

**AIAA St. Louis Section
Council Meeting Minutes
4 March 2004**

Attendees Needed for Quorum (12 of 24):

Gary White, Bob Dowgwillo, Mark Holly, Carrie Kniker, Dave Morgan, Karen Copper, John Donigan [p], John Mohr, Dwayne Carr, Brian Reuter (for Dale Pitt), Fred Roos, Chris Alexander, Mike McCoy, Dave Riley [p], Larry Brase [p].

The members in attendance did constitute the 12 necessary for a quorum! Hooray!

STANDARD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from December, January, and February – Bob Dowgwillo for Mike Swartwout.** Motion made and carried to approve the minutes for the Dec, Jan, and Feb meetings as corrected. [Bob Dowgwillo offered one correction to the February minutes: \$150 to Boeing should be \$150 to USPS.]
- **Treasurer’s Report – Bob Dowgwillo.** Motion made and carried to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for Dec, Jan, and Feb. No major transactions since last month’s report. Checking balance: \$5,270.36; Savings balance: \$3,549.92.

At Bob’s request, a motion was made and carried to authorize the transfer of \$500 of Category III funds to the Advanced Aero Vehicle Group at the University of Missouri at Rolla. These funds had been received in October 2003 for this purpose, but no section action had been taken to disburse them.

Gary has received a letter requesting the section’s financial support for the upcoming Region V Student Conference. At Karen’s request, a motion was made and carried to authorize the payment of \$1300 - \$1700 (whatever is in the letter) for this purpose. *[Update: review of the fund request letter shows the amount to be \$1400.]*

Carrie asked Bob to supply a copy of our tax-exemption letter for use by publicity. Since Carrie will be on maternity leave, Bob will forward the copy to Gary so he can add it to Carrie’s files.

- **Meeting updates**
 - 26 February (UMR student aircraft). 35 attended the presentation at Washington University by the Rolla AAVG. All agreed the program was well done. \$91 was collected in ticket sales and Gary transferred this to the Treasurer. ChrisAlexander to supply an accounting of costs.
 - 23 March (Orbital Debris, Joint with SFTE). Professor Schonbert will speak on the Orbital Debris problem at the Sheraton Westport – a place we haven’t visited for a while. Pricing has been set at \$20 for dinner will be \$20 with flyers out for quite a long time. Boeing News Now will get the news on Monday.
 - 1 April (Tech Specialist Meeting – Student Design Projects). And no, this isn’t an April Fool’s joke. Student teams from Rolla, Parks, Columbia & Wash U have registered teams to present. Schedule conflicts in getting Bldg 100 space may

force a date change. With the assent of the council, Gary moved the April council meeting to April 8 to avoid any conflict with this Meeting. There was also a side conversation about involving SIU/SIUE in future events; who were omitted this time since they are not Region V schools.

- 15 April (Aerospace Policy). We have Joe Pestka (MODOT Aviation Director) and Senator Talent is still on the agenda – though Talent’s office won’t commit until 1 April. Mike has confirmed Whitaker Hall at Washington University, with Chris also arranging. There was a discussion about flyer content, namely that it should emphasize content over the personalities that may (or may not) attend.
- 24 April (Trivia Night). The 4th Annual Trivia Night. is also slated for Whitaker Hall at WU. Karen has some attendance prizes in hand, but needs more. She asked that council members commit to support the event by either donating a door prize or putting together a table. As before, price will be \$80 a table or \$10 a person.
- May (Banquet) As of yet, we don’t have a Lindbergh Award nominee, which means we don’t have a winner, which means we don’t have a speaker. Gary solicited the council for nominees. Mike M. suggested we send the membership at large information on the awards and past awardees. Bob suggested that this info be placed “permanently” on our web site, in which case Mike advised that we widely distribute the URL.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arrangements – Chris Alexander

Date/time info needed for the April Tech Specialist Meeting. Chris is NOT responsible for the arrangements for Trivia Night and will need assistance to plan the awards meeting in May. We still need a date and venue. Carrie noted that we need to design the program in time for Boeing to print it. Special plaques are also required. Peter Cheng agreed to help.

