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other section functions (some are special one time shots and some do not fall nicely in the committee structure), I urge you to call me or anyone of your officers. I urge the membership to contact and work with the officers and staff. The list of officers, committee membership and other section officers for 1978 follows:

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

The RAC IV Meeting held in El Paso in May 1978 was attended by Regional Director, Jim McLane, as well as our Bill Simmons, the RAC IV Deputy Director for Membership, Joe Algranti, Houston Chapters RAC IV Representative and your chairman of four days.

The membership of the Houston Chapter can be justly proud of its accomplishments in recent years since it has received outstanding section awards, awards for membership, awards for newsletters, etc. I can seriously say I was impressed and very proud. In all matters it seemed Houston had something good to contribute.

It therefore places a burden on one and all to continue to excel since you cannot preserve "status quo". You either "slip back" or "forge forward". I therefore urge the membership to read the purpose, activities and membership of our various committees which follows in this issue, understand their functions, call them with any suggestion which you may have and advise them if you wish to join their committees.

If you wish to contribute your time to

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MEETINGS: DATES AND ATTENDANCE

The Executive Committee meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday of each month at noon in so far as possible.

Our regular monthly evening meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month.

In addition, it is mandatory that each committee be represented at the monthly luncheon meeting. If the Chairman cannot attend a committee member will attend. If you are short on committee members contact the chairman; he will supplement your staff.

-- Ted Hays, Chairman

National AIAA Meetings Scheduled Here:

Two National AIAA Meetings will be held in Houston next year (1979). The are back to back in March and are:

1. 6th AIAA Aerodynamic Decelerator & Balloon Technology Conference
March 5-7, 1979
2. 5th AIAA Sounding Rocket Conference March 7-9, 1979

Ed Mason and Bev Steadman are working with the Conference Committee Chairman. Any member who wishes to assist Ed or Bev should get in touch with them.

LOCAL AUTHORS ACTIVE

Local Houston area authors have been active over the past few months, and two AIAA-sponsored meetings this fall will draw major contributions from our area.

On September 27-29, 1978, the AIAA is sponsoring a meeting in Los Angeles on the topic "Large Space Platforms: Future Needs and Capabilities". The following will participate in the meeting:

- a. J. P. Loftus, Jr. (NASA/JSC) is Co-Chairman of session entitled "Future Large Space Systems: Space Platform Systems Needed to Meet Future Mission Requirements. What, Why and When?"
- b. Paper by J. P. Loftus, Jr. and J. W. Craig (NASA/JSC) entitled "Orbital Service Module Systems Concept."
- c. Paper co-authored by J. E. Mechelay (NASA/JSC) entitled "Skylab Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation."
- d. Paper by R. L. Johnston (NASA/JSC) entitled "Life Sciences Activities in a Special Laboratory Module."
- e. Paper by Hubert P. Davis (NASA/JSC) entitled "Orbital Transfer in the Shuttle Era and Beyond."
- f. A. J. Louviere (NASA/JSC) is co-chairman of the session entitled "Large Space Structures Support Equipment and Activities."
- g. C. E. Whitsett (NASA/JSC) is co-author of a paper entitled "Manned Maneuvering Unit — A Space Platform Support System."
- h. G. C. Franklin (NASA/JSC) is author of a paper entitled "Habitability Design for Spacecraft."

On October 16-18, 1978, in Bethesda, Maryland, the AIAA will cooperate with IES and ASTM to sponsor the "10th Space Simulation Conference." The following Houston area people will participate.

- a. S. H. Nassif (NASA/JSC) will present a paper entitled "Orbital Construction Support Equipment — Manned Remote Work Station."
- b. J. A. Rummel and W. C. Alexander (NASA/JSC) will present their paper entitled "Ground Based Simulation of Life Sciences Spacelab Experiments."
- c. R. G. Richard (NASA/JSC) will present a paper entitled "Experimental Evaluation of a Unique Radiometer for Use in Solar Simulation Testing."
- d. R. S. Redman and C. Wolff (NASA/JSC) are co-authors of the paper "Development of a Multipurpose Radiometer."
- e. A. Konradi and J. E. McCoy (NASA/JSC) are co-authors of the paper "Space Plasma Laboratory: Experiments in Simulated Ionospheric Plasma."
- f. J. E. McCoy (NASA/JSC) has also authored a second paper, "Simulation of 10 Meter High Voltage Solar Panel Interactions with the Low Earth Orbit Electric (Plasma) Environment."
- g. O. L. Pearson (NASA/JSC) is author of the paper "Present Capabilities of the Large Space Simulation Chamber 'A' at the JSC to Support Basic Plasma Physics Research."
- h. J. J. Gallegos, of Rockwell-Houston, will present his paper "Thermal Math Model Analysis of FRSI Test Articles Subjected to Cold Soak and Entry Environments."
- i. F. U. Williams (NASA/JSC) has authored a paper entitled "A Technique for Scale Model Rocket Base Heating Tests in a Very Large Volume Chamber."

