



Town Hall Meeting

11 January 2026

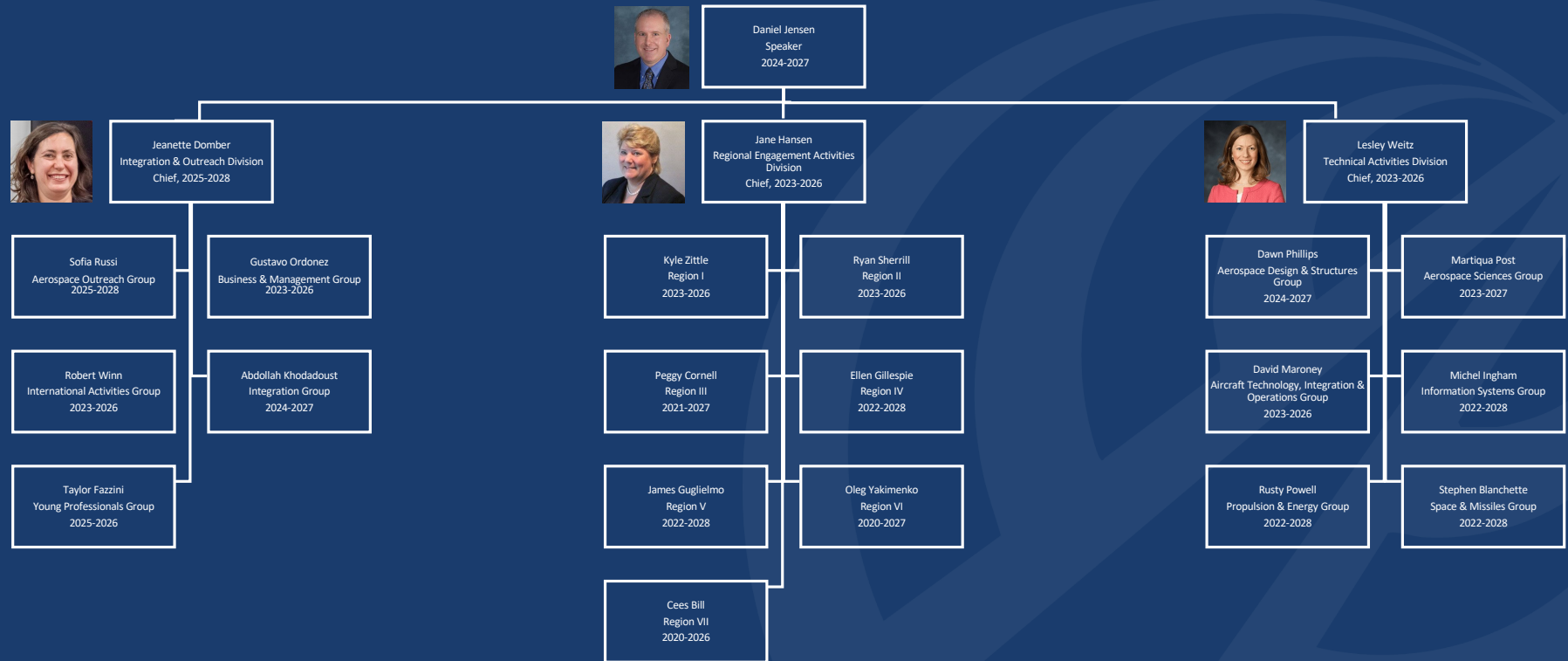
Agenda

- Welcome
- Council of Directors Updates
- Board of Trustees Updates
- Institute Status
- Q&A

Council of Directors Update

Dan Jensen, Speaker of the Council

Council of Directors 2025-2026



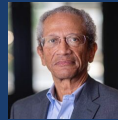
Council Meetings Highlights

- New READ Chief, Jim Guglielmo, to begin term in May
- New TAD Chief, Rick Mange, to begin term in May
- General Election
 - 2026 Council of Directors Election voting opens 26 January – 20 February
 - 2027 Council of Directors open positions will be announced in May
- Region VII Student Conference received a 20% increase in papers over last year
- Regional Leadership Conference will be held on Tuesday – all are welcome
- Fluid Instabilities and Transition Technical Committee chartered
- IOD Membership Survey launched and closed
- Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Multimodal Working Group progressing toward IOC

