4/13/20 Phoenix AIAA Council Telecon Notes (via Zoom)

\*Attendees

2019-20 Officers (elected)

Chair Mike Mackowski\*

Vice Chair Joe Scroggins

Treasurer Scott Wertel

Secretary Rick Kale\*

At Large Keith Jenkins

At Large Eric Nichols

At Large Joenglae Kim

At Large Dennis Barbeau

Committee Chairs, etc. (appointed)

YP Garrick Williams\*

Public Policy open

Technical Keith Jenkins

K-12/STEM Brianna Grembowski

Communications Brent Ruttle \*

ASU Student Chair Omar Alavi

ASU advisor Tim Takahashi

Guests

Scott Fouse\*

Mackowski reported on:

* April 8 virtual mtg. About 16-17 people attended. Half from Phoenix AIAA, half from VFS, and one or two from Tucson AIAA and ASU. It went well.
* Future events
* Town hall 4/9 with AIAA staff
* RAC mtg tomorrow

Elections

* We received no nominations for open positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, two at large)
* Brent is willing to take on a bigger role but not chair or vice chair
* He talked to some senior people at his GD location, but they had no interest. He doesn’t know the senior managers well enough to approach them. There is little interest in promoting professional societies at local companies.
* We’ve been weak on technical activities. This does not help attract younger engineers.
  + Companies don’t support or encourage sending people to conferences
  + They send BD people or recruiters, not engineers
  + A mini conference has been on our idea list but too many problems.
* The younger people are hesitant to take on a large role. Our experienced people are burned out.
* Scott Fouse introduced himself and gave his background.

Proposal:

* Suspend elections. Existing officers are retained with two exceptions:
  + Add Fouse as vice chair
  + G. Williams returns as Treasurer (he never really left…)
  + Announce this to Section membership
* Stay active, on-line
  + Try a virtual happy hour with poster sessions
* Get more ideas from RAC mtg tomorrow and follow-up conf call with Rose, Lindsay & Fouse.
* Recruit quietly at virtual events. We found Scott F. that way.

New Business

None

Next Council Meeting:

TBD

*Submitted by Michael Mackowski, Section Chair, 4/16/20*