

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

Attendees Needed for Quorum (12 of 24):

Gary White, Mike Swartwout, Larry Brase [ph], John Mohr, Peter Cheng [ph], Dave Morgan, Jeff Larrick [ph], Carrie Kniker, Dwayne Car [ph], Dale Pitt.

Others in Attendance:

Steve [last name forgotten]

After a lengthy but ultimately fruitless hunt for a suitable speakerphone, Gary White called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

The members in attendance did not constitute the 12 necessary for a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from 11 December 2003 – Michael Swartwout**
We lacked a quorum so could not vote on the minutes. We also lacked any corrections for the minutes as presented.
- **Treasurer's Report – Bob Dowgwillo**
Bob is in Reno, no report. *[Insert pithy joke about our Treasurer being in Reno.]*
- **Empty chairs** – No progress on the empty chairs (Programs, Career Enhancement) – although at this point, it would be very easy to be Programs Chair.
- **Meeting updates**
 - 14 January (Fred Roos, History). The flyers have been distributed, but since ASME is handling reservations, we are in the dark about the response to date. Carrie asked for a plaque-carrying volunteer; Larry was “volunteered” and accepted the nomination.
 - February (undecided) We anticipate the UMR aircraft design team, but as UMR has not resumed classes, nobody is returning our calls. (Maybe their treasurer ran off to Reno, too) Mike Swartwout “volunteered” Wash U. as a host site.
 - March (Ernie Watham [fix my spelling, please]) There was some discussion about securing a Boeing VP to introduce Ernie, but no progress to report. There was a profound silence when Gary asked for objections if we skipped dinner at the Marriott in favor of a Boeing site for the presentation. There was some discussion about whether this topic would be of interest to Boeing employees or a repeat, but Jeff assured us that this was a new version of his talk.
 - April (Jim Talent or an almost-as-exciting backup) No report.
 - May (??) No speaker, yet (assuming a Lindbergh award recipient, this will be their forum).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arrangements – Chris Alexander

No report.

Attendance – Douglas Olson

Doug has an open action item to clarify headcounts from November's meeting.

Career Enhancement – Open

Education – Mike Swartwout

Finals & vacation = no report.

Historian – Fred Roos

Gary White presented an impassioned plea for AIAA members to support their own AIAA Historian Council Chair at the next talk.

Honors & Awards – Walt Reschke

It was reported that Walt has at least one nomination; Gary presented another impassioned plea for Council members to look around for Technical Management nominees.

Membership – Peter Cheng

Peter & Gary will sit down to vet the member list to create a pool of possible references for member upgrades (senior member to associate fellow). Larry asks for a draft letter to send to new hires inviting them to join AIAA.

Newsletter – Dave Morgan

Dave pulled out of his proverbial hip pocket the next newsletter, giving us a few seconds to offer corrections before it goes out. Gary had some extra time during the holidays to peruse the newsletters from other sections, and comes away from that experience with deep admiration of Dave's production. Dave modestly shared the glory with his production team.

Pilot Education – Jeff Larrick

All is ready to go for the pilot education seminar on the 24th, and it appears that the decision to go off-site (because of possible Homeland Security changes) was a good one. His only concern is for snow. It was pointed out that non-pilots are welcome to attend. [In the background, Dave Morgan opened the newly-minted newsletter to Page 2, revealing the pilot education seminar information.]

Pre-College Outreach - Karen Copper

Karen was not present to make a report, but at this point in the meeting, there was a discussion about Boeing's own engineering art contest in February as part of Engineers' Week.

Programs – Open

No report.

Public Policy – Mark Holly

No report.

Publicity (Internal) - Carrie Kniker

Other than what was discussed, above, Carrie has nothing else to publicize. “And that’s not good,” she said.

Service Projects – Tom Mroczkowski

The time is coming and has now come to plan for science fairs & judging. Be ready.

Tech. Specialist / Mini Symposium – Dale Pitt

Three plans are underway: (1) Undergraduate design team poster sessions (WU & Parks have signed up to participate); (2) Two senior tech fellows reside in the St. Louis area, perhaps for the May meeting. (3) Organizing a WebX meeting to talk with the pilot of the rebuilt Wright Flyer.

Webmaster – John Donigan

Gary asks us to visit the website early and often and to make suggestions (<http://www.me.wustl.edu/~aiaa>).

Young Members – David Debrestian

No report

Young Professional Award - Dwayne Car

The search process for this semester’s awards have begun; “young” is defined as either new to the area or simply being young. Realistically, 35 is the limit on “young” professionals.

Strategic Planning – Larry Brase

The national Strategic Plan was to be unveiled at Reno on the 9th (the day after the meeting), so Larry will have more to say next month.

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

No report.

● **Next Meeting is 5 February 2004 at 4:30 p.m.**

Gary White adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Swartwout
Section Secretary