

Canaveral Council of Technical Societies
Minutes of the 554rd Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sep 9, 2009
CCTS Board Room
At 5:00 PM

1.0 Introductions – Jerry Johnson.

Jerry Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:26p.m, with 7 members present. Prior to voting three more members joined the meeting and one member participated via telephone resulting in a total attendance of 10 representatives. Self-introductions and society announcements were made. A quorum of member societies were represented. A sign-in sheet was circulated.

2.0 Vice-Chairperson’s Report– Open.

No New Business

3.0 Secretary’s Report– Christopher Han.

Since the Secretary was not presented but had provide a copy of the minutes of the August 2009 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Bill MacDonald and seconded by Andy Anderson and Jim Johnson that the minutes be accepted as corrected.

The minutes were voted on and accepted by majority as amended.

4.0 Treasurer’s Report – Rich Kiefer.

Rich Kiefer was present but did not have an updated Treasurer’s report from last month due to personal commitments that prevented his completion of the report. He will provide an updated report via e-mail as soon as possible. The motion to accept the report will be presented at the Oct 2009 meeting. Rick did report that the checking account was solvent with approximately \$4278.00 in the account. Once Rick has updated his reports, he will be able to present a updated report at the Oct 2009 meeting.

5.0 Credit Card Report – Dave Krigelman – No Report

6.0 Society Announcements – Member Societies. Society announcements were made. Jim Johnson said that NASA Alumni League was going to have the Patrick AFB Archeologist to speak to the League on Tuesday Sep 15, 2009. Jerry Johnson reported that the Missile, Space and Range Pioneers were going to have their annual banquet at The Tides Club on November 13, 2009. The speaker will be Gen Bolton, the current Commander of 45th Space Wing. Andy Anderson reported that the AFSEA was going to have Col J. Stuhl speak on Air Force’s communications and cyber space activities for the 21st Century. The meeting will be at The Tides Club at PAFB on Thursday, September 17, 2009. Ted Hartselle reported that his organization was going to have their “End of Summer Picnic” on September 19, 2009 at Paradise Beach Park in Satellite Beach, FL at noon. Bill Macdonald reported that the AIAA was going to have a joint meeting with the Society of Women Engineers on Oct 27, 2009. Ken Youngblood reported that a combined SOLE and CELF meeting on 24 September 2009 at The Tides Club. Mary Flavin of the Melbourne Chapter of the IEEE reported on educational outreach of that society. Following those discussions, Andy Anderson suggested that it would be good for the CCTS to solicit similar information from all member societies and organizations and to report those activities to all the member s of CCTS. His organization AFSEA donated \$6000.00 to the Brevard Schools for supplies this year. Any

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suggested that there are probably others that have done similar activities in support of education. Jerry Johnson said that he would take the suggestion under advisement.

7.0 Unfinished Business. – No Report

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 By-Laws –Christopher Han – No Report

8.2 Publicity– JB Kump. – No Report

8.3 Outreach Education, Projects – Jim Johnson.

Jim Johnson read a letter from the Brevard School Foundation thanking CCTS for the \$500.00 donation to the organization. Jim said that he would be attending another Board meeting of the Foundation next week

8.4 Membership – Elinor Thaxton/Dan Didominco.

Dan Didominco reported on his efforts to update and verify the current status of the member organizations. Dan reported on his efforts to verify contact information for each members organization as well as the status of their dues. He reported that he has developed an updated data base that now allows him to generate invoices and reports that he can e-mail to the identified representatives of the organization and societies.

Dan proposes to send out correspondence in which he request the contacted organization or society verify the accuracy of his data with respect to dues paid status and the contact information that he has in his data base. Once he receives that information, he will plan on submitting invoices to the organizations that are delinquent in paying their dues. Dan made a motion that the societies that were delinquent in dues be allowed to wave the payment of those dues and start fresh in Jan 2010. As result of discussions between Dick Russell and Andy Anderson concerning the actions identified in the bylaws of the CCTS for members societies that are delinquent in paying dues, a decision will be made at a later date as to what actions the CCTS board will take in invoicing those societies and organizations concerning delinquent dues. At that time a letter will be sent under the signature of the Chairman of the CCTS notifying the society or organization that their dues are due and must be paid for them to remain active members of the CCTS.

8.5 Long Range Planning and Goals – Open.

Jerry commented that after meeting with the Board of Directors the Missile, Space, and Range Pioneers, who are also looking for a means to revitalized their club membership, he felt that there might be an opportunity to get the Pioneers to support the CCTS Junior Space Congress. Both organizations recognize the need to focus more attention on the school children to promote interest in science and engineering educational events.

Following a meeting with the Board of Directors of the pioneers Jerry reported that he did not believe there was any way for the two organizations to combined forces in support of the Junior Space Congress for 2010. However, during those discussions with board members at the Pioneers Board Meeting, it was agreed that this idea of future cooperation in support of a venture like Junior Space Congress should be pursued.

