AIAA Houston Section Technical Committees

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Technical Committees are the heart of the AIAA Houston Section. This is where colleagues gather to swap ideas, learn from one another, and as a group can bring in fascinating speakers to lunch and learns on topics that interest them. They allow you to do your job better, and make friends that can help you in your career.

The mentoring that committee members experience can truly make a difference in your career. If you are a member of the AIAA in order to attend conferences and join national technical committees, then you are truly missing out on some of the best benefits of your membership. Please attend our Annual Technical Symposium and discuss your qualifications to join a Houston Section Technical Committee. We accept everyone from students to seasoned graybeards. Perhaps now is the time to really gain the full benefits of AIAA membership.

The expectations for committees are simple: meet the group at least twice a year and set up two lunch and learn sessions per year. That being said, not every member is expected to attend every meeting or lunch and learn. Work comes first, but when time permits, you will never regret joining a technical committee. It also adds food for discussion during those annual performance appraisals. Stand out among your peers. Join an AIAA Houston Section Technical Committee and show your boss that you are committed to your field.

If three people are interested in starting a new technical committee such as payloads or space commercialization, we would be happy to create a new technical committee for you and assist you in recruiting new members.

Current technical committees are: Astrodynamics; Automation and Robotics; Program Management & Integration; Extravehicular Activity; Guidance, Navigation, and Control; History, In-space Imaging and Crew Observation; Space Operations; Life Sciences, Space Processes and Human Factors; Propulsion and Power Systems; Safety and Mission Assurance; Systems Engineering; Space Commercialization; and the International Space Activities Committee (ISAC).

We also have numerous other groups that you could join if you have an interest in setting up Programs, learning Journalism, web development, mentoring children, or Public Policy. With elections around the corner, feel free to talk to one of us about getting more involved in a leadership role (elected or appointed).

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