Board of Trustees Update

Dan Hastings, President

Board of Trustees 2025-2026



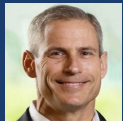
Daniel Hastings President,
2024-2026



Nancy Andersen
Trustee, 2024-2027



Michael Gazarik
Trustee, 2025-2028



Dana "Keoki" Jackson
President-elect,
2025-2026



Ben Linder
Trustee, 2024-2026



Todd Mosher
Trustee, 2021-2027



Karen Willcox
Trustee, 2020-2026



Johnathon Caldwell
Trustee, 2023-2026



Tina Ghatore
Trustee, 2025-2028



R. Steven Justice
Treasurer, 2024-2027



Jill Marlowe
Trustee, 2025-2028



Cheryl O'Keefe
Trustee, 2024-2027



Clay Mowry
Secretary (ex officio)

Board of Trustees Election

- Election for the Three At-Large positions will be held at the Council of Directors Meeting on 14 January 2026
- Election for the Treasurer-Elect position will be held at the Board of Trustees Meeting on 6 February 2026

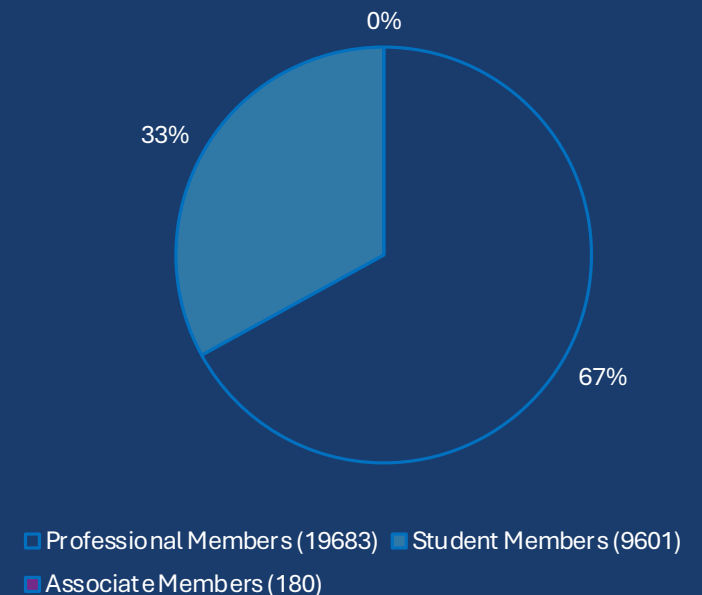
**New terms will begin at the end of the
Spring Business Meeting**

Voting Rights Extension

Board policy updated in November states:

“All individual members paying the professional or premium dues rate, in effect at the time, whether they are eligible for a discount or not and regardless of whether the dues are paid by another party on the individual’s behalf, such as an employer, corporate member, or other party, shall be eligible to vote in any election open to the general membership including constitutional amendments, the office of President-elect, and elected members of the Council of Directors regardless of the individual’s membership grade commencing with the 2026-27 election cycle.”

FY25 Eligible Votership Breakdown



Board-Directed Committee Term Limits

Board of Trustees and Council of Directors approved a bylaw change that imposed term limits on the chairs (two 3-year terms) and at-large members (six 1-year terms).

To ease transitions, some waivers were granted, upon request.

The affected committees are:

- Committee on Higher Education
- Honors and Awards Committee
- Publications Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Public Policy Committee
- Standards Steering Committees

2026 Honorary Fellows and Fellows



Laura J. McGill



Daniel J. Scheeres



Steven H. Walker



William H. Ailor, III



The Honorable
Robert Behler



Gillian Bussey



Simone D'Amico



Paul Danehy



Juan M. de Bedout



Daniel Dumbacher



Miroslav Krstic



Sanjiva Lele



Arthur A. Mabbett



Dan E. Marren



David M. McGowan



Karl Wieland
Naumann



David Oh



Paul H. Park



Khanh D. Pham



Dawn R. Phillips



Ugo Piomelli



Kurt Polzin



Rusty Powell



Sukesh Roy



Hoyt Lee
Sampson, Jr.



