

**AIAA St. Louis Section
Council Meeting Minutes
8 April 2004**

Attendees Needed for Quorum (11 of 22):

Gary White, Mike Swartwout, Bob Dowgwillo [p], Larry Brase, John Mohr, Mike McCoy, Christopher Alexander, Fred Roos, Peter Cheng, Dave Morgan, Mark Holly, John Donigan [p], Dwayne Car [p].

Gary White called the meeting to order at 4:34pm. The members in attendance did constitute the 11 necessary for a quorum (and we didn't even have to tweak our definition).

STANDARD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from March – Mike Swartwout.** Motion made and carried to approve the minutes for the March meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report – Bob Dowgwillo.** Major transactions are \$1400 to student conference and expenses/receipts for recent section meetings and money for bulk mailing. Checking balance: \$3,998.23; Savings balance: \$3,549.92. Bob has looked into bank CD rates, etc., and moved that we move the savings into rotating 6-month CDs in \$1000 increments. This motion passed. Gary asked about whether we had to file tax returns, but we're not earning enough to require it.
- **Open chairs** – Not for lack of trying, Gary has been unable to find anyone for the open chairs, which may bode ill for next year. So Gary asks us to look for more help.
- **Nominating council for 2004-2005** [filed separately] - Karen has received feedback from a couple of council members but needs response from all now that the request went to the e-mail distribution list. In order to assemble a Council for next year, she needs everyone's input ASAP.
- **Region V Director Larry Brase was greeted with much fanfare**, and he has started assembling his cabinet. Director-elect Brase (who, given the near-abdication of the current director, could be called De-facto Director Brase) passed on congratulations to all of Region V for its "record" (20%) voting turnout.
- **Meeting updates**
 - 23 March (Orbital Debris, Joint with SFTE). Bob reports that we have received \$276 (pending the proverbial checks-in-the-mail from several sources). He has asked SFTE for a bill and has not heard back, and figures that we can now wait in good faith for them to bill us. We may lose a bit of money because of mis-budgeting on SFTE's part. Gary asked for comments on the venue, but as most of those in attendance did not attend, he got few comments. Of the attendees, the general sense was that for \$25/head, it didn't provide value over the Marriott. The speaker, however, was enjoyable and entertaining.
 - 1 April (Tech Specialist Meeting – Student Design Projects). This meeting was well-received by all, and it was suggested to make it a regular event. The sole complaint was that the students greatly outnumbered the professionals, and it is hoped that making it a regular event could help attendance in the future.

Participation among young AIAA members may have helped us gain new Council blood...

- 15 April (Aerospace Policy). Two complications have made this event, well, complicated. The first is that it's on 15 April (not 14 April) and some of the invited guests need to be re-invited. The second is that Sen. Talent has had to decline. Other than that, the arrangements are in place, and we just need a head count. Mark is handling transportation/thank you for speaker & Boeing News, the plaque is being handled by Gary. Dave Morgan will contact EAA to let them know about this event.
- 24 April (Trivia Night). The flyer is posted.
- 20 May (Banquet – Don Richardson, AIAA President-Elect) This final event of the year will be held at the Airport Marriott. Chris has the contract ready to sign for 5:30-9pm with tables as we want them, max 75. He was asked to revise the contract for 50 with room to expand to 75+. Before the dinner, Larry will circulate with Don to help drum up AIAA activities within Boeing and elsewhere. There was some discussion about whittling down the topics of discussion from two to one, preferably strategic planning. Gary suggested the following topic for this event or a future one: “Why is AIAA membership valuable (aka ‘why should you pay dues?’).” There was a lively side discussion on this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arrangements – Chris Alexander

Handled above.

Attendance – Open

No report.

Career Enhancement – Open

Education – Mike Swartwout

No report.

Historian – Fred Roos

Secretarial sarcasm notwithstanding, Fred expects a decision on the St. Louis aviation historical marker in 2-3 weeks.

Honors & Awards – Peter Cheng

We have nominees for everything but Lindbergh. We spent a fair amount of time discussing potential topics but had a hard time finding a “focal point” (i.e. a specific person to stand at the podium and accept the award). Of the candidates that came out of the meeting, Chris will investigate the use of corporate jets for “charity” deliveries, and Mark will consider KWMU’s meteorologist, Ben Abel.

Membership – Peter Cheng

Peter is still encouraging upgrades, and has some candidates, but they are running short of time to apply for this year. Peter reports many complaints from those he’s contacted regarding the price of dues – underscoring Gary’s contention that we need a meeting topic that clearly articulates the benefits of membership.

Newsletter – Dave Morgan

No report.

Pilot Education – Jeff Larrick

No report.

Pre-College Outreach - Karen Copper

[Filed separately.] We had a small turnout for the Art & Poetry Contest. The student's entries were on display at the MO Historical Society in the atrium adjacent to the auditorium. The students and their families were hosted by AIAA in watching the live performance of "Apollo: To the Moon" written and directed by Mary Hall Surface. The play was wonderful, if you ever get the opportunity to see it, it is well worth the time. Cost: \$78.

Parks College Wright Flyer Simulator - AIAA had a table set up adjacent to the flyer with posters and educational packets to give away. In addition, experiments to illustrate the Bernoulli Principle were set up for people to do. We had about 15 children, 12 university students and about 15 adults stop by the table.

Paper Airplane Contest - it's this Saturday at 9. All systems are go - could use some volunteers & more participants! Please spread the word.... Visit our website if details are needed. I'll be picking up the prizes tomorrow evening - will be in the area of \$100 (budgeted) as in the previous years.

Incarnate Word Science Olympiad - AIAA will have a booth at this event on Tuesday, 20 April. I have contacted AIAA National and NASA for more giveaways. Plan to get product cards from Boeing too. We'll have some hands on activities at the table. Volunteers to help support the booth will be appreciated. Please contact me.

Trivia Night - we have a table sold and several in work (approx. 4 right now) - We need more!!!! Please help get the word out ASAP. Again the info is on our web.

NEW - Boeing is probably going to have an open house in June or August of this year. I have made contact with Sue Hercules expressing AIAA's interest in having a booth. I would like us to rent the EAA Wright Flyer Simulator for this event (and possibly another event that same week). The rental is \$500 per week and the transportation cost

is about \$700. We can request CAT III funds and ask Boeing for assistance. I'd like to make a motion to pursue this activity.

Programs – Open

Public Policy – Mark Holly

Big news was Talent having to cancel. Mark also outlined the upcoming Congressional Visits Day details; we have 4 from the area attending.

Publicity (Internal) - Carrie Kniker (on leave)

No report.

Service Projects – Tom Mroczkowski

No report.

Strategic Planning – Larry Brase

See above May 20 Meeting update with Don Richardson, AIAA President-Elect.

Tech. Specialist / Mini Symposium – Dale Pitt

See above.

Webmaster – John Donigan

No report.

Young Members – open

Young Professional Award - Dwayne Car

All awardees can make it to our meeting on the 14th, and hopefully they can make it to the 15th, instead.

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

The 2004 Region V Student Paper Conference (SPC) will be held on 28-30 April at the University of Minnesota, and a Regional Activities Committee (RAC V) meeting / telecon will be held on 01 May.

• **Next Meeting is 6 May 2004 at 4:30 p.m.**

The meet-me call number is 314/232-9568.

Gary White adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Swartwout
Section Secretary