

**AIAA St. Louis Section
Council Meeting Minutes
10 July 2003**

Attendees: Gary White, Karen Copper, Mike Swartwout, John Mohr, Christopher Alexander, Douglas Olson (p), Fred Roos, Peter Cheng (p), Tim O'Brien (p), Dave Morgan, Mark Holly, Carrie Kniker, Tom Mroczkowski, John Donigan (p), Dwayne Car, Peter G [didn't catch last name, sorry].

Gary White called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and a quorum was established.

OLD BUSINESS

- **June Minutes – Mike Swartwout**
Due to administrative mishap, the June minutes are incomplete.
- **Committee Chairs**
We are still in need of a Programs chair; until that position is secured, we will split the Programs duties among officers (each choosing one or more months). Karen Copper bravely volunteered to “run interference” as the Programs chair until one is appointed.
- **Programs**
That discussion quickly shifted to ideas for programs. Several suggestions and actions were taken:

John Donigan will look up the INCOSE schedule for potential joint-programs.
Gary volunteered to get this year's AIAA Distinguished Lecturer list.
Karen laughed when a Trivia Night discussion was raised.

The following programs were approved for the 2003-2004 year:

November 13th: “X-Prize Program Review” (joint with ASME).
January: “History of St. Louis aviation” with the notable Fred Roos (to be held at Parks, after a whistle-stop tour of the Wash U. MAE department and Webster Groves).
September 17th: After a long silence, Karen suggested an barbeque/outing. It was quickly decided to visit the Aircraft Restoration Museum at Creve Coeur Airport.

All this talk of programs led to a side discussion to Space Week activities. Nothing was resolved, but it was suggested to look in to this.

- **Treasurer's Report – Karen Copper**
Karen provided her last treasurer's report: we have \$1561.31 in checking and \$3526.89 in savings for \$5088.20 total. The books will be handed to the new treasurer (Bob Dowgwillo) as soon as the election is declared official, and the audit form will be made available to anyone. Budgets for the 2003-2004 season have been submitted based on chair inputs & last year's numbers, as available; we overspent by \$44 this past year. And with that, Karen happily ended her last treasurer's report.
- The **Section Report** was submitted, which means we get National dues.

- The **Membership List** is being vetted by Peter Cheng (at on least the Boeing side) and also by Tim. Peter G. has arrived to help with that as well.
- **The E-mail Question.** It has been openly wondered whether we should continue sending paper copies of the newsletter. Some suggested posting the newsletter to the website and e-mailing all the membership the link whenever it is updated. It was pointed out that some in the membership don't have computers. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed. John Donigan hesitantly accepts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Arrangements – Chris Alexander

Nothing yet to report.

Attendance – Douglas Olson

No report.

Career Enhancement – Open

Education – Mike Swartwout

No report.

Historian – Fred Roos

The ongoing Historic Aerospace Site Saga may get additional play at the upcoming Dayton gathering. The dedication of the marker will likely involve Washington University, the “St. Louis 2004” committee, and probably others; for this reason, it is unclear whether AIAA should jump on the bandwagon. The dedication will likely take place near the end of 2003 or start of 2004.

Honors & Awards – Walt Reschke

No report.

Honors & Awards Upgrades – Peter Cheng

Thus far, the membership has been counted; he is working to update the list and will ask Walt for help. He also wants help to push membership status upgrades.

Membership – Tim O'Brien

Tim thanked those for helping him with council member information. *[Late addition: Peter Cheng will be taking over Membership from Tim.]*

Newsletter – Dave Morgan

There was a ballot-mailing mixup where Boeing employees weren't given ballots; that has been fixed.

Pilot Education – Jeff Larrick

No report.

Pre-College Outreach - Karen Copper

Two outreach activities have been suggested: an essay contest and an art contest (K-12). It is unclear how to handling judging/awards; perhaps by age groups? Karen is looking for a co-chair to help with arrangements, and displays at the Science Center. She also suggested adding an AIAA table at local community fairs to increase visibility. These activities will go into the newsletter.

Programs – Open

No report.

Public Policy – Mark Holly

Mark is the Public Policy chair due to skillful maneuvering by Dick Pinckert. He explained that one of the major policy issues on Congress is education; anything we do that has University/school representation would be better-received.

Mark is also a member of aircraft design committee, which is still looking for nominees for their national design award.

Publicity (Internal) - Carrie Kniker

Nothing to publicize, yet.

Service Projects – Tom Mroczkowski

No news other than one of our Science Fair Awardees (Craig Czeschel [rhymes with special]) got perfect SATs!

Strategic Planning – Larry Brase

No report.

Tech. Specialist / Mini Symposium – Open

Webmaster – John Donigan

John wanted to know how many web-page-counters/trackers we wanted. It was agreed that only the home page needed one.

Young Members – David Debrastian

No report

Young Professional Award - Dwayne Car

Will start soliciting nominations for Oct/Nov. Asks for help among the council.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Ed Jeude** has a 50-year pin coming; Ken Blackburn has it and we need to get it. It was suggested that this be added to the Sept outing.

- **Next Meeting is 7 August 2003 at 4:30 p.m.** in Bldg 100, 2E.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Swartwout
Section Secretary