



# THE SAN DIEGO FLYER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As I approach the end of my elected term for 2016-2017, I want to thank the council and section for making the past year a great success! We held 3 dinner meetings, organized 3 YP (young professional) events, participated in many STEM outreach events, planned an awards banquet, and honored local aerospace achievement at Aerospace Heritage Night. Our success would not be possible without the hours of planning from the outstanding council this year, and the participation from all of the members and aerospace enthusiasts.

If you've enjoyed attending our events and would like to get involved in section planning and administration, I encourage you to reach out to the current chair at [chair@aiaa-sd.org](mailto:chair@aiaa-sd.org). We are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help us connect local professionals and inspire the next generation of aerospace engineers.

Thank you for making this year an enjoyable and memorable year!


Stevie Jacobson



## AIAA-SD Attends 2017 Congressional Visits Day

On March 29th, 2017, AIAA-SD Public Policy Chair John Kucharski attended the 2017 Congressional Visits Day (CVD). CVD provides AIAA members a chance to advocate on behalf of the aerospace industry to their local elected officials. John organized four meetings, two with the staff of California Senators Harris and Feinstein, one with the staff of California Representative Scott Peters, and one with California Representative Susan Davis. The meetings provided an opportunity to discuss how public policy at the national level affects the aerospace industry, both nationally and in San Diego.

## AIAA San Diego Host Aerospace Heritage Night



The AIAA San Diego Section held its' 7th annual Aerospace Heritage Night at Northrop Grumman Mission Systems, Spectrum Center in Clairemont. AIAA San Diego recognized two AIAA members for their Long-Term Membership anniversaries heard from seasoned industry veterans in a discussion panel.

The panel treated the audience to a taste of the experience and wisdom of members who have spent decades with the aerospace industry. They covered topics which are important today, while applying their own lessons from the past. The panel focused on developments in space technology and on progress toward greater access to space. Since there was a large number of students and young professionals in the audience, there was also a strong focus on career paths, advancement, and staying current with new developments in the industry.

If you were unable to attend Aerospace Heritage Night this year, make sure you attend the event next year!



## AIAA San Diego Awards 2017 RHF Scholarships

In conjunction with the 2017 Awards Banquet, AIAA San Diego awarded 6 deserving students with the 2017 Reuben H Fleet Scholarship. Named after the great aviation pioneer and founder of Consolidated Aircraft Reuben H. Fleet, the scholarship has been awarded to 190 students since its inception in 1983. AIAA-SD would like to thank the Reuben H. Fleet Scholarship Fund at the San Diego Foundation and local AIAA members for their financial support of the scholarship. Congratulations to all the 2017 recipients.



## AIAA San Diego Hosts Annual Awards Banquet

On Thursday May 4th, 2017, AIAA-SD hosted its annual Awards Banquet. Held at the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station's Officer's Club, the event drew a large attendance and culminated in another successful year.

AIAA San Diego honored talented people from all age groups including high school students, university students, and professionals. Awards presented included the Lifetime Achievement Award, AIAA San Diego Section Awards, Greater San Diego Science Fair Winners, the UCSD/ SDSU DBF perennial trophy, and the Reuben H. Fleet Scholarship.

AIAA-SD would like to congratulate all awardees and thank those who attended for making this a successful and enjoyable event!

## San Diego Air and Space Museum Hosts 2017 Space Day

The San Diego Air & Space Museum hosted its 14th Annual Space Day celebration on Saturday, May 13th 2017, 10am - 2pm. Space Day featured demonstrations, giveaways, and hands-on activities with local and national space experts.



Attendees also had the chance to meet a real astronaut. Local astronaut Woody Spring, whose ambitious spacewalks from the space shuttle helped prepare for the construction of the International Space Station, share stories of his dynamic space career.

## AIAA San Diego Elects New Council

On Monday, May 22nd, 2017, AIAA-SD announced the results of its 2017 Officers Election. The election marks a major milestone in the transition from our outgoing council to our incoming council.



AIAA-SD is pleased to announce the election of the following members to the 2017-2018 council:

Chair: Ioana Broome

Vice Chair, Long Range Planning: Chris McEachin

Vice Chair, Technical: Lauren Paunescu

Treasurer: Marty Miller

Secretary: Jin Oh

Thank you to all who voted in this year's election. Your vote helps shape the future of the AIAA San Diego Section.