (edna.w.paulson@nasa.gov)❖

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