



# NEWSLETTER



## **Virtual Panel - From the Great Salt Lake to Greater Space: Celebrating 51 Years after Apollo 11 and Utah's Role in Returning to the Moon**

Thank you to everyone for attending our virtual panel! The discussion and questions asked were very insightful and informative. A special thanks to Mike Fuller, Mark Tobias, and Jessica Widrick for taking the time to be on the panel and sharing their experience and knowledge with us.

Booster test for future Space Launch System flights seen here during a two-minute hot fire test, Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at Northrop Grumman test facility in Promontory, Utah (Source: [nasa.gov](https://www.nasa.gov))

## Accolades

The AIAA Utah Section Board would like to congratulate Shawn Buchanan for their Senior Fellow advancement.

## Call for Nominees

The AIAA is currently requesting nominees for Senior and Associate and Fellows. Please go the AIAA webpage [here](#) for more details.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently seeking data analytics support for AIAA UT Section membership data for 1-2hrs a month. The data should be presented visually and with simple statistics so that the AIAA UT Section Leadership can understand how to better serve the section membership. Please email [utah.aiaa@gmail.com](mailto:utah.aiaa@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Charitable Contributions

We have recently become aware of a workplace donation program at Northrop Grumman where employees may donate a portion of their paycheck to organizations such as AIAA. If you are interested in participating please check with your respective Human Resourcing organization or management for a similar way to donate to AIAA or other organizations.

## A Statement from our Chair

Hello everybody! My name is Caite Beck, and I am excited and honored to be assuming the role of Chair for the 2020-2021 year. I am looking forward to leading this section alongside a superb group of Officers who are listed below:

Vice Chair: Jacob Hopkins

Treasurer: John Metcalf

Secretary: Ryan Clawson

Technical Programs: Mike Stevens

Outreach: Jessica Widrick

Young Professionals: Justin Wettstein



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Public Policy: Charlie Vono

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At Large: John McCrea

Past Chair: Scott Stebbins

I started my involvement with AIAA during my undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Upon graduating, I moved to Utah and have found an amazing community in the Utah Section of AIAA. I am eager to see what we all are able to accomplish in the coming year.

There is no doubt that we are currently in unprecedented times. COVID-19 continues to pose health concerns for our communities. The Utah Section of AIAA aims to create a safe and healthy environment to all of our members and we will be hosting virtual events that encourage social distancing and healthy practices.

In addition, the long-term injustices occurring to black citizens are currently being brought to the forefront of everyone's worldview. It is imperative that we exude care and empathy towards others while also standing to support the oppressed. AIAA has created a Diversity Working Group aiming to make our membership more representative of current industry demographics. The Utah Section of AIAA prioritizes an inclusive environment and will be participating in and encouraging these efforts.

We have some exciting events coming up including our technical panel celebrating the 51st anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing. I hope that you all will participate in what is sure to be a fascinating conversation with our panel members including former astronaut, Charlie Precourt.

I want to ensure that all of our members are getting the experiences they want out of their AIAA membership. With that in mind, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you are interested in anything that AIAA has to offer or if you would like to be more involved.

Once again, I look forward to working with all of you this coming year.

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## Diversity and Inclusion

AIAA is committed to providing engagement opportunities and access to products and services in a manner that is free from discrimination. For our full statement please read [here](#).

## Future Events



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We are currently monitoring the status of COVID-19. As such, our events may change to ensure the safety of our members and others. Please follow our events on Engage and our Facebook page for the latest information.

We encourage everyone to follow the coronavirus safety guidelines set out by the WHO and CDC.

Stay healthy. Stay safe. Stay connected.