11/13/19 Phoenix AIAA Council Telecon

2019-20 Officers (elected)

Chair Mike Mackowski

Vice Chair Joe Scroggins Need replacement

Treasurer Scott Wertel Yes

Secretary Rick Kale Not available

At Large Keith Jenkins

At Large Eric Nichols

At Large Joenglae Kim Yes

At Large Dennis Barbeau

Committee Chairs, etc. (appointed)

YP Garrick Williams Not available Yes

Public Policy open

Technical Keith Jenkins

K-12/STEM Brianna Grembowski

Communications Brent Ruttle

ASU Student Chair Omar Alavi

ASU advisor Tim Takahashi

Officer Status

* Have Garrick or Eric contacted Dwight Scott (NGIS Chandler, thermal engineer).
* From Garrick: Brian Ha (new hire at NGIS) is potentially interested in helping out the section starting in January. He would like to be invited to the next meeting or conference call. He was previously the section Chair at U of Michigan.
* I contacted Kevin Margeson to get contacts at Honeywell to recruit.

Programs

* Next event: Getting too late for November, try early December.
* Meeting concept: Consider a loosely formatted event with videos running on a screen at a place where we can have a small private room, order snacks and drinks individually (not a sit-down dinner), and people can come and go. No single speaker but the videos have a theme and serve as a conversation-starter. I’m thinking flight test, urban air transport, etc. Videos like this:
	+ *First Flights* is a documentary series featuring Neil Armstrong available on Amazon. Episodes 12 and 13 (second season) deal with X-planes and Rocket planes respectively.
	+ Mackowski called a number of potential venues (non-hotel). He focused on downtown Phoenix locations in order to attract Honeywell/Glendale members while still not making it impractical for East Valley members.
	+ Most places with private rooms would not accommodate ordering individually and required a minimum food and bar tab of from $700 to $1500. On the low end, I could imagine ten attendees at $20 each and the Section would be hit for at least $500. Probably not workable.
	+ Majerles sports bar is a popular place and I visited them. They have a side room with TVs and it could work. They were vague on cost, so I will make a follow up call. I will also check on other sports bars in the central city.
* Other social event ideas:
	+ Garrick has a contact at a distillery – Adventurous Stills. No food, but could bring food in. Need to follow up. This would be just a happy hour or tour with no technical content.
	+ Joe Scroggins noted his old section did social events with no tech contact. They had the same problem (cost) we had with hotels.
	+ Brianna mentioned a mixer with a career networking theme might be appealing.
* The play “Silent Sky” at the [Arizona Theatre](https://arizonatheatre.org/) company runs from Nov 14- Dec 1. Mackowski may just pick a date and invite folks to attend on their own, but we get together afterwards. Stay tuned. Decided to pass on this as too close to Thanksgiving, limited tickets, and high cost $50 or more).
* January
	+ If December fizzles, we should maybe try a Distinguished Lecturer
* February event – joint meeting with ASU student branch
	+ Mackowski has been in touch with student chair, Omar Alavi. They would arrange food (pizza or subs or similar) and venue (on campus) as they have access to those resource as a campus organization. We need to pick a date.
	+ Speaker via Eric: Flying the Space Station (Mission Control), Tracy Scott.
	+ Tie in with Engineers week and promote to SESE. Invite campus SWE branch as well, assuming they have a group.
* March/April
	+ Paul Calle art exhibit followed by lunch in Scottsdale
* May: Distinguished Lecturer or Mike Laidley on the OmegA program
* Other ideas
	+ YP career night. Networking.

Outreach, STEM, ideas

* SEDS Spacevision, Nov 7-9 at ASU
	+ Mackowski had AIAA membership info at the NSS table and had many good contacts with potential student (and upgradable) members. We also met a political science student from ASU who is very interested in congressional outreach.
* Late January (TBD) – Aviation/Space Day, expo at the capitol grounds downtown.
* Buckeye Air Fair, Sat. Feb. 8, 9 am – 3 pm. Part of Arizona SciTech Festival. Mackowski registered us for a table, which will be next to NSS table so we can collaborate.
* Go For Launch! Space mission competition workshop in Gilbert, Feb. 29-Mar. 1.
* Space Night at Mesquite H.S. in Gilbert, March 21, 2020. Opportunity for display/hands-on.
* Mackowski started a spreadsheet to track the Section’s physical assets in our Google Docs folder:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RygQ0H3Xl_kl9kJqUFzjjaLGjeZIM4w9QQRFVvyoBAA/edit#gid=0>

* + I think I have located everything except the three canvas color banners. I used to have the smallest one but can’t find it at the moment. There are two more that I am not sure who has them. Take a look at the list and see if there are any other items we own and who has them.

Treasurer (report from Garrick)

* No new transactions since last report.
* Scott has received our Cat I Rebate expected amount: $1839.45 (in line with expectations). It has not yet posted to the accounts.
* Scott and I should work together to hand off the section Quicken treasury database prior to the next meeting. We hoped to do it this Friday before or after the Emily lunch, but Scott is not available.

Website & Communications

* Other than Brent picking up this activity, not much new.
* Hosting bill at GoDaddy for our stem-az.org site is due 1/1/20. Including both hosting and URL registration, this will cost over $400. The Council leaned towards dropping it at the 10/30 meeting but Mackowski will send an email for a formal vote.
* Plan would be for Mackowski to archive the content, move the URL somewhere (and keep it). But drop the GoDaddy account.

AIAA HQ Info

* We plan to meet with Emily Springer (AIAA HQ staff), Fri. Nov. 15 for lunch?
	+ Garrick, Brent, Eric, Mackowski.
* National office wants us to establish a “Section Policies and Procedures document.” This appears to be operating procedures that used to be in the bylaws. Maybe still are.
	+ I thought the recently updated Section Bylaws covered everything we needed to operate. I have not reviewed this in any detail. Discuss with Emily.
* Mackowski will fly to LA for the RAC meeting Sat. Nov. 16. Topics to discuss.
	+ Elaborate on “Section Policies and Procedures document.”
	+ The usual struggles
	+ Can we get better web services and email service?

New Business

None

“105 Parking” for RAC. What is name of shuttle service? Cost?

Next Council Meeting:

 TBD