

**AIAA St. Louis Section
Council Meeting Minutes
6 November 2003**

Attendees Needed for Quorum (12 of 23):

Gary White, Mike Swartwout, Bob Dowgwillo, Larry Brase, Dave Riley, Mike McCoy, Christopher Alexander, Douglas Olson, Fred Roos, Peter Cheng, Jeff Larrick, Mark Holly.

Gary White called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

The members in attendance just barely constituted the 12 necessary for a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from 2 October 2003 – Michael Swartwout**
The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

- **Treasurer's Report – Bob Dowgwillo**
Bob reported several major transactions; in: Cat III money; out: newsletter, Young Professional Awards, Aramark (Oct meeting). Receipts from previous events are trickling in, and we currently have \$1415.92 in checking.

The ticket/money collection policy was clarified: the attendance chair is responsible for tracking ticket sales and thus collecting ticket money; these monies are forwarded to the treasurer.

- **Empty Chairs – Career Enhancement, Programs.**
- **Meeting updates**
 - September Money still being collected, so we don't have a final accounting. Doug & Bob will meet and discuss.
 - 23 October (JDAM Weapon of Choice, Nan Bond) We had 49 in attendance and charged for 38.
 - 13 November (X-Prize, joint with ASME). This meeting is on track. ASME is collecting tickets; Doug is taking all tickets at door, and Chris is making the food order and will get a head-count from the ASME reservation line. All tickets (reserved and presentation-only) are paid at the door, so there was some speculation on whether we'd get socked with no-shows. Finally, foreign nationals need so special preparation or instructions to get to the site.
 - 4 December (William Chana, "Understanding the Wright Brothers"). This is our AIAA Distinguished Lecturer for the year; the talk will be held on the WU campus; since AIAA is providing the speaker, Wash U's MAE department will provide food (probably a light reception). Mike Swartwout is the point person. A second issue has been raised related to this meeting: when should we give Sandy McDonnell his 50-yr award?

- 14 January (Fred Roos, “History of Aviation in St. Louis”). Still on track for a Parks-hosted, ASME co-sponsored event. SLU/ASME are handling arrangements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arrangements – Chris Alexander

November meeting is set up, he’s ready to fax in order. [Chris also noted that he was not disappointed to have “a month off” from arrangements.]

Attendance – Douglas Olson

No report.

Career Enhancement – Open

Education – Mike Swartwout

The MAE chair at UMR sent Mike a draft article to be considered for publication in the Gateway News concerning UMR’s award-winning airplane design project. Mike forwarded the article to Dave Morgan. UMR is also willing to visit in February/March to give a full presentation; it was agreed that this is a technical specialist-type of activity.

Historian – Fred Roos

Fred has graciously deferred all responsibilities for historical activity in December. Regarding the long-suffering story of the historical marker, Fred has negotiated the final submission, expecting an answer shortly. (As he said, “It’s a glacial pace, but at least it’s moving.”) When cornered by other Council members and asked to pin down a time for the ceremony, he still managed to waffle, “anticipating” sometime between January and June 2004 (sandwiched between WU’s 150th and the World’s Fair/Lewis & Clark 100-tuples celebrations).

Honors & Awards – Walt Reschke

No report.

Membership – Peter Cheng

Peter is getting a lot of calls & interest regarding AIAA membership, so our recruiting efforts appear to be working. The long-posed question was raised: how do we articulate the benefits of AIAA membership? (The long-posed question was not answered, however.) It was also agreed that we would benefit from attracting more high-stature people into attendance.

Newsletter – Dave Morgan

No report.

Pilot Education – Jeff Larrick

Since the use of the Bldg 33 café for the flight safety seminar depends on the national security status, it could be revoked at any time. Thus, the Powers That Be have forced a change to a more (administratively) secure location: the Maryland Heights center. Jeff is still working on speakers, and expects about 500 to attend. Jeff was asked about any upcoming Young Eagles' activities; he had looked into the matter, and no Young Eagles programs are scheduled near term (from their mad dash to 1,000,000 flyers by 12/17).

Pre-College Outreach - Karen Copper

No report.

Programs – Open

No report.

Public Policy – Mark Holly

Call it luck, skill, or doggedness, but Mark talked to a 'live' person in Senator Talent's office, and we're on the agenda. This of course promises nothing, as they won't commit to any appearances until they see the spring legislative session. Easter recess (c. 4/11) is target date.

Publicity (Internal) - Carrie Kniker

Publicity for the Nov event is out, including BNN and the flyer. Carrie has some initial information from Fred to start compiling the flyer for the January meeting.

Service Projects – Tom Mroczkowski

No report.

Strategic Planning – Larry Brase

Larry reported that a note from Jim Young has generated some high-level interest in improving TC membership. He (Larry) suggested use of Cat III money for a membership drive.

Tech. Specialist / Mini Symposium – Dale Pitt

No report.

Webmaster – John Donigan

No report.

Young Members – David Debrestian

No report

Young Professional Award - Dwayne Car

No report.

Advisory Board – Dave Riley, Dave Peters, John Mohr, Larry Brase
No report.

- **Next Meeting is 11 December 2003 at 4:30 p.m.**
Note that this meeting time was rolled back from 12/4 to accommodate the Distinguished Lecturer's calendar.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Swartwout
Section Secretary