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# 2021 Election Guide



May 2021

# Letter from Council Secretary regarding 2021 Elections

Greetings Membership,

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I'm pleased to present to you your candidates for the 2021 Executive Council, in the Los Angeles - Las Vegas Section of AIAA's Region VI.

The Nominating Committee has done an incredible job putting together the slate of candidates to serve you in the 2021 Administration Year and we're extremely excited about the promise this Council holds. We kindly suggest you consider each candidate thoughtfully, and select those who most align with your vision and reflect your values. And to help you gain familiarity with the candidates, we've provided links to their AIAA Engage profiles below where you can view their professional bios, etc.. All candidates have been carefully considered and are ready, willing and excited to serve.

Elections will be held May 20 - June 09, 2021 and voting this year will take place online. Please submit your ballots through the online process, accessible through the link below:

[AIAA LA-LV Voting HERE](#)



We appreciate your participation in this election, and look forward to staying in touch, to learn how we can best support our community in this coming year.

If you have any questions please feel welcome to contact the Nominating Committee at [aiaa.lalv.elections@gmail.com](mailto:aiaa.lalv.elections@gmail.com) or our current Chair, Jeff Puschell at [jjpuschell@gmail.com](mailto:jjpuschell@gmail.com).

Arianna Sanchez  
Secretary, AIAA LA-LV Section Council  
Region VI Deputy Director of Education

# Council Member Responsibilities

Provided below are brief explanations of the responsibilities of the positions, as defined in the By-Laws, that currently have candidates running in the 2021 Election. Generally, these Officers/Chairs form and direct committees and perform duties relevant to their positions as described, or as advocated/recommended by the Chair and the Council.

## Chair

The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Section. The Chair shall be a voting member of all committees, except for those noted in these bylaws. The Chair shall preside at all meetings and functions with outside agencies. The Chair shall make an annual report through the annual report process as defined by READ, submitted to the appropriate Regional Director of AIAA and the AIAA Staff Liaison on or before the due date specified in the READ policies and procedures.

## Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall act in the place of the Chair in any case of the Chair's inability to act. The Vice Chair shall transact, at the direction of the Chair, any business that could be within the power of the Chair to transact.

## Secretary

The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of the meetings of the Section and shall be the custodian of all Section records not specially assigned to others. The Secretary shall keep a full and correct list of the membership and addresses of the members. The Secretary shall submit a copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Section to the Regional Director and the applicable Staff Liaison.

## Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all funds received and disbursed. The Treasurer shall make all required financial reports and such expenditures as may be authorized by the Section Council or by the bylaws of AIAA as implemented under Article VIII of the bylaws.

## STEM K-12 & Collegiate Chair

The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) K-12 Outreach Officer shall coordinate Educator Associates within the Section boundaries and provide outreach to students and teachers within the K-12 education system.

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## Technical Chair

The Technical Officer is responsible for technical meetings. This includes planning, budgeting, conducting, and reporting such meetings and for motivating, coordinating, planning, and conducting other Section technical activities.

## Enterprise Program Officer

The Enterprise Program Officer shall be responsible for assisting members to create, operate, and grow new enterprises, and expand existing companies in aeronautics and astronautics consistent with the vision and mission of AIAA. Enterprise Program activities include but are not limited to familiarizing members with business and legal practices, financial/accounting disciplines, development and commercialization of products/services in new technologies, identifying potential contracting/subcontracting/teaming relationships, and especially networking with other businesses, professionals, investors, universities, and government agencies.

## Young Professionals Chair

The Young Professionals (YP) Officer shall be responsible for planning, budgeting, conducting, and reporting of Section activities of particular interest to members less than 35 years of age.

## Event & Programs Chair

The Programs Officer shall be responsible for planning, budgeting, conducting, and reporting of meetings and events including, but not limited to local functions, Section field trips, meetings for social and other non-technical purposes, and for assisting other officers regarding venue and logistics.

## Public Policy Chair

The Public Policy Officer shall be responsible for planning, budgeting, conducting, and reporting of all Section activities that increase public awareness of aerospace contributions to society and public policy issues, contribute expertise toward solutions of community technological problems, and promote community interest in AIAA. Committees may be established to conduct public relations for the Section, including Congressional Visits Day (CVD) in Washington, D.C., and California Aerospace Days in Sacramento, CA.

1. Chair-Elect: Dr. Jeff Puschell | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)
2. Vice Chair-Elect: Aldo Martinez | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)
3. Secretary-Elect: Arianna Sanchez | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)
4. Treasurer-Elect: Marilyn McPoland | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)
5. Technical Chair-Elect: Gary Moir | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)
6. Programs and Events Chair-Elect: Dr. Ken Lui | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)
7. Public Policy Chair-Elect: Jordan Chilcott | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)
8. STEAM K-12 Outreach Chair-Elect: Khushbu Patel | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)
9. Enterprise Program Chair-Elect: Dennis Wonica | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)
10. Young Professionals Chair-Elect: Aakash Naresh | [Engage Profile Link Here](#)



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below:

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