Puneet Singla



Sonya T. Smith



Kon-Well Wang



Christopher
Watkins



James W. Weber



David Williams

2026 Premier Award Recipients

2026 GODDARD ASTRONAUTICS AWARD



Indian Space Research Organisation

2026 REED AERONAUTICS AWARD



Boom Supersonic XB-1 Team

2026 DANIEL GUGGENHEIM MEDAL



Charbel Farhat

Vivian Church Hoff Professor of Aircraft
Structures School of Engineering
Stanford University

2026 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Mark J. Lewis

President & CEO
Purdue Applied Research Institute

2026 ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Jenna L. Eppink

Research Aerospace Engineer
NASA Langley Research Center

2026 LAWRENCE SPERRY AWARD



Thomas C. Underwood

Assistant Professor
University of Texas at Austin

2026 PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



Thomas Zurbuchen

Professor of Space Science
and Technology
ETH Zurich

Institute Update

Clay Mowry, CEO

Institute Financials FY25 (000s)

FY24 Actual		FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	Budget Variance	
				\$	%
Operations					
\$25,607	Revenue	\$25,171	\$22,824	(\$2,347)	-9%
(26,645)	Expense	(26,573)	(24,984)	1,589	6%
(1,039)	Net Rev (Exp)	(1,402)	(2,160)	(758)	-54%
-4%		% Revenue	-6%	-9%	
Other					
1,132	Investment Income (Net)	1,000	1,597	597	60%
\$93	Net Institute	(\$402)	(\$563)	(\$161)	-40%
Portfolio					
\$ (1,027)	Strategic Initiatives	(\$2,550)	(\$1,475)	\$1,075	

Institute Financials FY26Nov (000s)

FY25 Actual		FY26 Budget	FY26 Actual	Budget Variance	
				\$	%
Operations					
\$2,640	Revenue	\$2,797	\$2,953	\$156	6%
(3,347)	Expense	(3,504)	(3,379)	(125)	4%
(707)	Net Rev (Exp)	(707)	(426)	(281)	40%
-27%	% Revenue	-25%	-14%		
Other					
51	Investment Income (Net)	42	73	32	76%
(\$656)	Net Institute	(\$666)	(\$353)	\$312	47%
Portfolio					
(\$132)	Strategic Initiatives	(\$208)	(\$255)	(\$47)	

Welcome New Staff



Kian Manafi
Social Media Manager
11/04/2025



Ben McRae
Senior Web Developer
11/17/2025



Martina Bruno
Senior Manager, Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA)
11/24/2025



Zafir Alolade
Member Engagement Intern
10/02/2025



Branden Tirona
Events Intern
11/11/2025



Carla Soto
University Relations Manager
1/12/2026

AIAA 2026: What's Ahead





FOUNDATION

- Celebration through impact awareness
- \$30 for 30 years fundraising campaign
- Silent Auction in SciTech exhibit hall



Technologies Transforming Aerospace

Produced in partnership with AIAA by:



February 2026

- *Technologies Transforming Aerospace* - Comprehensive forecast AIAA + Bryce Tech
- In depth outlook on the next 20 years of aerospace technology
- Responses from 600+ technical leaders (across AIAA Technical Community)
- Feb 2026 Release





- 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award presented to TEAM ISRO for the success of Chandrayaan-3 soft landing on the lunar south pole region
- Cultivating Goddard/Rocket technical papers for ARC showcase
- Participating in national rocket launch day, March 16
Grassroots launches for all ages and abilities – #Goddard100Launch
- Sponsoring First Launch Centennial Event, in Hanover, MA, March 16
Dan Hastings will be a keynote speaker

ASCEND Update

Natalia Larrea Brito

ASCEND

- 19-21 May 2026, Washington, D.C.
- At the Washington Hilton 2026-2028
- Lockheed Martin is the ASCEND founding sponsor
- Establishing a D.C. Space Week
- Multiple event partners delivering high-quality, curated content



ASCEND 2026 | Status overview

- Complex event architecture as multiple partners are integrated into a unified program
- High-quality submissions received through the Call for Content (CFC)
- Author/session organizer notifications issued on 16 December
- Conference registration opens on 27 January
- Program at full capacity

Call for Content
Submissions

Call for Tech. Papers: 234

Call for Sessions: 128

ASCEND 2026 | Event Partners



- SGx event on Sunday & Monday



- CSF Space Policy Summit (Tuesday & Wednesday)
- Spacefarers reception



- Classified Day in Chantilly, VA (Monday)
- Space Transformation Summit (Thursday)



