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## Aerospace Section

## Kathryn Breining, Chair



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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.

It is hard to believe that Fall is already upon us, but the truth is there before my eyes – leaves blow across the yard, school buses have replaced RVs and trailers on the road, and my term as Aerospace Chair is rapidly drawing to a close.

In January I will transition to Past-Chair, and turn over the Chair responsibilities to our Chair-elect, Gale Harris from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics. Gale has been very busy this past year with program planning for the SLA Conference 2009 which will be held in Washington, D.C. As you know, 2009 will be the year of celebration for SLA's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mark your calendars and start making plans for attending this historic event in June!

The SLA Leadership Summit, January 14-17, 2009, will be held in Savannah, GA. It promises to be a great opportunity to learn from the experts, explore new resources available to SLA leaders and members, and for leadership development as well as in SLA governance. Anyone wanting to learn and develop leadership skills is encouraged to attend the Summit. You will experience the famous southern hospitality, have opportunities to network with colleagues in SLA, meet old friends and make new friends while in Savannah.

Our newly elected SLA Board of Directors will be focused on continuing to build SLA as a forward-thinking organization, and on helping us all to continue our professional development. Watch for announcements from the Board and for opportunities to volunteer in SLA. SLA President-Elect, Gloria Zamora sent out a call for volunteers this Fall. We now have a volunteer database with opportunities to serve

on SLA committees or in chapters, divisions or caucuses. You can also submit your name as a candidate for the Board of Directors. Here is the link to Gloria's article: <http://www.sla.org/content/community/committe/volunteer.cfm> I encourage all of you to take a look and seriously consider volunteering for SLA. You will find it a rewarding and educational experience.

I have truly enjoyed my time as Aerospace Chair. I feel like I have finally learned what I need to know as it is drawing to a close. It has been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun, and has given me the opportunity to further develop my leadership skills, make lots of new friends, and learn from many other people. I would like to recognize and thank the many who helped me during my two-year stint as Chair-elect and Chair but am sure I would forget someone if I tried to list them all! To all of you who answered my endless questions, pointed me in the right directions, and encouraged me – a sincere thank you. I am grateful to all of you. You were instrumental in helping me develop personally and professionally, and have a successful tenure as a member of the SLA leadership.

I would, however, like to especially thank Daureen Nesdill, Engineering Chair, for her support and help as we learned together through our years as Chair-elect and Chair. Also Amy Smith, Aerospace Section Past-Chair, for her encouragement, assistance, and patience with my many, many questions.❖

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Breining  
SLA Aerospace Section Chair

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