Congratulations to each of you on your fine work and professional recognition.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The objectives of the Publicity and Public Affairs Committee are twofold: One internal to AIAA, and one external to it.

First, it is our objective to notify the internal technical community (local AIAA members, JSC technical community, Houston technical community, and regional AIAA sections) of our current and upcoming activities. This includes meetings, courses, classes, mini-symposia, etc. On this line we put up and distribute meeting notices locally, advise the local press/media of our activities, and notify other AIAA sections of our plans and activities. I think we're doing a good job here and we have over 25 local Section members who participate every month in this publicity activity.

Our second objective is to bring to the public information of interest about the U.S. Space Program and its benefits, past, present and future; about NASA and its activities; about the aerospace industry; and about AIAA. We have had limited and sporadic activity in this area and we are planning to be more active by revitalizing our speakers bureau to make available knowledgeable speakers for meetings and gatherings in the Houston area;

by providing the "canned" AIAA slide series and/or movies to interested groups; by initiating a new "AIAA host" program to operate in conjunction with the JSC visitors program; and by providing speakers for "career day" presentations at area schools. More specifics will be forthcoming on some of these public affairs activities. We can use lots of help in this area and I would be happy to talk to any of you about how you might help out during the coming year.

Norman Chaffee
NASA/JSC
483-3918

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Legislative Affairs Committee is to communicate between section members and government legislators and to encourage direct communication with elected representatives. Current committee members are Robert E. Lewis, Chairman, and Robert J. Ward. Our objective is for all members to make their personal views known on legislative actions affecting the technical, professional or personnel environment of the aerospace community.

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The University Affairs Committee is responsible for supporting the AIAA student chapters at local universities, for administering the Shuttle payload purchase program, Project Enterprise, and for coordinating section participation in the region's science fairs. Members of the committee are Bill Schoolmeyer, Vernon Shields, Jim Meador, and Mark Craig, Chairman.

The Houston Section currently has student chapters at Rice, Texas A&M, and Prairie View A&M Universities. The University Affairs Committee assures that each of these student chapters has access to section resources and a point of contact for section support. Committee members work with chapter officers and faculty advisors to establish worthwhile programs and activities.

One such program is Project Enterprise. The Houston Section has recently purchased shuttle small self-contained payload space for Rice and Texas A&M while McDonnell-Douglas has purchased payload space for Prairie View A&M. In the coming year, committee members will be working with each of these schools to aid in the establishment of a substantive educational program which is to be centered around the design and construction of a shuttle payload.

The committee is also responsible for awarding AIAA prizes at the Greater Houston and Brazos Valley science fairs. Junior and senior division winners at each fair are given an award and a special tour of JSC.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE PLANS

The Science and Technology Committee plans to continue the tasks of last year to update its charter and supply an insert for the AIAA Newsletter, entitled "Sci-Tec Scanner". Highlight trends from non-aerospace scientific editorials or technical publications would be used.

For example, have you read Newsweek, July 3, 1978 "Science" on the "Growing R&D Gap" that reports our creative gap is slowing down; or Optical Spectra, June 1978, Editorial for R&D, "Support for Science", which discusses the role of government within R&D, or Proposition 13 shock waves on Federal R&D policy making, reported in "News from Washington", IEEE, Spectrum, July 1978.

How did you react to "The Research and Development Methods of Wilbur and Orville Wright" by Malcolm L. Ritchie, Wright State University in Astronautics and Aeronautics, July/August 1978?

To be effective, we need to:

- (1) Provide our members a broad view of science/technology as seen by other organizations or publications.
- (2) Plead the case of R&D...its results and why we need more.
- (3) Increase the awareness of non-aerospace members of our area to the political aspects and advantages derived from aerospace science and technology.

We are looking for HELP! We need both new committee members and editorial/technical inputs. Please send either to J. Dishler (Chairman), 483-2073, or D. Dougan (all the rest), 333-2162.

--J. J. Dishler.

TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/OBJECTIVES FOR 1978-79

MEMBERSHIP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company Affiliation</u>
Frank Barnes	Lockheed (333-6408)
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Ken Johnston	Rockwell (333-2030)
Al Mitchell	GE (483-2711)
Dudley Nelson	MDAC (488-5660)
Jim Scott	TRW (333-3133)
Pete Woodling	JSC/FE (483-5283)

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide technology applications information at each monthly program meeting.
2. Man a technology applications booth at one major non-aerospace conference.
3. Develop communication tool (i.e., brochure) for disseminating technology applications information to potential users in Houston area.
4. Broaden membership.

-- B. A. Bishop
(TAC Chairman)

HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

1. Ron Swim - Rockwell (Chairman) 333-2030

2. Mac Bolfe - Boeing 488-0910
3. Phil Deans - NASA/JSC 483-6486
4. Bill Hayes - MACDAC 488-5660
5. Tom Murtagh - NASA/JSC 483-4546

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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 Jose Alvarez - Ford 483-6226

NOTE: Incomplete at this time (any volunteers?).