- ISS R&D sessions (Tuesday)
- ISS R&D Technical presentations (Wednesday & Thursday)



- Finance & Innovation content (Tuesday & Wednesday)
- Potentially organizing a start-up pitch competition (TBC)



- National Security content (Wednesday)
- Spacepower challenge session



- Satellite infrastructure and services content (Thursday)



- ISS Heritage sessions (Thursday)

ASCEND 2026 | Program At-A-Glance

TOTAL CONTENT

~130 Staged Sessions

32 Technical Paper Sessions

↳ **191** Technical Papers

6 Workshops / Roundtables

FORMATS

Plenaries • Panels • Fireside Chats •
Workshops • Speed mentoring •
Astrodebates • Challenges • Roundtables
Social events • ...

TOTAL ROOMS

4 Stages

6 Technical rooms

1 Workshop room

One program – diverse audiences

decision-makers, industry, academia,
engineers, researchers, students/YP...

ASCEND 2026 | Program Topics

Call for Content topic areas:



Policy and Law



Space Economy



Science and Exploration



National Security



(Cross-cutting) Technology Development and Utilization

Some sessions might belong
to more than one topic area

ASCEND 2026 At-A-Glance

**Sunday,
May 17**

SGAC SGx event

AIAA Business Meetings –
Joint BoT/Council,
TAD, READ, IOD

Evening
SGAC Dinner

**Monday,
May 18**

SGAC SGx event

Classified Day at
Aerospace Corp,
Chantilly, VA

Artemis Dialogue Mtg, TBC

Evening
Fellows Dinner

**Tuesday,
May 19**

Opening Plenary:
NASA Keynote, TBC

CSF Policy Summit,
ISS R&D content,
BryceTech Investment content,
CFC Staged content and
tech sessions
(across topics inc. space
exploration)

Evening
Expo Hall Reception

**Wednesday,
May 20**

Plenary:
National Security

CSF Policy Summit,
BryceTech Innovators content,
CFC content and tech sessions
(across topics),
ISS R&D tech sessions
Start-up pitch competition

Networking lunch

Evening
Spacefarers Reception

Speakers/Sponsors
Reception/CM Reception

**Thursday,
May 21**

Plenary:
Intl. Space Agencies panel

Aerospace STS Summit,
Novaspace infr. and
services content,
Smithsonian Air & Space
Museum ISS Heritage sessions,
CFC content and tech sessions
(across topics),
ISS R&D tech sessions



Interlocking Orbits—Civilian, Commercial, and Defense

Keynote speakers from NASA, U.S. Space Force

Sessions include:

- NASA Space Operations Mission Directorate
- Challenges and Opportunities in Commercial LEO Destinations
- Shaping the Next Decade of Human Spaceflight
- Transport & Support Systems for Exploration
- Human Readiness
- Integrated Mission Planning
- Texas as a Strategic Space Hub

Upcoming Forums and Events



SCITECH

12-16 JANUARY 2026
ORLANDO, FL



ASCENDxTexas

25-26 FEBRUARY 2026 | HOUSTON, TEXAS



DEFENSE

17-19 MARCH 2026 | LAUREL, MD
Secret/NOFORN



16-19 APRIL 2026
WICHITA, KS



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19-21 MAY 2026 | WASHINGTON, DC

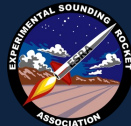


32nd AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference
26-29 May 2026 | Brussels, Belgium



AVIATION

8-12 JUNE 2026 | SAN DIEGO, CA



Experimental Sounding Rocket
Association (ESRA)
International Rocket Engineering
Competition (IREC)

15 - 20 June 2026 | Midland, Texas



**International Space Planes
and Hypersonic Systems
and Technologies Conference**
6-8 July, Naples, Italy

 **AIAA**

Upcoming Student Conferences

Region VI
21-22 March 2026

—
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Region IV
27-29 March 2026

—
Rice University

Region I
12-13 April 2026

—
University of Maryland
College Park

Region III
10-11 April 2026

—
University of Michigan

Region II
26-27 March 2026

—
University of South Carolina

Region V
26-27 March 2026

—
Iowa State University

Next Virtual Town Hall Meeting

18 February 2026

12 – 1 p.m.



Thank You