

**AIAA LA-LV Section Council Meeting Minutes**  
February 09, 2021 6:00 PM PST – Virtually Conducted  
**Meeting Location: Zoom**

Attendance: **X** – Absent **A** -Attended

	Council Member, Council Position	Attendance
1.	Ken Lui, Events and Program Chair	A
2.	Arianna Sanchez, Secretary	A
3.	Khushbu Patel, STEM K-12 Chair	A
4.	Marty Waldman, Las Vegas Chapter Chair	A
5.	Gary Moir , Technical Chair	A
6.	Jordan Chilcott, Public Policy Chair	A
7.	Marilyn McPoland, Treasurer	A
8.	Aaskash Naresh, Young Professionals Chair	A
9.	Aldo Martinez, Awards and Membership Chair	X

**6:00 PM Call In and Introductions.**

**6:20 PM Call to Order & Secretary Updates:**

Secretary reviewed the topics of Feb. 2021 meeting agenda; included a review of the passed and tabled motions from December 2021 previous meetings, and the old and new news as recorded on the meeting agenda. Council was made aware of the previous motions that have been tabled but that still need to be discussed once time is available (e.g. Motion to request financial support for AIAA CSULB Student Paper Conference), most likely at March 2021 meeting.

**6:25 PM Marylin, Section Treasurer Updates:**

Reported the Expense and Income Report of December and January. December 2020 Total Revenue \$692.02 and Total Expenses \$792.29. January 2021 Total Revenue \$209.02 and Total Expenses \$69.03. Ending bank balance as of 01/31/2021 Total \$78,422.98.

**6:30 PM Khushbu Patel, STEAM K-12 Chair Updates:**

Reported on resume workshop at USC online, went well and the students have asked for more workshop's mock interviews and 1 on 1 sessions – scheduled for March. Planning interactive panel of engineers discussing their path from Imagineers (previous Disney engineers) to aerospace engineer. Targeting this panel for 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February, may slip due to schedules. Proceeding with book club, planning Q&A with selected book of the month's Author.

**6:38 PM Jordan Chilcott, Public Policy Chair Updates:**

Reported on his interests and intent to gather the ideas and central theme of those on the council; would like to focus and align individual chairs/council members efforts collaboratively and develop community agenda. Also developing this idea to incorporate our representatives and senators, his idea is being developed and is a work in progress.

**6:45 PM Marty Waldman, Las Vegas Chair Updates:**

Report included allowing Andrea Diamond share introductions and her work with STEAM students in Las Vegas area. Her current STEAM experiments include “Orion” focused lessons, instrumentation selecting, and how MARS locations are chosen for mission; Other experiments included with ISS conducting blind study test with a tomato-sphere and tomato seeds germinated on the ISS, outside having been exposed to all harsh attributes of space. STEM K-12 Chair (Khushbu) and Andrea mention working together to facilitate more activities within the LA-LV section, for college and K-12 activities.

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**7:00 PM Gary Moir, Technical Chair Updates:**

Reported on the Apollo 14 technical meeting that was had earlier the week. Had Chuck Lowry the man in charge of the parachute development systems; Aero Alumni on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> to report back on if anything of interest, also noting there are other events possibly happening with the Aero Alumni. Nothing further to add.

**7:05 PM Ken Lui, Events and Programs Chair Updates:**

Reported on the Saturday's coming event, to include a MARS 2020 JPL Engineer who is giving a talk on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday); AIAA Distinguished Lecturer providing lecture on Nuclear Thermal Propulsion and a 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker from Intuitive Machine, providing information on recent Tipping Points selected contract for the Artemis program. Arduino event with a Raspberry Pi demo from Leon Kennedy to occur 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of February, to include the Chair of IEEE orange county section to speak. AIAA sustainability and electro-aircraft/green aviation, with a company leader from Boeing. Dr. Martin Bradley, to speak on topics. Review of AIAA Mini Conference topics, the benefits as a result of having the conference and how long the mini conference has taken place (4 years). Discussed previous STEM awards AIAA has presented in past to both students and companies, discussing the awards, scholarships, professional excellence and recognition of students and companies to be considered for this year's next awards.

**7:15 PM Council recognizes Dr. Jeff Puschell:**

Jeff presented his introduction to the council (background includes: Chair of section twice of AIAA, Chair of SSTC, Deputy Director of Space and Missile Group, Technical Program Chair for Space, Fellow of AIAA, NASA PI). Initially involved with the section through the Technical Program; expressed views on relationship and importance between Technical and Regional activities. Emphasized his interest in interim period of service with number 1 priority to identify his successor. Expressed need to respectfully express our difference in opinion, have respectful constructive disagreement and exploring diversity in opinions, skills among the council and membership. Expressed his views on the importance of the managing the budget, and the importance on active leadership development. Marylin asked for elaboration on his previous Chair experiences, Jeff provided his background which included his experience as Public Policy Chair and even some of his current work with the Talent and Leadership Committee where he's focused on developing leadership pipeline.

**7:40 PM Motions discussion:**

- Secretary presented Motion #1: Appointment of an interim Chair to the LA-LV Section Council.
  - Notified the council of the result of all the contacts provided (who declined, who expressed interest, who didn't respond, etc.). Currently, Bob Friend and Jeff Puschell were those interested in supporting the section as interim Chair. Open discussion on the two candidates; unanimous decision that Jeff Puschell was the person for the position.
  - Motion to appoint Jeff Puschell as interim Chair passed 7 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstain.
- Secretary presented Motion #2: Appointment of interim Vice Chair to the LA-LV Section Council.
  - Gary would like to broadcast the Vice Chair position to greater membership to attract "more advanced, more ambitious, and experienced people". Gary presented a motion to withhold the selection of an interim Vice Chair indefinitely until we broadcast the position to the greater membership.
    - Marylin suggests we hold the position until Jeff Puschell is appointed to get his feedback on the path forward to appointing an interim Vice Chair.
    - Jordan Chilcott suggested we hold off on appointing the position until March.
    - Motion to hold the appointment of an interim Vice Chair until Jeff Pushell's feedback and broadcasting to greater membership completed, to revisit the appointment at March 2021 meeting. Motion passed 5 Yes / 0 No / 2 Abstain.

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**8:00 PM Meeting Adjourned**