

FORMING A STUDENT SECTION OF AIAA AT MSU

Dr. Nihad Daidzic, Aviation Department, and Dr. Vojin Nikolic, Department of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, have initiated the process of forming a Student Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

AIAA is a well recognized professional organization through which aerospace and aeronautics practitioners, scientists and engineers worldwide interact and exchange ideas and experiences related to the advancement of atmospheric and space flight. Its ranks include several hundred thousand members at various levels.

Every AIAA member has unlimited access to a wide variety of services and opportunities. The list includes attending top-grade, worldwide professional meetings at reduced costs, acquiring textbooks and professional expert books, journals, magazines, and other publications at member-only prices (savings usually 10-25% and often even more), a free aerospace monthly magazine (Aerospace America), extensive job search and career opportunities related assistance, mentoring, committee work, tours of aerospace plants and research agencies, life insurance (also pilots), etc.

We are confident that with the students from our two departments the AIAA Student Section at MSU is going to be quite strong and productive. It will be directly connected to the Twin Cities AIAA Section, professional level. We also intend to seek the Recognized Student Organization status on the MSU campus which will further help our organization grow and prosper.

The initial gathering of all interested is planned for Monday, 29 October 2007 at 4:00 PM in Trafton East, Room 211 (Advanced Design Lab).

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