



Cape Canaveral Section  
Council Meeting  
September 19, 2012

**In Attendance:**

Tristan Clouse  
Luke Roberson (ByTelecon)  
David Fleming  
Susie Allen-Sierpinski (By Telecon)  
Bill Macdonald  
Matthew Zuk (By Telecon)  
Tej Gupta (By Telecon)  
Gabrielle Leesman - FIT  
Brock Hedlund - FIT  
Megan McDede - Visitor  
Liane McDede - Visitor  
Annie Caraccio (By Telecon)

Tristan Clouse called the meeting to order at 5:52 PM.

**August Meeting Minutes:**

- An Amendment to the Minutes was to change the wording of the first line in Old Business to read:  
“The proposed Section logo was approved by the Council (after a minor adjustment based on a previous review by Council members) and it was agreed that Tristan would submit the new logo to AIAA National for final approval. Approval was given and a motion to begin utilizing the new logo was made by Robert, seconded by Susie and passed by acclamation.”

A Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2012, Council Meeting, as Amended, was made by Susie Allen-Sierpinski and seconded by Bill Macdonald. The Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The starting balance was \$2983.79, as of August 1, 2012. The check of \$294.00, for the section insurance, was submitted to AIAA National. The check, from Region II CAT 3 funds, of \$475.00 was received in response to the Section's request for \$500.00 to support the CCTS Space Coast Robotics Day. The ending balance is \$1984.26 as of September 19, 2012. The Treasurer's Report is attached. The Motion to receive the Treasurer's Report was made by David Fleming and seconded by Susie Allen-Sierpinski. The Motion passed.

**Old Business**

- **August is for Aerospace**

Bill Macdonald set forth that contact had been made with Senator Bill Nelson's office and he was told to forward the AIAA loose-bound book, “Key Issues” to the Senator in Washington, DC,

and also recommended that we send a copy of it to Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas, who is a strong supporter of aerospace issues. Copies were sent to both Senators. Bill also noted that he has an appointment with US Representative Bill Posey, on September 26, 2012, at his Viera office. Further, he located a person in Titusville who was having an audience with President Obama during his trip in the area on September 9, 2012, and he passed on a copy of “Key Issues” to the President.

- **Innovation Expo**

The Section had advertised this event which was organized by folks from KSC which included Annie Carraccio. The NASA-KSC Innovation Expo was held at Kennedy Space Center on September 6, 2012. This event brought together innovation leaders from KSC to present their technology innovations and innovative processes to KSC people.

- **September Beach BBQ**

A BBQ was held at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach on September 8, 2012. About seven Professional Section Members attended, along with ten from ERAU, twenty from FIT and three non-members.

- **NASA Family Education Night**

The Section hosted an activity table for this event which took place on September 15, 2012 at the US Astronaut Hall of Fame in Titusville. The Section set up several competitions for youngsters during the evening. Participants were divided into teams and provided with a kit for constructing a LEGO Space Shuttle model. Teams were allotted 20 minutes to complete the model as best they could. The first team to complete their model (or the team with the most complete model after 20 minutes) won a prize.

- **Robotics Competition (Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

The First Annual CCTS Space Coast Robotics Day (Program Attached), will be held at the Roosevelt Elementary School on Minuteman Causeway, Cocoa Beach, on September 22, 2012, beginning at 9:00 AM. It will have FIRST LEGO Robotics Open Practice conducted by elementary school students and FIRST Robotics Competition Demonstrations conducted by high school students and then Representatives of the NASA KSC Exploration Office will present the NASA Lunabotics Competition, and students from Florida Institute of Technology will exhibit their entry from the 2012 Competition, and plans for 2013. Also, a Keynote Speaker, Gary Dahlke of NASA KSC, will be speaking on “History of the Robotic Exploration of Mars”. Workshops will be held for potential robotics events judges and robotic team mentors. It is free to all attending, although donations will be accepted. All of the money collected from co-sponsoring CCTS Societies, like AIAA, goes to the students.

In the income portion of the Section budget drafted for the 2012/2013 year, there is a Line Item indicating \$500 to be received from AIAA National as CAT 3 funding to be used in support of the CCTS Robotics event.