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Top Award to GLOWCZWSKI. Congratulations are in order for Bob Glowczwski of McDonnell-Douglas for winning the Membership Chairman Award for sections of 500 members or over. Bob amassed 111.64 points to clinch the award, nearly twice those of Dave Clymer, Pacific Northwest Section, who won 2nd place in this category. This is the third year in a row that the Houston Membership Chairman received an award; Bill Simmons won in 1975-76 and received 2nd Place in 1976-77. Now let's all get behind our '78-79 "MC", Sarwar Naqvi, and help him keep our chain unbroken.

1977-78 Campaign. As indicated above, we had a very good year! At the beginning of the year, June 30, 1977, we had 507 members assigned to our Section. During the year Bob and his hard-working team signed up a total of 152 new members, 30% of our June 30th base. We ended up the year on 6/30/78 with 617 assigned members, a net growth during the year of 21.7%, which far exceeded the 10% increase goal established for Region IV Sections by its hard-hearted Deputy Director-Membership, Bill Simmons. We showed him!

1977-78 Regional/National Statistics. Here's the final score (a/o 6/30/78):

6/77 Base	June 30, 1978			
	New Mem	% Of Base	Asgd Mem	% Of Base

Sections of Region IV

Albuquerque	160	21	15.6	178	11.25
Central Texas	22	3	13.6	22	0.00
Holloman-Alamogordo	34	7	20.6	39	14.71
Houston	507	152	30.0	617	21.70
Inland Missile Range	39	6	15.4	39	0.00
North Texas	541	56	10.4	544	0.55
Oklahoma	90	17	18.9	108	20.00
Southwest Texas	100	17	17.0	107	7.00

Regions

Region I	6477	784	12.1	6701	3.46
Region II	1750	253	14.5	1897	8.40
Region III	1835	239	13.0	1852	0.93
Region IV	1493	283	19.0	1654	10.78
Region V	1536	217	14.1	1626	5.86
Region VI	7967	818	10.3	8126	2.00
NATIONAL (ASGD)	21058	2594	12.3	21856	3.79

1978-79 Goals and Status. Where do we go from here? Up, up and Away!!! Old Mr. Hard Heart ain't never satisfied - he's levied a 15% increase in assigned members as the goal for every section in Region IV. So we have a target of 710 members assigned to the Houston Section on June 30, 1979. Can we do it? Last year we did it; Let's keep up the momentum, we're off to a good start as shown below:

6/78 Base	6/79 Goal	Status as of 7/31/78				MC Pts
		New Mem	% Of Base	Asgd Mem	% Of Base	

Sections of Region IV

Albuquerque	178	205	2	1.12	181	2.81	6.18
Central Texas	22	25	0	0.00	22	0.00	0.00
Holloman-Alamogordo	39	45	1	2.56	42	7.69	15.38
Houston	617	710	13	2.11	628	1.78	8.10
Inland Missile Range	39	45	1	2.56	39	(2.56)	5.13
North Texas	544	626	5	0.92	548	0.74	3.50
Oklahoma	108	124	1	0.93	109	0.93	3.71
Southwest Texas	107	123	1	0.93	111	3.74	6.54

NOTE: In the MC Award race Houston is now leading in the "over 500" class, Albuquerque is #3 in the "175-499" class and Holloman is #2 in the "under 175" category.

Status as of 7/31/78

6/78 Base	6/79 Goal	New Mem	% Of Base	Asgd Mem	% Of Base	MC Pts
<u>Regions</u>						
Region I	6654	7652	51	0.77	6743	3.64
Region II	1987	2182	22	1.16	1924	4.90
Region III	1852	2130	13	0.70	1854	2.22
Region IV	1654	1902	24	1.45	1679	5.86
Region V	1626	1870	14	0.86	1641	3.50
Region VI	8126	9345	60	0.74	8183	2.92
NATIONAL ASGD	21856	25081	184	0.84	22024	3.30

NOTE: There is no MC award among the regions, however "points" give an indication of the member recruiting/retention activity on a comparative basis.

1978-79 Dues. All members should have received their advance billing for their 1978-9 dues. If you have not received it please let you MC know immediately. Although dues are not yet due, why not pay now and help AIAA save money. Each billing costs AIAA about 40¢ and this is money sorely needed to serve you in so many ways. Payment now is the best time - about midway between IRS Trauma Day and Christmas shopping. Do a favor to both yourself and your society - Pay Now!!!

PROGRAM PLANS FOR AIAA - HOUSTON SECTION 1978-1979

The Section Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Councilors have been hard at work during the summer months planning and scheduling the monthly programs for the 1978-1979 program year. The current schedule of programs is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
September 19	Spacelab - Yokum Gray ESA	Tentative
October 17	Energy - Bob Gammage US Congressman - Texas	Firm
November 21	Antarctica, Dr. Hackerman President, Rice University	Firm
December 12	Aviation History, Dr. John Bertin, U.T. at Austin	Tentative
January 16	Seasat, Larry Smith	Firm
February 20	Life Sciences Payloads Dick Johnston, Director SLSD, JSC	Firm
March 20	Third Annual Mini-Symposium	Firm

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