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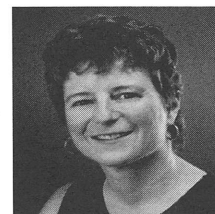
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## Aerospace Section

## Marcia Rodney, 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's almost here – our annual meeting, and this time it's in Baltimore, an exciting place for aerospace. I hope to see many of you there.

This year we're especially fortunate to have NOAA's Mary Ellen Kicza as our speaker. Ms. Kicza is an award-winning aerospace engineer and federal satellite program manager who became the new deputy assistant administrator of NOAA's Satellite and Information Service in last October. She has oversight of NOAA's current satellites, climate, oceanographic and geophysical data gathering, and planning for future NOAA satellite systems.

Prior to her work with NOAA, Kicza was NASA's associate deputy administrator for systems integration. Her senior-level accomplishments earned her two Meritorious Service Awards, NASA's Distinguished Service and Scientific Achievement Medals.

Kicza began her career as an engineer at McClellan Air Force Base in California, developing and testing software for the U.S. Air Force satellite communications systems. In 1982, she joined NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, where she was a lead engineer for the Atlas Centaur and Shuttle Centaur launch vehicles. While at NASA, she also served as deputy director for the Solar System Exploration Division, assistant associate administrator for Space Science, associate center director for the Goddard Space Flight Center and associate administrator for Biological and Physical Research.

Join us Monday June 12 at 3:30pm as we hear Mary Ellen Kicza and examine **NOAA: Observing the Earth from Top to Bottom**. And thank you to SPIE for their sponsorship of this event.

Every year at the Annual Conference the Aerospace Section is fortunate to give the George Mandel Memorial Award to an exceptional member who has given outstanding service to our section, our industry, and our profession. I'm proud to announce that this year's winner is Janna Jantz of Lockheed Martin Space Systems in Colorado.

Janna is a past Aerospace chair, and was very

active as a leader during a turbulent time when our Division shifted to Section status. She also put many years into the Division prior to her work as chair, and was instrumental in jump-starting a group looking at value-added services in the sci-tech library, which turned into an SLA continuing education course on Business Intelligence for non-Business Librarians.

In 1990 she joined Martin Marietta Astronautics (now Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company). At that time she also became a member of the Aerospace Division of SLA. She has held several other positions in SLA Aerospace including secretary of the Aerospace Division, nominating committee member and GMMMA selection committee member. She is also a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Technical Information Technical Committee.

We are very grateful to the continuing sponsorship by the Mandel Family and by the American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics. George Mandel was a member of the aerospace industry library community for 30 years. At the time of his death in 1989, he was the Chief of the Technical Information Services Division at the NASA Lewis Research Center. He also served as Chair of the Aerospace Division in 1977-78 and, as a project chair, Mandel was the driving force behind the compilation and publishing of the NASA *N* Numbers to DOD *AD* Numbers. This award was established to preserve the goals of the Aerospace Section and keep alive George's belief that participating in professional organizations is important for an individual's growth and development.

Please join me in congratulating Janna and in thanking Dr David Mandel and AIAA for their continued sponsorship of this award. Janna will be presented this award at the Aerospace Section's annual meeting.

Watch the Aero list and the Conference Planner for any last minute details!

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