The request for \$500 in CAT 3 funds was sent to AIAA National who in turn sent the Section a check for \$475. This is \$25 short of the requested/expected amount.

There is a Line Item indicating that \$500 was budgeted for Pre-College Outreach for the year. Bill Macdonald made a motion for “The AIAA Cape Canaveral Section to provide an additional \$25 to bring the balance of the donation to the CCTS Robotics event to an even \$500”.

**\*\* At this point, it was determined that quorum had been lost. The rest of the discussion in these minutes is purely for informational purposes and also addresses further discussions held/decisions made in the days following the Council meeting.**

In accordance with Article VII, Section 11, of the Cape Canaveral Section By-Laws, an electronic vote was taken on the following Motion, made by Bill Macdonald and Seconded by Tej Gupta:

“The AIAA Cape Canaveral Section provide an additional \$25 to bring the balance of the donation to the CCTS Robotics event to an even \$500”.

This Voting was initiated by the Chair on September 26, 2012 at 9:55 AM and concluded on September 28, 2012 at 5:00 PM. The Motion did not pass for failure to achieve a quorum (of electronic votes).

- **Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting**

The dinner meeting will be held at the Radisson at the Port, Convention Center, in Cape Canaveral, beginning at 6:00 PM (Program Attached). The speaker will be Judy Rice, Captain for the Think Global Flight Organization. Her topic will be “Wings Over Oman – India – Thailand”.

- **Space Congress (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>)**

A one-day Space Congress will be held December 7, 2012 at the Florida Solar Energy Center on the Brevard Community College, Cocoa Campus. A call for Technical Papers has been sent out. Those interested in presenting a paper should send a 100-200 word Abstract to Nicolas Pelaez at [nick731@knights.ucf.edu](mailto:nick731@knights.ucf.edu) or to the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies, 1980 N. Atlantic Ave., Suite 401, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931, Attention: Nicolas Pelaez, by September 27, 2012.

#### New Business

- **Girl Scout Gold Award Project**

Megan McDede presented a description (attached) of her Gold Award Project, which is to generate a greater interest in engineering and science careers. Currently she is the only female sophomore student in the Merritt Island High School engineering academy called Da Vinci. At this time, she is building her team that will help her with her project and assist her in the sustainability of the project in the future. Her Project Subject is: “Science Workshop with Solar Energy and Engineering Problem Solving”.

Due to the loss of quorum, an electronic vote was taken on the following Motion, in accordance with Article VII, Section 11, of the Cape Canaveral Section By-Laws. The motion was made by David Fleming and Seconded by Susie Allen-Sierpinski:

“The Cape Canaveral Section will help provide sustainability in the future for Megan McDede’s project by agreeing to perform the same role on an annual basis (of providing assistance by recruiting/providing technical experts/volunteers and helping to advertise) if the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council will agree to support by fundraising and assisting with planning and other aspects”.

This voting was initiated by the Chair on September 24, 2012 at 12:56 PM and concluded on September 26, 2012 at 5:00 PM. The Motion passed.

- **Committee Reports**

Honors & Awards (David Fleming)

Student members Akshay Lala (Florida Tech) and Andrew Yatsko (Embry Riddle) have received Special Service Citations for their work organizing the Region II Student Conference. Their awards will be presented at the Section dinner meeting planned for November 8, 2012.

CCTS Representative (Bill Macdonald)

No additional items

Treasurer (Matt Zuk)

No additional items – phone connection was lost

Member at Large (Tej Gupta)

No additional items - phone connection was lost

FIT (Gabrielle Leesman)

FIT will be holding their next Dinner Meeting on October 3, 2012, in Skurla Hall on the FIT Campus. The speaker will be Captain Winston Scott, formerly of the U S Navy and the Astronaut Corps.

Young Professionals (Annie Caraccio)

A Young Professional “Meet and Greet Social” is currently planned for October 4, 2012, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, to be held at the City Tropics Bistro in Indialantic.

Vice Chairman (Susie Allen-Sierpinski)

No additional items

RAC Representative (Luke Robersen, via email (attached))

Luke will call in for the RAC telecom on 9/21

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Macdonald and seconded by Susie Allen-Sierpinski and was passed at 6:54PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 5:30 PM.