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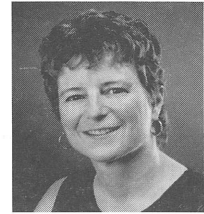
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Aerospace Section

Marcia Rodney, 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.

For those of you were unable to make it to our program in Baltimore this year, I have to tell you -- the Aerospace Section's simply ROCKED! Guest speaker Mary Kicza of NOAA summed up a very impressive 20± year career by simply saying "I do satellite stuff." Currently Kicza is Deputy Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services. She most recently served as the Associate Deputy Administrator for Systems Integration at NASA. How'd she get her start? As a Star Trek fan! The room was jampacked with more than 60 people as Kicza reviewed NOAA's role on land, on sea, and of course, in the air – it was like having the Discover channel and being able to ask questions at the same time. I think our guest was particularly surprised to discover she had librarian groupies. Many thanks to SPIE, our vendor sponsor for this program, and to PAM and ENG, for co-sponsoring.

The highlight of any year's Aerospace Section Business Meeting is the privilege and honor of presenting the George Mandel Memorial Award. This award, co-sponsored by Dr. David Mandel in honor of his father, and by AIAA, is given to a member of the section who has made a significant contribution to the profession and organization. This year was a double treat, as last year's winner, Eileen Dorschner of MIT, had been unable to attend Toronto and joined us in Baltimore. The 2006 award was given to Janna Jantz of Lockheed Martin Space Systems. Both are past chairs of the section who have provided exceptional service over the years. I can personally attest to their willingness to share with and mentor those new to the profession and the association. Many thanks to AIAA and Thomson Scientific for sponsoring this meeting.

The usual conference wrap-up should involve handing over the gavel to the next chair, but because the Engineering Division and the Aerospace Section are shifting their calendars – along with the rest of the Association – we won't be doing that 'til the New Year. But I'd like to tell you a little bit about your chair-elect now, because Ginny Jarvis of CAE SimuFlite is rarin' to go, and is already planning for Denver 2007. I've

been working with Ginny for more than a year now, and in addition to conferences, telecoms, and what seem like hundreds of emails, we have also been roommates. Ginny says she has just two speeds, high and off. Well, I can tell you from personal experience that she does indeed work at a very high RPM, and she intends to put that to good use for Denver conference planning. She's already a high speed blender of great ideas, so by all means send her your ideas for programs and tours at ginny.jarvis@cae.com.

However, we did unanimously elect a new chair-elect. Amy C. Smith is a Senior Technical Librarian for Raytheon Company's Missile Systems division in Tucson, Arizona. She has been with Raytheon since 2005, and a member of SLA since 2002, attending her first professional conference in 2005 (SLA Toronto).

Amy began her career in libraries working for The Community Library in Ketchum, Idaho. Prior to finding her passion in libraries, Amy led an exciting and mildly comical life as a Chef, Pastry Chef, Innkeeper, Licensing Specialist and Construction worker, just to name a few. Full life history is best disclosed over cocktails.

Amy grew up in the Pacific Northwest, but now lives in Tucson, Arizona – so the webbing is now gone from between her toes. She graduated from Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Science in 2004 with a Master's of Library Science and a Certificate of Information Management. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Seattle University in Philosophy and History in 1996.

Amy will be working on the Mandel Award committee, and welcomes any past award winners as volunteers to serve on the committee. She can be reached at amy_c_smith@raytheon.com. Thank you, Amy, for agreeing to serve. Amy will be chair when our annual conference is in Seattle in 2008.

The Aerospace email list (SLA-AERO) has migrated to a new platform this year at <http://www.sti.nasa.gov/listsrv/listinfo/sla-aero> which allows for easy management by the end user.

The list owner can be reached at sla-aero-owner@sti.nasa.gov Reminder, once you're subscribed, all you have to do to post to the list is send an email to sla-aero@sti.nasa.gov Thank you to Edna Paulson for facilitating the contacts within STI at NASA.

I'd like to share some membership figures from our section's annual report. Membership numbers for the section saw a slight uptick, possibly due to the shift in the timing of the report from HQ as well as changes in the membership staff at HQ.

It's worth noting that many members of the Engineering division who work for notable aerospace firms are not members of the Aerospace section. This could be a recruiting project for the past-chair and the chair-elect to tackle together as Engineering Division members do not incur an additional expense to join the Aerospace section. However, I encourage

all of our Section members to talk with their coworkers about joining. Critical mass keeps us alive for aerospace specific programming and networking.

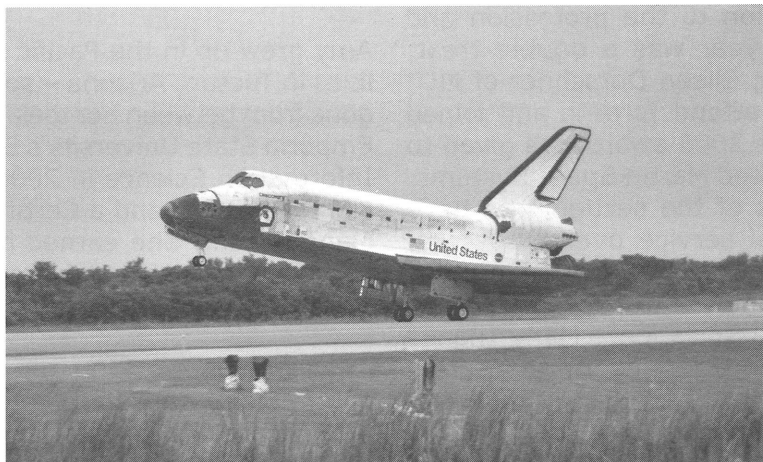
I'm writing this column on the Fourth of July, a holiday for our members in the United States, but notable from an aerospace point of view for the launch of a rather giant firecracker – the space shuttle Discovery. The planned 12-day mission

will be over by the time this reaches your mailboxes, and I know many of you worked on teams that contributed

in some form or fashion to Discovery. So congratulations on what looks like a successful launch!❖

Marcia J. Rodney
Aerospace Section Chair

AEROSPACE SECTION MEMBERSHIP			
	Nov 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2006
Organizational	2	2	2
Lifetime	1	1	1
Retired	3	3	4
Student	1	1	0
Member – extra	3	1	2
Members	76	71	89
Total	86	79	98



Discovery safely touching down at Kennedy Space Center July 17, 2006. Photograph courtesy of NASA.