

# Silver Jackets Meeting

September 8, 2015

Georgia Tech Student Center, Room 343

## Minutes

**Members and Guests Attending (33)** Ian Gatland/ Physics, Marge Boehme/ECE, Len Parsons/MGT, Julie Parsons/visitor, Philip Enslow/CoC, Mike Sanderson/visitor & Huguenot Descendent, Susan Keenan/Language Institute, C.A. Johnston-Folds/Language Institute, Rena Brakebill/Math, John C. Suer?/Registrar, Earl Cagle/Purchasing, Harry Sullivan/ECE, Sandra Sullivan/GTRI-AC, Fred Andrew/Math, Walter Allen/Institute Auditing, Al Connelly/ECE, Mary Nelle Connelly/Guest, Larry Wesston/Institute Auditing, Virginia Jory/Math & GTRI, Sara Osborn/Guest, Jim Osborn/Math, Steve Bomar/GTRI, Pat Davis/CoS, Genie Goode/Guest, Jamie Goode/Math, Martha Herod/Guest, Jim Herod/Math & Speaker, Sally Jackson/English, Larry Kahn/CEE, Mary Anne Salter/GTRC, Steve Dickersdon/ME, Kathy Tomajka/Library, Ward O. Winer/ME & CoE

## **Business Meeting**

**President Ward Winer** welcomed the members back and each member gave name, Ga Tech affiliation prior to retirement and retirement date. Below is the list of attendees.

Ward indicated that with the growth in the Silver Jackets membership, our current use of Gmail is running into capacity issues. As a result, the Executive Council authorized him to employ someone to help the Silver Jackets get up and running on another mail system. Ward reported that he was unable to find a work-around of rules prohibiting the use of Foundation funds to hire a GT employee to engage in activities similar to what they are employed to do at Tech. Consequently, the Executive Council authorized his hiring someone one using its own cash funds.

Maureen Glass has stepped down as Membership Chair. Ward thanked Maureen for her long and outstanding service to the Silver Jackets. Ward asked for a volunteer to be Membership Chair. [Subsequent to the meeting, Pat Davis agreed to serve as Membership Chair.]

**Past President Ian Gatland**, serving as chair of the nominating committee, made the following nominations for 2016:

For President, Len Parsons;  
For Vice-President, Ron Bohlander;  
For Secretary, Bob Green;  
For Treasurer, Pete Dawkins.

There were no other nominations from the floor so these candidates were declared elected.

In a related matter, after consulting the Executive Committee, Ward nominated Silver Jacket Wayne Book to continue to serve as Faculty Representative on the Faculty Benefits Committee. [The Faculty Executive Board subsequently reappointed Wayne to serve on the Faculty Benefits Committee.]

Sally Hammock and Carol Heller have agreed to serve as Social Co-Chairs in 2016. The 2015 Holiday Luncheon is on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Program**

**Vice President Len Parsons** introduced the speaker **Jim Herod**, Silver Jacket Member and Professor Emeritus of Mathematics. Jim spoke on

### **Huguenots: Heretics or Heroes?**

Jim described the history of the Huguenots from their activities, both religious and social, during the Reformation in France; through periods of acceptance and persecution; to the dispersion through Europe and

eventually to North America. Jim also mentioned some individuals, such as Anthony Trabue who escaped France in a wine barrel. Then Jim traced his ancestry back to the Huguenots who settled in Manakin Town after leaving Jamestown and also displayed historic pictures and documents.

Len thanked Jim and announced the speaker for the next meeting on **October 13 as Ron Arkin on the topic of ethical robots in warfare.**

**Meeting Attendees:**

33 people attended and signed in.

In the absence of Secretary Bob Green, these minutes were jointly prepared by Ian Gatland and Ward O. Winer.

September 10, 2015