

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order (Sara Thompson, President)

Call to order at 2:00 pm Eastern. Noted the meeting would start with the Awards; the Business Meeting would follow.

Introductions

Sara introduced the 2020 Engineering Board.

- Chair: Sara Thompson
- Chair Elect: Kim Beets
- Secretary: Stephanie Sheldon
- Treasurer: Zac Painter (Held over position to help transition SLA's new financial processes)
- Connect Webmaster: Sue Wainscott
- Awards Committee: Jay Bhatt, Bette Fine, Sara Thompson
- Archives: David Brackus, digitizing past Sci-Tech issues

Noted the dramatic changes to SLA structure in 2020. In 2020, we merged Aerospace Section and Petroleum into Engineering. In 2019, we merged ABSD into Engineering.

2020 Awards and Awardees

Student Award – Sarah Francis

About the award:

Historically, this award is a travel stipend. Due to Covid and the cancellation of an in-person conference, the award was used to pay for 2020 virtual conference registration, 2021 virtual conference registration, and membership dues.

About Sarah Francis:

Sarah is an engineer in training at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, working with quantum photonics. She also recently graduated from the University of So. Mississippi with a LIS. She had a full engineering and information science course load. It's notable that there are fewer than 10 African American women in photonics research, plus there are not too many women of color in STEM librarianship.

George Mandel Memorial Award – Zac Painter

About the award:

It's a \$1000 unrestricted award; it's special and unique in SLA. It's in memory of George Mandel, who passed in July 1989. He was a member of the SLA Aerospace community for 30 years. At the time of his passing, he was the Chief of the Technical Information Services Division at the NASA Lewis Research Center. This award was established to preserve the goals of the Aerospace Section and to keep alive George's belief that participating in professional organizations is important for an individual's growth and development. Dr. Mandel has generously continued to support the award.

About Zac Painter:

Zac is an Engineering Librarian at Stanford University. He is passionate about teaching and instruction, contributing with instructional aids and lesson plans. He's been active with TRAIL and making a special collections discoverable at Stanford. He's been an officer in SLA, including serving as president of the San Francisco community and treasurer of the Engineering community.

Dr. Mandel sent a congratulatory letter which Sara read out loud.

Engineering Librarian of the Year – Dr. Neeraj Chaurasia

About the award:

The award celebrates members who have made significant contributions to the profession. Historically it was a travel stipend. Due to Covid and the cancellation of an in-person conference, the award was used to pay for 2020 virtual conference registration, 2021 virtual conference registration, and membership dues

About Dr. Neeraj Chaurasia:

Dr. Neeraj Chaurasia works at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Delhi, India. IIT serves 600 faculty members and 9000 students. He is a thought leader, having presented at several conferences and written papers and book chapters on topics such as needs-based research services. His contributions are appreciated by faculty and students

Sara will post slides and mention awardees on the virtual kiosk.

Business Meeting

Approval of minutes from 2019 SLA Annual Conference Business Meeting

Minutes were posted at: <https://connect.sla.org/engineering/aboutus/minutes>

Motion to approve was made by Kim Beets, seconded by Daureen Nesdill. Motion carried.

Thank you to the vendors

Sara thanked all the vendors who sponsor the sessions and awards, including: ASME, Elsevier, IEEE Xplore Digital Library, Dr. Mandel, SPIE, Taylor & Francis

Proposed Slate for 2021 Executive Board

Note: Advisory Board will be discussed at our next meeting, later this Fall

Under SLA restructuring, communities are only required to have 3 positions: President, Vice President, and Secretary. For 2021, the Engineering Community will merge the Treasurer position into the Secretary position and add the Past President position to allow mentoring and knowledge transfer.

The proposed slate was:

2021 Executive Board

- Kim Beets – President (voted last year)
- Stephanie Sheldon – Vice President (voting)
- Zac Painter – Secretary/Treasurer (had 1 year left as Treasurer before restructure)
- Sara Thompson – Past President

Sue Wainscott moved to approve slate, Jay Bhatt seconded slate. Motion carried.

Additional comments:

- ELD model was an inspiration which allows for continuity of knowledge.
- Future volunteer opportunities would be more project-focused rather than set positions. Future projects could include monthly midday breaks and show-and-tell/tours.
- Kim and Stephanie will be conference co-planners for 2021. Conference planning will normally be the Vice President's responsibility.
- Noted changes in community personnel: Gwen and Barbara Williams resigned.

Other Business

Many thanks to Sara Thompson for her phenomenal support in leading the Engineering Community through the SLA restructuring.

Our conference swag is the Engineering robot. Sara mailed out the robots to the board. We will still have robots left for 2022 booth, which will be "vintage" at that time.

Sara will make post the slides on the Engineering Community's webpage.

Adjourned at 3:00 pm Pacific