As stated in the minutes of the August minutes we still believe that time is of the essence in preparing for Junior Space Congress. The long range planning committee still needs to finalize the details for the Junior Space Congress and work with each of the Societies to solicit their help in identifying the students that will be participating in the Junior Space Congress. More work is yet to be done and will be reported on at the October 14' 2009 CCTS Executive Board meeting.

8.6 Conference and Seminars. – Space and Astronomy Lectures. Bill Macdonal reported on attending a conference at the BCC planetarium sponsored by the Space and Astronomy Lecture series. The CCTS and the AIAA are on the board of advisors for the Space and Astronomy Lecture series. Bill was representing CCTS since the Chairman was not able to attend the conference. The lecture series was very well done. Bill Macdonal estimated that there were between 100 and 150 people in attendance at the series. In addition to the lecture series they also had a reception that was very well done. Bill Macdonald has provided via e-mail to the board members future meetings of Space and Astronomy Lecture series.

8.7 Awards – Bill Macdonald.

Bill Macdonald took the opportunity to commend one of our CCTS board members for his 50 years of service to the AIAA society. Jim Johnson has been an active member of AIAA for 50 years. Bill Macdonald also noted that Jim Johnson has been very supportive of both AIAA and CCTS over the years that Jim Johnson has been involved with both organizations. Bill MacDonald felt it was appropriate for Jim to receive this recognition since AIAA was one of the founding societies of the CCTS. Bill thanked him Jim for his years of service to both organizations and presented him with a picture that had been taken in several years ago when Jim was chairman of the CCTS. All board members present joined in a round of applause for Jim Johnson service.

8.8 Management and Budget – Jim Johnson. – Jim Johnson said he did not have any report but would like to receive a copy of the budget for 2009 2010. Dan said he would e-mail a copy of the budget to Jim Johnson. Dan also agreed to send copies of the budget to other board members present via e-mail.

8.9 Education, Vocational, and New Projects – Open. – Jim Johnson provided a follow-up to a suggestion that he had made at the last CCTS meeting concerning the possibilities of sponsoring a remote-controlled airplane flying contest. Jim said that during follow-up discussions with the individual who had made that suggestion to him, he learned that the remote control airplane flying is not an activity for youth. Jim learned that this is an activity engaged in by a much older people and not a young person's activity. Therefore Jim felt that we should not pursue this activity any father. Instead Jim and other members of the board felt that possible launching of model rockets might be an activity which could inspire the youth of Brevard County to become more interested in science and engineering education. Jerry Johnson took an action to contact individuals that have knowledge of successful model rockets launch activities. Other board members were encouraged to do likewise. A model rockets launch contest could still possibly be part of the Junior Space Congress activities next year.

9.0 Special Committee Reports.

9.1 Computer/Web site – Al Koller. – No Report

9.2 Orientation – Open – No Report

9.3 Historian – (Open). – No report.

9.4 Engineers Week Banquet– (Open). In reference to having a society or organization to

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sponsor the Engineer's Week Banquet, Bill Macdonald said that there had been discussions within AI AA concerning their cosponsoring Engineers Week Banquet with CCTS. Bill said there was going to be a meeting of AIAA next week at which time he would bring up the sponsorship of the Engineer's Week Banquet. Bill said that he would report at the next meeting of CCTS the results of those discussions. Jerry Johnson suggested that other societies such as IEEE could also sponsor the event. Mary Flavin agreed she would bring up the idea at the next meeting of the Melbourne Chapter of the IEEE. Engineers week is typically held in February of each year. Last years event at the BCC Planetarium was very well done and was financially a success. We need more of these kinds of activities in the future.

9.5 Holiday Dinner – (Open). – No Report.

9.6 Hospitality – (Open). – No report.

9.7 Investments – Dick Russell.

Dick Russell is awaiting the end of September quarterly report on the investment with Fidelity. Based on current stock market performance, the end of quarter should be much improved from last. He awaits the report.

9.8 Election – Dick Russell –

Dick Russell made a suggestion that the current Chairman should make a presentation to the current Kennedy Space Center Director with the intent of soliciting support from NASA for the CCTS activities. Dick suggested that the Director might have a suggestion as to whom he felt might be a good vice-chairperson for the CCTS. Jerry Johnson said that he would take that suggestion under advisement.

9.9 Condo – Dick Russell.

Dick Russell reported that the status of the condo association was stable and there were no significant changes from last report. Rich did report that since we made the \$5000 withdrawal from the Fidelity investment account, the account had increased in value by about 10% during that time. Everyone agreed that it was a good decision to withdraw only \$5000 from the account instead of the 10,000 that had originally been proposed.

9.10 Office – Bill Hoskins; J.P. Anderson.

Andy Anderson reported that he had received a rebate check from Symantec Corporation for the amount of the cost of the new virus protection software that he purchased for the office computer. The rebate check was for the same amount that Andy had paid for the software thereby resulting in getting the software for free. Andy gave the rebate check to the Treasurer for deposit in the account.

9.11 Grants – Ted Hartselle. No Report

10.0 New Business. No Report

11.0 Adjournment.

A motion was made by Jim Johnson to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Rich

Kiefer and approved by majority vote at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be the 555th CCTS meeting scheduled for October 14, 2009 at 5:00p.m.

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