Attendance – Douglas Olson

Gary has not been able to contact Doug Olson by phone or email. The ticket seller list needs to be updated for use in our flyers. Fred has signed up a new seller for B111. .

Career Enhancement – Open

Education – Mike Swartwout

Mike was enjoying his newfound status as an “expert” in solar sailing (yes, it was a surprise to him, too) at a meeting in Huntsville, and had no report.

Historian – Fred Roos

Fred continues to supply information to the historic sites committee as required. The committee had a recent meeting. Fred is aiming for October 2004, which would be 100 years to the month that the principal aero activities were held at the World’s Fair. At the present pace, Fred is confident that the marker will be approved and put in place in plenty of time for the 200th anniversary of the Fair.

Honors & Awards – Walt Reschke

We have a nominee for Technical, but still need nominees for Tech Management, Lindbergh, and Civic.

Membership – Peter Cheng

[Bob Dowgwillo is apparently the person to call on when you can't attend the meeting, as he's covering for Peter Cheng as well.] Peter has solicited all new hires, new Tech Fellows, and new Associate Tech Fellows for AIAA membership by e-mail. Response has been sparse, with one known new member. He is also encouraging our many Senior Members to apply for upgrade to Associate Fellow. He knows of one upgrade so far. Dave Morgan noted that he is receiving no updates for his newsletter mailing list. Peter has found his membership list to be incomplete in places that make it difficult to distinguish Boeing from non-Boeing members. Gary noted that he has been regularly updating a list he has. He will forward it to Dave and Peter. Gary noted the section now has 436 members.

Newsletter – Dave Morgan

Dave has the next newsletter in work. Several AIAA candidates for Regional and National office have asked for ad space. Gary asked that the next newsletter have a notice encouraging AIAA members to vote in the current Regional & National elections.

Pilot Education – Jeff Larrick

No report.

Pre-College Outreach - Karen Copper

Karen is working on a Pre-College Outreach guide. Council members were asked for suggestions and ideas. The Paper Airplane Contest will be on April 10 at Ladue Junior High School. Info is on our website. The Poetry and Arts Contest results will be displayed March 26-28 in an undisclosed (to the note-taker) location. These will be advertised in Boeing News Now and the Post-Dispatch.

Programs – Open

Public Policy – Mark Holly

Congressional Visits Day will be on April 21. The current attendees are Phil Smereczniak, Mark Holly, Leon McKenny, and Larry Brase. Mark is trying to find out the agenda for the day. Gary noted there is money available from National to support first time participants. Members should contact Mark if interested.

Publicity (Internal) - Carrie Kniker

Carrie will be on maternity leave March to June, and we are searching for an interim replacement. Carrie has recorded her contacts and procedures and passed them on to Gary.

Service Projects – Tom Mroczkowski

No report.

Strategic Planning – Larry Brase

No report.

Tech. Specialist / Mini Symposium – Dale Pitt

Report covered above.

Webmaster – John Donigan

A slight increase in hits has been recorded recently. Gary suggested a hit meter on the calendar page might give a better indication of site activity. Bob suggested Carrie's procedures be included on the Publicity Committee page on our website. Gary will forward the information to John D.

Young Members – David Debrestian

Dave Debrestian is unable to continue as chair

Young Professional Award - Dwayne Car

Dwayne has received four nominations. Our goal is to make two awards this spring. We awarded two last fall, which would give a total of four for the section year. The council could consider increasing the number of awards.

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

No report.

- **Next Meeting is 8 April 2004 at 4:30 p.m.**

Gary White adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Swartwout

Section Secretary

(with special thanks to Bob Dowgwillo, pinch-hitting as note-taker)