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Dear AIAA Member,

After nearly seven years as the AIAA CEO, this is my final “From Dan’s Desk” message to the remarkable members of this Institute. Please allow me to share these current updates with you one more time, as we continue our momentum and welcome a new CEO for AIAA.

We’ve just finished a summer like no other, having hosted two of our signature events – 2024 AIAA AVIATION Forum and 2024 ASCEND – in one venue in Las Vegas for a week. We are grateful for so much support from our community to deliver such a successful experience. Check out these numbers: nearly **3,800** attendees, including **700+** students representing **43** countries, **75+** exhibitors in the **12,500** square-foot Expo Hall – AIAA’s largest exposition ever, **298** technical sessions and nearly **1,300** technical presentations, **350+** speakers, **10** AIAA awards presented, **16** prospective employers and approx. **175** job seekers at Meet the Employers. You can see the energy captured in photos in the [AIAA Flickr album](#). We just opened the Call for Content for the 2025 summer events – check out the [ASCEND topics](#) and the [AVIATION](#)

[Forum topics](#) to contribute your expertise to these programs.

Congratulations to the [newly elected Class of 2025 Associate Fellows!](#) What an incredible career accomplishment. The rank of Associate Fellow embodies the ingenuity and commitment that are crucial for developing solutions to the complex questions raised across the aerospace community. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our newest Associate Fellows, their mentorship, and future tremendous success during the week of 2025 AIAA SciTech Forum, Orlando, Florida, in a ceremony and dinner on Wednesday, 8 January.

The [Technical Activities Division \(TAD\)](#) and [Integration and Outreach Division \(IOD\)](#) are accepting applications through 15 October from AIAA members to join a Technical Committee (TC) or an Integration and Outreach Committee (IOC). Students and young professionals are encouraged to apply. This is an opportunity to bring new people into the AIAA family, include them in AIAA as members, and provide an avenue for their key contributions to the challenges facing the aerospace community. The application can be found at [aiaa.org > My AIAA > Nominations and Voting > Technical Committee Online Application](#).

It's that time of year when we prepare for [2025 AIAA SciTech Forum](#). The theme has been announced – **Energize the Future**. Registration is open and exciting speakers will be announced soon! This year's theme reflects the current shift in the aerospace industry: envisioning and enabling new means of transportation and exploration that will revolutionize our society, achieving sustainability goals, developing and applying new and improved software and hardware tools, and promoting inclusivity. It also champions the legacy of our community: tackling hard challenges and pushing boundaries to achieve the art of the (im)possible. We look forward to seeing everyone there – make your [plans to attend](#) today.

In closing, AIAA is an essential voice in aerospace and a beacon for our community. We have a vital role to play, identifying the ecosystem needs, convening the community, solving problems for our community, and developing

the talent for our industry to thrive. It is a great responsibility and AIAA continues to deliver. The Institute is unique with its long-standing, world-renowned technical expertise. Based on this firm technical foundation, AIAA's thought leadership on technical, policy, economic, and operational issues is solidly informed and objective. The Institute is leading the aerospace community to embrace the cross-discipline application of our technical expertise that will unleash the talent for even greater success. AIAA is in fantastic hands with Clay Mowry as its new CEO. The opportunities are endless!

It has been an honor of a lifetime to be part of the team propelling AIAA and the aerospace community forward to serve global society. I look forward to seeing AIAA continue to be the shining beacon of aerospace, now and long into the future.

Thank you to everyone for your support, dedication, and passion for aerospace. I especially want to thank the AIAA staff for their tireless work, the AIAA Board of Trustees for their leadership and support, and the entire AIAA community for "shaping the future of aerospace." For now ... goodbye, farewell, and see you around the bend Bubbles up!

Dan



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