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PHOENIX SECTION

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Via Teleconference

April 21, 2021

PHOENIX SECTION COUNCIL
OF THE
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS

The regular monthly assembly of the Council for the Phoenix section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) was held on April 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Conformably to the Bylaws of Phoenix AIAA, via teleconference (Zoom).

All Those Present:

Mike Mackowski, Chair
Scott Fouse, Vice Chair
Rick Kale, Secretary
Eric Nichols, At-Large
Aiden Bramer, AIAA Phoenix Member

April 21, 2021, Mike Mackowski, Chair of the Council took his seat.
On motion by the chair, the start of the regular meeting of the Council was 7:00 PM.

Reports:

• Recent Programs/Events

- April 12 – Yuri's Night trivia night. RSVP's for about 12 people. About 9 people actually participated. Garrick did a good job with the questions and running the event. Worked out well with the number of people (more than the last trivia night attempt)
- April 19 – University of Arizona hypersonics speaker. Only 9 attendees. Content was technical. Possible reduced interest due to lack of info in the advertisement e-mails?

• Future Programs/Events Discussion

- Scott has been in touch with Jekan Thanga from University of Arizona on SpaceTrex and lunar vault. (<http://spacetrex.arizona.edu>)
 - Suggested to request week of May 24th. Best option would be Tuesday or Wednesday. Scott will confirm with Jekan.
 - Will need a good write up for the info e-mail
- Typically after May we take the summer off as far as member events
- November event is already booked
- Should start researching locations where we could have an in-person dinner meeting.
 - Hard to plan if we will be able to have in-person meetings again
 - Use the June/July downtime to work on this
 - Where have been good locations that have been used before? Where in the valley should we focus on?
 - In the past it has been the Sky Harbor Airport area (central of the valley)
 - East valley?
- Can try different types of events
 - Full traditional dinner meeting
 - Informal social get together with food (pizza, etc.)
 - Joint meeting with the student branch at ASU (can have food catered there)
 - Hybrid of in-person and livestream. Would need to consider the venue selected to ensure there is a good Internet connection to allow the livestream.
- Field trips
 - Prescott visit to the student branch
- Share Information with Members
 - Something that some members may find interesting
 - 7th Interstellar Symposium – Sept 24-27
 - Tucson Marriott
 - Cost to attend
- Benefits of participating in the Phoenix Section / AIAA in general
 - Eric mentioned how one of the benefits of the section is networking. However, when we have a dinner meeting at \$30, it is likely out of reach for a lot of the early career professionals that are still getting started and/or paying off student loans.
 - Membership level – Associate Fellows is something of value and achievement that you can have listed on your resume. Provides good national AIAA recognition.
- Could ask Dan Dumbacher to come back to Phoenix (Scott also knows him). Could help arrange him to meet with local aerospace company leaders?
- Contacting local companies from the top down

- How to get the senior managers at the companies involved and encourage their employees to be involved?
 - Think that AIAA HQ needs to develop a good sales pitch ... what can we do at the local level?
 - Ideas to get started on:
 - Eric Nichols knows Chris Keeler and will approach him
 - Get a list of local companies
- **Council Elections**
 - 14 people participated with a response

Review of Action Items:

- **Adjourn**
 - Mike motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Next Council Meeting**
 - Wednesday, June 2nd
 - 7:00pm