



Planning Meeting  
August 18th, 2012

**In Attendance**

Chair: Tristan Clouse  
Secretary: Robert Driscole  
FIT Branch Rep: Gabrielle Leesman  
Member at Large: Tej Gupta  
YP Chair: Anne Caraccio

Vice Chair: Susie Allen Sierpinski  
Honors and Awards: David Fleming  
FIT Branch Rep: Brock Hedlund  
CCTS Rep: Bill MacDonald

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Tristan Clouse

The May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved and accepted. The motion was made by Bill, seconded by Susie and passed by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was approved and accepted. The motion was made by Bill, seconded by Susie and passed by acclamation.

**Old Business**

- 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.
- The Beach BBQ is to be held September 8<sup>th</sup> at Lori Wilson park 1200-1600 in the East Pavilion.
- Dr. Tej Gupta (Embry Riddle Aeronautical University) was appointed as Member at Large.

**New Business**

- Meetings will continue to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the CCTS conference room at the Cape Royal Office Center.
- August is for Aerospace – Bill volunteers to contact offices of local representatives.
- A proposed Calendar of Events was discussed:
  - Robotics Competition, Sept. 22. A discussion was held regarding becoming a named sponsor so the event falls under the Cape Canaveral Section's existing event insurance policy; no motion was made.

- Innovation Expo, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to members with access to KSC facilities, Annie is the POC.
- NASA Family Education Night “Cosmic Explorers”, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a public event to be held at the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in Titusville. Annie offered up the suggestion of holding a Lego model construction competition as the Section’s activity. Pete Warren is coordinating this event with the NASA KSC Education Office.
- Space Congress, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. The event is in need of support for advertising, finding papers/presentation, and track chairs.
- A motion was made by Bill in support of co-hosting the E-week banquet again with CCTS. The motion was amended by Susie to reflect that the Council is expressing interest in co-hosting the E-week banquet with CCTS provided that they would like our help. The amended motion was seconded by Robert, and passed by acclamation.
- A motion was made by Susie to hold next dinner meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Radisson Resort at the Port with guest speaker Captain Judy Rice from Think Global Flight and to open the event to interested organizations including, Girl Scouts, Society of Women Engineers, etc. The motion was seconded by Robert, and passed by acclamation.

- Officer Reports

- Communications (Jennifer Holland): The September newsletter is in work; all write-ups are to be submitted to Jennifer Holland by September 5<sup>th</sup>. Articles will include August is for Aerospace, FIT and ERAU updates, the upcoming CCTS Robotics Competition, YP events, and 2012 Space Congress .
- Vice-Chair (Tristan Clouse): Organization of the September BBQ and Dinner Meeting will continue.
- FIT Branch (Gabrielle Leesman and Brock Hedlund): The FIT Dinner Meeting will probably be scheduled for the first week of February. The branch is also looking for speakers to volunteer to participate in the annual Engineer Q&A Board event and are looking to organize tours at Piper and Embraer. Students are also interested in looking for other opportunities and contacts.
- Honors and Awards (Dave Fleming): Looking for members to apply for larger awards this year, as well as upgrading to Senior Members, Fellows and Associate Fellows.
- Young Professionals (Annie Caraccio): Tentative schedule of events: Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> YP Socials. Annie is also looking for ideas, attending a baseball game was brought up as a previously successful event.
- Secretary (Robert Driscole): Nothing to add at this time.
- Public Policy (Kevin Simmons, via email (attached))

- Kevin visited several Congressional offices as a part of National Space Society's efforts to promote a "robust and sustainable" manned American space program.
- K-12 STEM/Education (Pete Warren, via email (attached))
- The AIAA activity table at the NASA Family Education Night was successful. There were over 40 children who participated in four separate "LEGO Space Shuttle Model Building Competitions". Many adults asked about AIAA and its purpose and mission and all available brochures were taken.
- Webmaster (Paul Sierpinski, via email)  
All Officer information has been updated on the website. Also, Paul says that he is regularly updating the "weekly photo" and asks for everyone to send photos they would like to see posted.

The meeting adjourned at 13:30. The Next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 5:30 pm.