

**AIAA St. Louis Section  
Council Meeting Minutes  
2 October 2003**

**Attendees Needed for Quorum (12 of 24 needed for quorum):**

Gary White, Karen Copper [ph], Mike Swartwout, Bob Dowgwillo, Larry Brase [ph], Dave Riley, John Mohr, Mike McCoy, Christopher Alexander, Douglas Olson, Peter Cheng [ph], Jeff Larrick, Mark Holly, Dwayne Car.

Gary White called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The members in attendance constituted a quorum (eventually).

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Minutes from 4 September 2003 – Michael Swartwout**  
The amended minutes were (eventually) approved by voice vote.
- **Treasurer’s Report – Bob Dowgwillo**  
Beginning with a 30 June 2003 balance of 1561.31, Bob outlined expenses for postage and the first meeting and income from ticket sales. Our balance as of 1 October 2003 is 890.81. Hardly any ticket sales from the September meeting were included.
- **Open chairs** Dale Pitt has taken the Technical Specialist chair; Programs and Career Enhancement are still open.
- **Meeting updates**
  - 17 September (Historic Aviation). We had 29 attendees, although Karen raised the issue regarding rosters and payment confusion; the Section lost money on this meeting (estimated at \$70). It was suggested by several people that we discontinue the practice of inflating our estimates; on only the most unusual of occasions have we ever had more people show up to an event than we estimated. (It happens as often as, say, the Cubs winning a postseason series.)
  - 23 October (JDAM Weapon of Choice, Nan Bond), the flyer is out and arrangements are set. The flyer was circulated and that led to a discussion about finding ticket sellers in the Building 65 area; Peter Cheng volunteered to be the interim ticket-seller.
  - 13 November (X-Prize, joint with ASME). This meeting is also reported to be on track. Since numbers are limited, ASME proposed to use their standard single call-in procedure. This approach was compared against several alternatives, with a hybrid solution getting the most attention: have our ticket sellers use the call-in line to reserve tickets. Douglas Olson will talk with the ASME ticket people and settle on a solution.
  - December (open). There is some talk of a tech specialist meeting.
  - January (Fred Roos, “History of Aviation in St. Louis”). Still on track for a Parks-hosted, ASME co-sponsored event, with a target date of January 14<sup>th</sup>.

- The Society of Allied Weight Engineers is in discussions with AIAA national about joint activities (or merger?); meanwhile the local SAWE section has asked that its members participate in AIAA section meetings at the AIAA member discount. The guidelines for co-hosted AIAA meetings were recently codified by this Section (6 March 2002), and thus it was agreed that SAWE participate in a trial partnership.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Arrangements – Chris Alexander**

Oct 23 meeting is set; prologue room is ready. We have a tentative head count of 25, and need a “final” head count on Monday.

### **Attendance – Douglas Olson**

The tickets for the Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting are on their way out. Other attendance issues were discussed above.

### **Career Enhancement – Open**

### **Education – Mike Swartwout**

Partly through Mike’s negligence and partly through the inability to go backwards in time, the attempt to nominate Ray Nitzsche for National Faculty Advisor of the Year has floundered. The deadline was 15 July 2003, and not the 1 October deadline that is standard for the other national awards. Mike is also seeking an aviation history speaker for a December Wash U. event; the Section agreed to announce this event as a Tech Specialist meeting.

### **Historian – Fred Roos**

The official recognition of the St. Louis Historic Aviation site (located on the campus of Washington University) still in the works but won’t happened until early next year (partially because we haven’t filled out the paperwork).

### **Honors & Awards – Walt Reschke**

On Walt’s behalf, Gary emphasized that early nominations to both National and Section awards are better than late submissions, and asked us to keep our eyes open.

### **Membership – Peter Cheng**

Peter observed that a lot of directors/managers are not AIAA members; Larry Brase explained that management-level interest in AIAA has waned over the past few years; Mike McCoy added that recent hiring practices have shifted from AE majors to other skill sets, which means few new hires have even *heard* of AIAA. (And the fluidity of upper-level management staffing has impaired discussions.) Larry will get a list of new hires that we can contact to encourage AIAA participation. We will also look in to adding AIAA information to new hire packet (another not-so-new-hire lamented that, in the salad days, the first year of membership in AIAA used to be free). Gary concluded

the discussion with a challenge: new hires need a clear explanation of the benefits of AIAA, or else they won't bother.

**Newsletter – Dave Morgan**

No report.

**Pilot Education – Jeff Larrick**

Jeff reported the planned pilot education event date of January 24<sup>th</sup>, and that we have conditional approval to use Bldg 33 (conditional on security alerts remaining at present or reduced levels). The backup venue is still in play should the alert status change, and the identity of the keynote speaker is still a secret (even to the organizers); but that will change soon. Pilot Education already has \$250 budgeted for this event, and it will be publicized in the newsletter.

There was a side discussion about another EAA Young Eagles activity; the short answer is “we don't know”; the long answer is that the Young Eagles activity is slowing down at the moment (they had a big push to reach their millionth Eagle and have backed off from the major events).

**Pre-College Outreach - Karen Copper**

Karen reported that the Art & Poetry Contest starts in February with the theme: “Aviation & Aerospace, the Next 100 Years.” She has \$400 in Cat III money to sponsor the project and the Missouri History Museum to display the entries. Karen proposes to contract the Metro Theater Company for an exclusive production of their “Apollo to the Moon.” Karen would also like to add the \$500 Precollege Outreach Award to her existing budget; this proposal led to an extensive discussion that, lacking the specific budget numbers, we agreed to table until next meeting.

**Programs – Open**

**Public Policy – Mark Holly**

Mark has started the “labyrinthine” (my word, but captures Mark's intent) process to get Jim Talent to give an April public policy talk for AIAA.

**Publicity (Internal) - Carrie Kniker**

Carrie mailed in this report: The October flyer is out with electronic copies for retirees and BNN announcement in the coming week. She needs answers to several logistics questions before she can prepare the November flyer; those questions were covered offline.

**Service Projects – Tom Mroczkowski**

No report.

**Tech. Specialist – Dale Pitt**

No report.

**Webmaster – John Donigan**

No report.

**Young Members – David Debrestian**

We are supporting a Rolla project with Cat III funds.

**Young Professional Award - Dwayne Car**

Two candidates are in the process of being nominated and selected. Membership packets will be provided to both for AIAA membership. Expenses for the awards are in the budget.

**Strategic Planning – Larry Brase**

Larry is meeting with Chris Rice, Design Department Head, to suggest additional tech committee members. Meanwhile, AIAA National is implementing a strategic plan to counter declining membership, so perhaps we can build off of their plan. Larry also announced that Peter Cheng and Leon E. McKinney are newly elected Associate Fellow members from St. Louis. In recent years, Region V has been deeply underrepresented for membership upgrades.

**Advisory Board – Dave Riley, Dave Peters, John Mohr, Larry Brase**

No report; John emphasize that he will *not* call in from Costa Rica next month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Next Meeting is 6 November 2003 at 4:30 p.m.**

Gary White adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Swartwout  
Section Secretary