

SLA Engineering Division
Business Meeting Minutes
2019 SLA Annual Conference & Info Expo
Cleveland, OH
June 17, 2019 7:15-8:45 am, EDT

1. Open Meeting, Call to Order and Roll Call (Gwen Wang and Kim Beets)

Gwen Wang called the meeting to order at 7:57. Sara Tompson was introduced as the 2020 Conference Planner and the Chair Elect. Thanks to Sara for taking on both roles! Gwen also introduced Becca Smith and Li Zhang, the 2019 Conference Planners and thanked them for all the hard work they have put into the conference. Stephanie Sheldon was introduced as the Chair Elect for the Aerospace section. The position of ABCD section chair is still open.

2. Approval of the Agenda for this meeting

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Sara/seconded by Becca—motion passed.

3. Approval of June 2018 Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 2018 business meeting could not be found.

4. Recognition of Sponsors (Barbara Williams)

Barbara recognized the generous sponsors of the awards and thanked them for their support: IHS Markit, SPIE Digital Library and IEEE

5. Presentation of Awards (Barbara and Reps. from the Sponsors)

- SLA Engineering IHS Markit Librarian of the Year was presented to Dr. Parveen Babbar, who is the Deputy Librarian at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India.
- SLA Engineering Division SPIE Digital Library Student Travel Stipend was presented to Gail Thornton, who is a first-year Master of Library and Information Studies student at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She is also a Professional Engineer registered in the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia.
- SLA Engineering IEEE Continuing Education Travel Stipend was presented to Amanpreet Kaur, who is the Community Health and Engineering Librarian at the University of Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to all the award winners!

6. Chair & Committee Reports

1) Chair (Gwen Wang)

- Thank you to Sara Tompson for agreeing to be the Chair Elect (2020) and to Kim Beets for agreeing to be the Chair Elect/Elect (2021)
- Gwen & Sara attended the SLA Division/Cabinet meeting. Overall SLA conference attendance is down. This is creating further issues financial issues for SLA because of both the decrease in members and conference attendance. One idea is to change divisions to “communities of practice” which would involve centralizing some of the administrative tasks which would require less volunteers.

- The Executive Board did approve Petroleum and Energy Resources to become a division of DENG. We now have three sections: Aerospace, ABCD and PER.
- DENG currently has 179 members in the directory but that should be higher.

2) Chair-Elect (Sara Tompson)

Sara will be wearing lots of hats in the upcoming year and would appreciate everyone's help/support!

3) Past-Chair (Brian McCann) No report

4) Aerospace Section Chair (Sara Tompson)

- 60th anniversary year
- At the INFO EXPO Engineering Division kiosk, The Aerospace section's George Mandel award was presented yesterday to Gabriele (Gabi) Hysong of Rolls-Royce. Member's of the late George Mandel's family were able to attend.
- Looking forward to the sold out field trip to the Women's Air & Space Museum that is happening tomorrow.

5) Architecture, Building Engineering, Construction & Design (ABCD) Section Chair (Gwen Wang)

This division still need a chair and so at this time there is nothing to report.

6) Petroleum and Energy Resources (PER) Section Chair (David Brackus)

David was not present, but Gwen reported that now that PER is an official section they will work on combining finance accounts. David Brackus has agreed to be chair for another year.

7) Treasurer's Report (Zac Painter)

Zac was not present, but Gwen did share the latest Treasurer's Report. The current balance is \$15,168.78. The balance in 2016 was \$37,446.08. Concern was shared about the sharp decline in the account balance during that time. Gwen said it was due to covering the conference expenses of past officers.

8) Secretary (Kim Beets)

Minutes will be shared before the next board meeting.

9) 2019 Conference Planners (Becca Smith and Li Zhang)

- The Engineering Division kiosk in the INFO Expo has been going well and the measuring tape swag has been well received.
- So far all of the Engineering division sponsored programs have been going well and people are excited about the upcoming Woman's Air & Space Museum tour.
- Becca is handling social media for the conference and you can follow it at #slaengineering
- The No-Host Dinner will be taking place this evening. Hope to see many of you there.

10) 2020 Conference Planner (Sara Tompson)

Sara is looking for ideas for the 2020 SLA Conference in Charlotte. Things will need to be submitted in September for approval.

11) Membership (Bhupender Paliwal) No report

12) Awards (Barbara Williams and the Awards Committee)

Thank you to the awards committee: Barbara Williams, James Blank, Bette Finch and Stephanie Sheldon.

13) Website (Jeremy Cusker)

The new website has been migrated and this did take lots of work on Jeremy's part behind the scenes.

14) Professional Development (Li Zhang)

Most work has been around conference planning. There were two webinars in 2018 that were both well attended. Li is planning some more for the future.

15) Nominations (Giovanna Badia) No report

16) Action Planning (Maureen) No report

17) Archives (vacant) Question: Could we ask SLA to host our archives?

7. Any other business?

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be virtual and it will be a recap of the conference.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Barbara and seconded by Kim. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.